

SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			<p>WPIL No. 155 of 2025</p> <p><b><u>Hon'ble G. Narendar, C.J.</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Dushyant Mainali, learned counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>2. Mr. J.P. Joshi, learned Additional Advocate General along with Mr. Yogesh Tiwari, learned Addl. C.S.C. for the State of Uttarakhand.</p> <p>3. Mr. Rajesh Sharma, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India/respondent no.8.</p> <p>4. The instant PIL is preferred by the Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority canvassing the case of the forest dwellers and persons with forest rights.</p> <p>5. This Court had already in a related matter initiated by one of the private person seeking protection of his landholding in the forest and his right to continue agriculture in those lands, had summoned the P.C.C.F. (HoFF) and had orally called upon the P.C.C.F. to formulate an action plan, in consultation with the Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, and submit the same to the Court.</p> <p>6. No action plan is forthcoming. Probably, as the same was not recorded, the P.C.C.F. has probably given a go-by to the matter. In view of the instant PIL, the issue requires to be addressed with all earnestness it requires.</p> <p>7. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the rights conferred upon forest dwellers, tribals and others under the Act of 2006, have not been publicized sufficiently by the State and that, most of the forest dwellers are either ignorant or not alive to the fact of the statutory rights conferred upon them and there has been hardly any movement to enlighten the forest dwellers about the requirements under the Act.</p> <p>8. In that view, we direct the P.C.C.F. (HoFF)</p>

to place before the Court, the list of a persons dwelling on the forest land including tribals, Van-Gujars, who are residing in the forest and carrying on cultivation, grazing of cattle and etc. in areas notified as forest land. The information may be secured from the concerned Range Officer.

9. List this case on 15.09.2025.

10. It is made clear that the P.C.C.F. (HoFF) shall abide by the assurance given to this Court with regard to the eviction of the forest dwellers, tribals, Gujjars and others.

**(Alok Mahra, J.)**

**18.08.2025**

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