

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I.A.No(s).22-23 & 24 in WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(s). 47 OF 1998

NAVIN M. RAHEJA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

U.O.I. & ORS

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for permission and permission to file additional documents)

Date: 05/08/2013 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.S. THAKUR  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER SINGH NIJJAR  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI

For C.E.C. Mr. A.D.N.Rao,Adv.(A.C.)

For Party(s) Mr. Sanjay Kharde,Adv.  
Ms. Asha Gopalan Nair,Adv.

Mr. Mohd. Saheb Alam,Adv.  
Mr. Rauf Rahim,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Heard.

These applications have been filed by the Government of Maharashtra seeking permission of this Court to establish a zoo and rescue centre at Gorewada, Tahsil and District Nagpur, Maharashtra. By our order dated 20th November, 2000 we had directed that no new zoo shall be established without the prior permission of the Central Zoo Authority of the Government of India and the orders from this Court. The Government of Maharashtra it appears has pursuant to the said direction approached the Central Zoo Authority for permission to establish the rescue centre and the zoo, at the location indicated above. The Central Zoo Authority has allowed that prayer by its order dated 17th May, 2013 subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the said order.

Mr. Sanjay Kharde, learned counsel appearing for the Government of Maharashtra submits that the State Government is ready and willing to comply with all the conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority. He submits that this Court could also permit the establishment of the rescue centre and the zoo, subject to those conditions.

In view of the order passed by the Central Zoo Authority by which the Authority has taken care to stipulate suitable conditions subject to which such rescue centre and zoo shall be established, we see no reason why the permission prayed for by the Government of Maharashtra should be declined. We accordingly allow these applications and permit the Government of Maharashtra to establish the proposed rescue centre and zoo subject to the fulfilment of conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority in its order dated 17th May, 2013.