

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PIL NO. 131 OF 2014

Vanashakti, a Public Trust and another. ... Petitioners.
V/s.
State of Maharashtra and another. ... Respondents.

Ahmad Abdi with S.Y.Sharma and Ashok Asthana for the petitioners.

PG.Sawant, AGP for respondent No.1.

Y.R.Sharma for respondent No.2.

**CORAM : NARESH H. PATIL AND
S.B. SHUKRE, JJ.**

DATED : 8th July 2015.

PC.

The petitioner's grievance is that (i) the forest areas are not protected properly by the State Administration; (ii) intervention of the people in the protected forest; (iii) animals in the forest are not property protected due to various factors including human intervention. It is submitted that the protected forests are required to be monitored by modern technologies like Global Position System, Google Imaging etc. and by equipping the forest guards with modern equipments.

2. Learned A.G.P submits that there was no communication from the Government of India on the draft guidelines on critical wildlife

habitat. Learned counsel appearing for the Central Government to take appropriate instruction from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Union of India. We also direct the State to file affidavit on the major issues of concern raised by the petitioner and the steps taken to protect the Protected Forests and Sanctuaries. Stand over for three weeks, i.e. 29th July 2015.

(S.B. SHUKRE, J.)

(NARESH H. PATIL, J.)

Sanjay Nanoskar, PS..