

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 1030/2018

News item published in “The Times of India” Authored by Vijay
Pinjarkar
Titled
“String of new road projects in Maha to cut off tiger corridors”

Date of hearing: 20.12.2018

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE S.P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Proceedings have been initiated on basis of news article published in the Times of India dated 29.11.2018 authored by Vijay Pinjarkar titled ‘String of new road projects in Maha to cut off tiger corridors’.
2. The article shows that new road projects are being taken up in the State of Maharashtra which will obstruct the tigers corridors. For protection of environment and wild life, and to avoid human elephant conflict, the tiger corridors should remain undisturbed. The road projects which disturbs such tiger corridors may need to be reviewed.
3. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, National Highways Authority of India, Public Works Department, State of Maharashtra, State Forest Department and Director, Project Tiger, MoEF & CC may hold a joint meeting in the matter and give a report. The nodal agency will be the State Forest Department. A meeting for the purpose be held within one month from today.

4. The Report of the action taken may be furnished to this Tribunal on or before 28.02.2019 by e-mail at ngt.filing@gmail.com.
5. A copy of the order be sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra (Mumbai) by email for compliance of this order.
6. Needless to say that order of National Green Tribunal is binding as a decree of Court and non-compliance is actionable by way of punitive action including prosecution, in terms of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

List for further consideration on 26.03.2019.

