

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

SUO MOTU PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.06 OF 2025

COURTS ON ITS OWN MOTION

VS

FIELD DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST TADoba AND OTHERS

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,  
Appearances, Court's orders of directions  
and Registrar's orders.*

*Court's or Judge's order*

Mr. Y.N. Sambre, Advocate appointed as *amicus curiae*

Mr.N.S. Rao, AGP for the respondent/State

**CORAM** : **ANIL S. KILOR AND AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.**

**DATE** : **25.08.2025**

1. Heard.
2. A news article published in the Marathi daily newspaper "*Loksatta*" dated 19/08/2025, which highlights the lack of adequate medical facilities to provide treatment to an injured tiger, popularly known as "Chhota Matka," in the buffer zone of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Sanctuary, by the Forest Department.
3. Considering the deteriorating health condition of the tiger (Chhota Matka), as reported in the newspaper, and noticing the lapses on the part of the Administration/Forest officials, we direct that this matter be registered as a Suo Motu Public Interest Litigation.
4. We appoint Mr. Y.N. Sambre, learned counsel, as *Amicus Curiae* in the present matter. He shall file an

appropriate PIL within a period of one week.

5. Place this matter on **04.09.2025**.

6. The Registry is directed to provide necessary information and material to the learned *Amicus Curiae*.

(AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)