

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

Writ Petition(Civil) No.440/2000

GEETA SESHAMANI

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Respondent (s)

(With Appln(s). for impleading party and impleading party and directions
and impleading party and directions)(For Final Disposal)

With

W.P(C)No.508/2002

Date : 27/02/2004 These Petitions were called on for hearing today.

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

Mr. A.D.N. Rao, learned counsel, states that the Expert Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, to suggest possible solutions to the problems being faced by people due to increase in population of monkeys, langoors and stray dogs, held its first meeting on 1st January, 2004. The said Committee identified target animals as (i) Rhesus Macaque - Ownerless, (ii) stray cattle - owned, (iii) stray dog - ownerless and (iv) stray pig - owned. The second meeting of the Expert Committee was held on 15th January, 2004 wherein the possible solutions to the problems of cattle, monkeys, dogs and pigs and the constraints likely to be faced were discussed in detail. The points that emerged in the meeting are contained in para (4) of the note that was placed before us by Mr. Rao. In the third meeting that was held on 5th February, 2004, views were put up by representative of National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur (NEERI), Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla and representative of M.C.D., Delhi and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimla. The action points as decided in the said meeting are contained in para 5 of the said note. The note also notices that in the next meeting, the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun

un wil make a presentation on various aspects of monkey menace and probable solutions. On this basis, Mr.Rao submits that the matter is under consideration by the Expert Committee and the case may be adjourned so that the decision taken by the said Committee may be placed before the Court.

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The period of three months sought for is on a higher side. The Expert Committee, within the framework of the law, shall examine the problem arising out of stray cattle, dogs, monkeys and pigs and place before this Court its suggestions which can help in reaching a solution, within a period of eight weeks. On consideration of the report from the Expert Committee, this Court would consider passing appropriate directions.

List after eight weeks.

(N. Annapurna)

Court Master

(Vijay Aggarwal)

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