

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT JABALPUR  
WP No. 12 of 2026  
(AJAY DUBEY Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

WP/1411/2014

**Dated : 11-02-2026**

Shri Aditya Sanghi - Senior Advocate with Ms. Alka Singh -  
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Deputy Solicitor General for Union of India.

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Ms. Anuja Sharma - Advocate for respondent No.6 in WP  
No.1411/2014.

Shri M.P. Tripathi - Advocate for respondent No.7 in WP  
No.1411/2014.

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Shri Aditya Sanghi, learned senior counsel submits that even after the last date 20.01.2026, more deaths of tigers in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve have been reported by unnatural means or by means other than fighting between the tigers.

The Field Director, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is directed to file a status report with regard to the deaths of tigers that have been reported and also an action taken report in cases where unnatural deaths of tigers have been reported.

In W.P. No.12/2026, petitioner has filed a chart detailing the reasons given for death of the tigers. We note that in some of the instances, deaths have occurred on account of unnatural reasons i.e. intervention of humans.

The Field Director shall also indicate in the status report as to the steps taken to prosecute the persons who have been found responsible and action taken against them.

List on 25.02.2026.

(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)  
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VINAY SARAF)  
JUDGE

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