

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 28573 of 2021

(ADVAIT KEOLE vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

Dated : 23-03-2026

*Shri Anshuman Singh - Advocate for petitioner.*

*Shri Vikram Singh - Advocate for respondent.*

*Shri Sunil Jain - Additional Solicitor General with Shri S.M. Guru -  
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of India.*

*Shri S.S. Chauhan - Government Advocate for respondent/State.*

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IA No.21694 of 2025

This application is filed on behalf of National Highway Authority of India seeking vacation of order dated 01.04.2022.

By order dated 01.04.2022, this Court had restrained the National Highway Authority from undertaking any activity through the corridor between Satpura and Melghat Tiger Reserves until further orders. The said order was passed taking into account that the proposed national highway is passing through an important tiger and wild life passage and is likely to affect the movement of wild animals for that areas.

The applicant relies on a recommendation of the National Tiger Conservation authority as well as National Board for Wild Life.

Perusal of the recommendations *inter alia* show that in a span of 16 km, a corridor of approximately 1.2 km and 500 meters is proposed to be setup in addition to the earlier proposed passage.

For better appreciating the recommendations, we deem it expedient to direct the National Tiger Conservation Authority as well as the National Board for Wild Life to assist the Court and explain the integrated land scape management plan proposed for managing the said area as well as ensuring that the wild life passage is not disturbed in a matter to impede the free movement of wild life in that area.

**WP No.28573 of 2021**

A responsible officer of the committee / board shall be present in the Court on the next date of hearing.

List on 07.04.2026.

Interim order to continue.

**(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(VINAY SARAF)  
JUDGE**

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