

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
	04.08.2021		WPIL No.68 of 2018 <u>Hon'ble Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, C.J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Alok Kumar Verma, J.</u> Mr. Dushyant Mainali, learned <i>Amicus Curiae</i>. Mr. Manoj Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India. Mr. J.C. Pande, learned Standing Counsel for the State. In compliance of the order dated 07.04.2021, passed by this Court, two affidavits have been filed. The first affidavit has been filed by Mr. Rajiv Bhartari, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Uttarakhand, and the second affidavit has been filed by Mr. Satyaprakash Singh, the Deputy Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Uttarakhand. Both the affidavits shall be taken on record. However, a bare perusal of both the affidavits clearly reveal that there is no indication whether the directions issued by this Court, by its order dated 07.04.2021, have been complied with or not? By the said order, this Court had directed the State Government to ensure that sufficient fund is given to the Forest Department so that the vacancies

		can be filled up. However, in neither of the two affidavits mentioned hereinabove, is there any indication whether sufficient funds have, indeed, been disbursed by the State Government to the Forest Department, so as to permit the Forest Department to fill up its vacancies, or not? This Court had also directed the State Government to give sufficient funds to the Forest Department in order to buy the necessary equipments and to create physical infrastructure for fighting the forest fire which happen to be an annual phenomena in the State. However, there is no word in either of the two affidavits with regard to the same. Likewise, this Court had directed the State Government to consider the possibility of equipping the State Disaster Response Force with necessary gadgets and equipment, including Helicopters and other aerial equipment. However, both the affidavits are silent on the issue whether the State Government is contemplating, or has already bought the Helicopters and other aerial equipment which are necessary for fighting the forest fire. Similarly, this Court had directed the State Government to consider the possibility of creating artificial rain by cloud-seeding. Whether this possibility
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			has been explored by the State Government, or not, is not revealed in either of the two affidavits. Therefore, Mr. Rajiv Bhartari, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Uttarakhand, is directed to submit a detailed report on the above mentioned issues before this Court, on or before 31.08.2021. List this case on 08.09.2021. (Alok Kumar Verma, J.)(Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, C.J.) 04.08.2021 04.08.2021 NISHANT
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