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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**WPIL No. 81 of 2022**

- Nitin Singhvi S/o Late N.C. Singhvi Aged About 61 Years R/o- H.I.G.- 3, Sector- 3, Shanker Nagar, Raipur District- Raipur (C.G.) 492007

---- Petitioner**Versus**

1. The Union Of India Through Secretary, Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change, Government Of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003
2. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Secretary, Forest Department, Government Of Chhattisgarh, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3. Principal Chief Conservator Of Forest (Wildlife) Cum Chief Wild Life Warden Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. Divisional Forest Officer Forest Division Bastar, Jagdalpur (C.G.)
5. Range Officer Forest Range- Karpavand, Bastar (C.G.)
6. Divisional Forest Officer Cum Director Nandanvan Jungle Safari, Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar, District- Raipur (C.G.)
7. Central Zoo Authority Through Its Chairman, B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, Cgo Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Ms. Aditi Singhvi, Advocate
For Respondents/ State	:	Shri Raghvendra Pradhan, Addl. A.G.
For Union Of India	:	Shri Rishabh Dev Singh on behalf of Shri Ramakant Mishra, ASG

Hon'ble Shri Justice Narendra Kumar Vyas

Order

30/05/2022

Heard.

1. The present PIL has been filed for the following reliefs:-

10.1 That, the Hon'ble court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondent Forest Department to immediately release the Pangolin back in its natural habitat as per the Guidelines (Annexure P/3) after installing a transmitter on it.

10.2 The Hon'ble court may kindly be pleased to set aside the order dated 26.04.2022 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, District Baster directing the State to keep the seized Pangolin in Jungle Safari as being without jurisdiction and authority.

10.3 The Hon'ble court may kindly be pleased to direct the respondent Forest Department to comply with provisions of Section 11 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 before capturing and keeping in captivity any Pangolin.

10.4 The Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to pass any further orders, as it may deem fit, in the facts and circumstances of the case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that government of C.G. by

its order dated 30.05.2022 has left Pangolin at South Region of Udanti-Stianadi Tiger Reserve area.

3. Considering the submission made, the very object of filing this petition has been achieved, therefore nothing is left for adjudication at this moment.
4. Accordingly, the WPPIL stands disposed off.

Sd/-

(Narendra Kumar Vyas)
Vacation Judge

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