

Chief Justice's Court

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 56003 of 2017

Petitioner :- Adivasi Vanvasi Maha Sabha, Chandauli

Respondent :- Union Of India And 16 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Yogesh Agarwal

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,A.S.G.I.

Hon'ble Dilip B. Bhosale,Chief Justice

Hon'ble Yashwant Varma,J.

Heard Mr. Yogesh Agarwal, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel for respondents-State.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the members of the petitioners' association (Adivasi Vanvasi Maha Sabha) will apply for recognition of their rights under Section 6 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, within a period of six weeks from today and he seeks a direction to the Gram Sabha/authority under the provisions of the Act to consider and decide their applications within time frame.

Counsel for respondents-State has no objection for passing such an order. Hence, we dispose of this writ petition by the following order.

It is open to the members of the petitioners' association to make individual application under Section 6 of the Act for seeking recognition of their forest rights, within a period of six weeks from today. If such applications are made, the Gram Sabha/authority shall consider the same and take a decision as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of 12 weeks therefrom. For a period of 18 weeks,

interim order granted by this Court on 24.11.2017, shall remain operative. All contentions on merits are kept open.

Order Date :- 11.10.2018

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(Yashwant Varma, J) (Dilip B Bhosale, CJ)