

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 743 OF 2014
(Under Article 32 of the Constitution of India)

WITH

INTERLCOUTORY APPLICATION NO. 7
(Application for Directions)

AND

INTERLCOUTORY APPLICATION NO. 8
(Application for Permission to file Additional documents)

AND

INTERLCOUTORY APPLICATION NO. 9, 12, 14, 15 and 16
(Applications for Impleadment)

AND

INTERLCOUTORY APPLICATION NO. 10 and 13
(Application for bringing Addl. Facts)

AND

INTERLCOUTORY APPLICATION NO. 11
(Application for Intervention)

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre & Ors. Petitioners

Versus

Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

OFFICE REPORT

It is submitted that W.P. (C) No. 743 of 2014 alongwith W.P. (C) No. 107 of 2013 was listed before the Hon'ble Court on 24.04.2015, when the Court was pleased to inter-alia pass the following Order:-

“XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX
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Issue notice returnable within eight weeks.

Along with the notice, the order passed by this Court shall be sent to all the States.

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Pursuant to above Order, it is submitted that Show Cause Notice returnable for 27.7.2015 was sent to all the concerned twenty Respondents alongwith copy of the order.

It is further submitted that Vakalatanama/appearance's have been filed on behalf of following Respondents:-

Srl. No.	Advocate	Filed on	On behalf of Respondent
1.	Mr. Ajit Sharma	8.5.2015	Animal Welfare Board of India (R. No. 2)
2.	Mr. Gopal Singh	23.7.2015	State of Bihar (R. Nos. 7 and 8)
3.	Mr. B. Balaji	14.8.2015	State of Tamil Nadu (R. Nos. 11 and 12)
4.	Ms. Ruchi Kohli	7.8.2015	State of Rajasthan (R. No. 17)
5.	Mr. Devendra Singh	15.7.2015	State of Punjab (R. Nos. 19 and 20)

A.D. Cards duly signed have been received back in respect of Respondent Nos. 9, 10, 14 and 16 but neither appearance nor Counter Affidavit has been filed so far.

It is further submitted that neither A.D. Card nor unserved envelope containing the Notice has been received back in respect of Respondent Nos. 1, 3 to 6, 13, 15 and 18. Hence, service of Notice is incomplete in respect of Respondent Nos. 1, 3 to 6, 13, 15 and 18.

Thereafter, the Writ Petition was listed from time to time and Interlocutory Application 7 in instant Writ Petition was lastly listed before the Hon'ble Court on 14.07.2015 with Office Report dated 13.07.2015, when the Court was pleased to pass the following Order:-

“Mr. Sundaram, learned senior counsel appearing for the Animal Welfare Board, has filed certain documents to show how cruelty has been meted out to the elephants during the festival time. Liberty is granted to him to file the said documents supported by an affidavit. He undertakes to file the same within a week hence. Response to the said affidavit shall be filed by the contesting parties within three weeks therefrom.

The response to the said affidavit as well as to IA 7/2015 in W.P.(C) No.743/2014 by the Union of India shall be filed within four weeks from today.

Needless to say, the pendency of this interlocutory applications before this Court will not be construed as any kind of stay or interim order for compliance of the provisions contained in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Rules framed thereunder which are applicable.

Let the writ petition along with the IA be listed on 18.08.2015.”

Pursuant to above Order, it is further submitted that Counter Affidavits have been filed on behalf of following Respondents:-

Srl. No.	Advocate	Filed on	On behalf of Respondent
1.	Mr. Ajit Sharma	16.7.2015	Animal Welfare Board of India (R. No. 2) (*alongwith I.A. No. 13--Application to bring on record additional facts)
2.	Mr. Gopal Singh	23.7.2015	State of Bihar (R. Nos. 7 and 8)
3.	Mr. Jogy Scaria	14.8.2015	State of Kerala (R, Nos. 9 and 10) (* 02 separate Affidavits – one in I.A. No. 7 and another in main matter. Some pages of Annexures in Affidavit of main matter are in dim impression)
4.	Mr. B. Balaji	14.8.2015	State of Tamil Nadu (R. Nos. 11 and 12)
5.	Ms. Ruchi Kohli	7.8.2015	State of Rajasthan (R. No. 17)
6.	Mr. Devendra Singh	3.8.2015	State of Punjab (R. Nos. 19 and 20)

All the aforementioned Affidavits stands included in the Paper Books except Affidavit on behalf of (a) State of Kerala (Respondent Nos. 9 and 10), (b) Respondnet No. 11 & 12 (State of Tamil Nadu) which are being circulated for the kind perusal of Hon'ble Court.

It is next submitted that pursuant to above order, no other document has been filed so far.

It is further submitted that Mr. K. Rajeev, Advocate has on 12.08.2015 filed an Application for Impleadment on behalf of Applicant-- Guruvayur Devaswom as a party respondent. The said Application has been registered as I.A. No. 15 of 2015 and is being circulated for the kind perusal of Hon'ble Court.

It is next submitted that Mr. A. Raghunath, Advocate has on 13.08.2015 filed Application for Impleadment and Application for Exemption from filing Official Translation on behalf of Applicant-- Sree Poornothrayeesa Seva Sangam Tripunithura as a party respondent. However, he has not given Affidavit in respect of Application for Exemption from filing Official Translation. The Application for Impleadment has been registered as I.A. No. 16 and is being circulated alongwith unregistered I.A. for Exemption from filing Official Translation for the kind perusal of Hon'ble Court.

The Writ Petition alongwith registered and unregistered Interlocutory Applications above-mentioned is listed before the Hon'ble Court with this Office Report for orders.

Dated this the 17th day of August, 2015.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar