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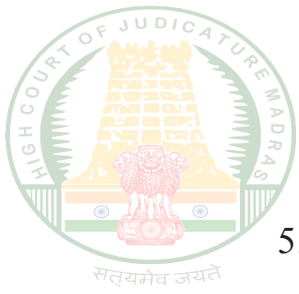
D. BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

Pursuant to our earlier order, (i) the Commissioner, Department of Geology and Mining; Assistant Director of Mining, Coimbatore and (iii) the District Forest Officer, are present physically in court.

2. The Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, is present virtually, while the Deputy Superintendent of Police is present physically.

3. A report on behalf of the police is filed with reference to the investigation carried on so far.

4. With reference to the detailed response to the report submitted by the learned District Judge/Chairman of Permanent Lok Adalat, Coimbatore, Mr.J.Ravindran, learned Additional Advocate General, seeks some more time to file status report on behalf of the Government. He submits that the Superintendent of Police will also file a status report on 11.12.2024 and requests the court to take up the issue thereafter.



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5. The seriousness of the issue is once again brought to the notice of the authorities. *Prima facie* we see that so far no action has been taken on the part of the Mining Department or the Revenue Department. On behalf of the police, sporadic FIRs, as if they are regular cases of minor illegal quarrying and is registered and investigation in those cases are said to be proceeding with.

6. As far as the case relating to the attack made against an activist is concerned, *prima facie* the police have formed opinion, as if the occurrence had taken place owing to previous enmity. We, therefore, find that nothing is proceeding in the right direction. We once again bring to the notice of all the authorities about the seriousness of the issue and the voluminous evidence that have been collected by the learned District Judge/Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat, Coimbatore and the atrocious devastation and the disaster which is being made in the elephant corridor and the adjoining areas of the reserve forests.

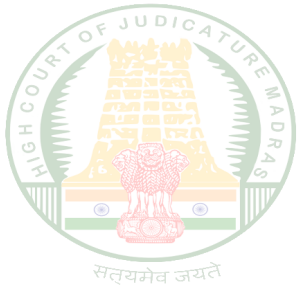
Finally, as per the request of the learned Additional Advocate General, post this matter on 11.12.2024 at 02.15 p.m.

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