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AND
D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

The learned Special Government Pleader has placed on record the status reports filed by the Forest Department, Water Resources Department, Rural Development Department. Except for some sporadic removal, no significant progress is made, even though repeated orders to remove *Prosopis Juliflora* have been made and repeated status reports promising action has been filed. The fact remains that the invasive species is spreading thick and fast, damaging every other species and the soil and the environment as a whole.

2. In that view of the matter, when this Court felt an urgency in making a concerted effort simultaneously throughout the State, the learned Special Government Pleader submits that respondents will hold a high level meeting involving the Departments of Water Resources, Forest and Rural Development, Revenue and other officials concerned and come out with a road map and comprehensive plan of action for eradication of the invasive species.



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3. Whether the respondents are going to proceed District-wise or Panchayat-wise so that at least every month a particular area can be declared as invasive-free. The learned Special Government Pleader submitted that at least four weeks time will be needed for the same. By granting adequate time to the learned Special Government Pleader, the matter is adjourned to 08.01.2024, by which time, the State has to come up with a detailed and comprehensive plan including the assessment, allocation and plan about the financial aspects also up to the level of execution.

4. Call on 08.01.2024.

(N.S.K.,J.) (D.B.C.,J.)
30.11.2023

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