

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 202/1995

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[1][i] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 2343

[APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION]

[ii] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 2784

[APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF COURT'S ORDER DATED 12.12.1996]

[iii] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 3735

[APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF COURT'S ORDER DATED
07.05.2002/DIRECTIONS]

[iv] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO 1659

[REPORT OF CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE]
In Re: REHABILITATION OF FARMERS FROM ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDDate : 04-10-2018 These applications were called on for hearing
today.CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

These applications relate to the rehabilitation of farmers from Andaman and Nicobar Island.

One of the major problems faced is due to the Tsunami that struck the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Some land mass was washed away as a result of the Tsunami.

The learned ASG says that there is hardly any land available for compensatory afforestation. In any case about 87% of the land mass is a natural notified forest.

It is further submitted by the learned ASG that it may be appropriate if the officers of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration / officers of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the CEC sit together to sort out the issue taking into consideration the peculiar problems faced by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In our opinion, the suggestion made by the learned ASG is eminently reasonable.

In view of the above, we request the Secretary, Ministry of

Environment and Forests to have a meeting with the officers of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration and CEC some time next week so that the entire problem can be sorted out.

The learned Amicus says that he will discuss the matter with the CEC and request the CEC to look into the matter keeping in view the interest of the A & N Islands.

As mentioned above, the meeting should be held if possible next week and report should be placed before this Court on 23.10.2018.

List the applications on 23.10.2018.

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