

ITEM NO.810

COURT NO.2

SECTION PIL-W

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SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 3 OF 2025

IN RE : KANCHA GACHIBOWLI FOREST, STATE OF TELANGANA

Date : 03-04-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. K. Parameshwar, Sr. Adv. (A.C.)
Ms. Kanti, Adv.

UPON being mentioned, the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Mr. K. Parameshwar, learned Amicus Curiae has brought to our notice news items dated 02.04.2025 published in various newspapers.
2. From the newspapers, it depicts that a vast deforestation is being carried out in the Kancha Gachibowli forest. It shows that large number of trees are being felled.
3. The news items shows that the authorities, taking advantage of long holidays over the weekend, have rushed through in felling the trees. Additionally, the forest is said

to be home to eight species of scheduled animals.

4. We, therefore, direct the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Telangana to forthwith visit the site in question and to submit its interim report by 03:30 p.m. today.

5. The Registrar (Judicial) of this Court is directed to forthwith communicate this order to the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Telangana, who shall act upon it without delay.

6. We further direct the Chief Secretary of the State of Telangana to ensure that, until further orders are passed by this Court, no tree felling shall be permitted in the Kancha Gachibowli forest area.

7. The Registrar (Judicial) of this Court is directed to communicate this order to the Chief Secretary, State of Telangana.

8. At this stage, Dr. A.M. Singhvi, learned senior counsel appears in the matter and states that the High Court of Telangana is also seized of the very same matter.

9. We clarify that we are not staying the proceedings before the High Court of Telangana.

10. List this matter at 03:45 p.m. today.

(DEEPAK SINGH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANJU KAPOOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR