

ITEM NO.60

COURT NO.4

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

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

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. & ORS. Respondent(s)

[ 1 ] INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 3949

[APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS]

In Re : Grant of Mining Lease to M/s Putambekar Minerals

Date : 23-04-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

This is an application filed by M/s. Puntambekar Minerals for the purpose of mining bauxite near the Radhanagri sanctuary.

The matter has been pending for quite some time and at one point of time the State of Maharashtra had objected to grant of permission to the applicant to mine Bauxite.

Eventually, the matter was taken up by the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife and in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on or about 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, it was decided to recommend the Bauxite mining proposal of the applicant. It was also directed that the Government of Maharashtra should initiate immediate action against other mining units in the locality which are operating without obtaining approval from the National Board of Wildlife.

Mr. A.D.N. Rao, learned *amicus curiae* seeks ten days time to file a response to the application for permission

to mine Bauxite near the Radhanagri sanctuary.

There is no appearance on behalf of the State of Maharashtra which is very unfortunate. It is pointed out that the State of Maharashtra had taken earlier time to file a reply, but has not done so.

We are also told that the State of Maharashtra has taken no action to stop illegal mining by other miners.

Issue notice to the standing counsel for the State of Maharashtra and Mr. Kunal Cheema, learned counsel to enter appearance on the next date of hearing with clear instructions.

It is made clear that no further time will be granted for this purpose.

List the application on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

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