

considering the fact that the same is the only access to the outside world for those villagers.

We are informed that the State of Tamilnadu has initiated appropriate steps for acquisition of the land in question where the road exists but the urgency clause which is invoked by the State has been challenged by the respondent no.1 herein and the said matter is pending before the High Court. We express no opinion with regard to the aforesaid case, which is pending in the High Court.

However, there is an allegation in the present petitions that restrictions are being put by the respondent no.1 in the free movement and use of the pathway during the night making it impossible for the villagers to have access to the outside world during the night in case there is some emergency. Counsel for the Respondent although disputed the aforesaid fact yet in the facts and circumstances, we deem it appropriate following further orders.

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Considering the said fact, we pass an order that the free passage through the said road shall be allowed during the day and night and the respondent No.1 shall not put any lock or create any obstruction in the movement of the traffic through the aforesaid road even during the night. However, it shall be open to the respondent No.1 to deploy watchmen during the course of the night and there shall be a police picket at the place so as to restrict any movement of unruly elements using the road during the night.

With the aforesaid observations, we adjourn this matter for a period of three months.

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