

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 202/1995

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO. 135724/2017

[APPLICATION FOR DIRECTIONS]

In Re : Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Funds

Date : 14-03-2018      These applications were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :                      HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR  
                                    HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH  
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

We would like the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Mr. A.D.N. Rao, learned Amicus to tell us how much amount is lying in the fund as on 31.03.2018.

Suo Motu No. 1/2018

We have heard the learned ASG as well as the learned Amicus with regard to funds made available as a result of orders passed by this Court from time to time. We direct the Registry to register an interim application as Suo Motu Application NO. 1/2018.

From the information given to us by the learned ASG as well as the learned Amicus, there are at least 10 or 12 funds that have been created as a result of orders passed by this Court from time to time. The total amount in these funds is tentatively put in the region of Rs.70,000-75,000 crores approximately.

This, according to the learned ASG as well as the learned Amicus, is likely to go higher. Undoubtedly, this is a huge amount which can be used for the benefit of environmental protection, rehabilitation of displaced persons due to issues related to environment such as depletion of forest, mining etc. etc.

We accordingly direct the Ministry of Environment and Forests to give a statement of the funds that have been created all over the country as a result of orders passed by this Court and the

amount lying in each fund as on 31.03.2018.

The learned Amicus will also independently carry out such exercise. If the Ministry of Environment and Forests require any assistance from the learned Amicus that assistance should surely be given.

List the application in the first week of July, 2018.

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