

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH,  
BHOPAL**

**Original Application No. 16/2013 (CZ)**

**Tribunal at its own motion vs. Ministry of Environment and Ors.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE PROF. A.R.YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER**

**PRESENT : Amicus Curae: Shri Shivendu Joshi, Adv.  
Respondent No.1: Shri Om S. Shrivastav, Adv.  
MPPCB: Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Adv. for  
Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, Adv.  
State of MP: Shri Sachin K.Verma, Adv.  
Shri Vikas, Addl. Collector, BPL  
Shri M.Yaduvendu, CCF, BPL**

<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Order of the Tribunal</b>
<b>Item No. 7 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015</b>	<p>So far nothing has been filed before us to indicate as to what steps have been taken pursuant to our order of 04.11.2015. We would accordingly direct the Forest Department of M.P to file their affidavit with the specific steps both short-term and long-term that need to be taken or have been taken so far in this matter. The District Administration also needs to identify the vulnerable areas in consultation with the Forest Department and the steps taken and required to be taken by the District Administration for avoiding any man-animal conflict.</p> <p>We had directed the forest officials to conduct a proper study which we are told is underway in the areas of the habitat of the tiger particularly those from where these tigers have strayed to identify the prevailing conditions and the reasons for their straying. Once this is identified then follow up measures based upon such study can be initiated. In our view even if relocation is considered the same should be considered in consultation with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wild-life Institute of India at</p>

Dehradun. We feel it necessary that notices be issued to the NTCA as well as the Wild-life Institute of India in this matter and also on the larger issue which were decided in this Application in the Judgement 04.04.2014, wherein the problem with regard to the avoidance of man-animal conflict and human intervention through various activities either in close proximity of the tiger reserves and the forest or inside the forest has been noted and directions were issued for taking steps to resolve the same. It is noticed that while the population of tiger is said to have increased substantially, the areas available for the sanctuaries and tiger reserves has considerably shrunk. Moreover, the corridors for inter-linking of tiger reserves for natural activities associated with the growth of tiger also need to be taken note of.

While internationally there is so much concern about saving the tigers, whatever progress in this direction has been achieved may be lost ultimately as a result of unsystematic growth coupled with human intervention into the habitat and areas of movement of the tigers and particularly the corridors leading to man-animal conflict with the worst case scenario of tigers losing their life in that event. The NTCA and Wildlife Institute of India, even before our notices are served, shall be apprised by the State Forest Department for their views & advice in the matter and for being associated with the studies that are going on. In the meanwhile, the District Administration shall keep a strict vigil and create more awareness among the local population as well as persons who may visit these areas about the specific do's and don'ts. The effort should be made by the District Administration to ensure that the area in which the

tiger has been reported at present does not become a tourist spot so as to create any situation for the animal to become desperate.

For filing of the affidavit by the Forest Department and the District Administration the case may be listed on **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015**. The notice to the Wildlife Institute of India and NTCA be issued for **9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**.

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(DALIP SINGH)

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(PROF. A.R.YOUSUF)

