

ITEM NO.12

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 838/2019

M.K. RANJITSINH & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 95438/2019 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
 IA No. 95435/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 18-02-2020 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Ms. Sugandha Yadav, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners has submitted 'Terms of Reference' to be adopted by the Committee appointed by this Court vide order dated 15.07.2019.

Shri Nadkarni, learned Additional Solicitor General seeks time to file response. It appears that one of the hazards in relation to the Great Indian Bustard bird is the existence of power lines which are said to obstruct the flight path and said to kill the said bird upon collusion. It is well

known that the Great Indian Bustard bird is a large bird and finds it difficult to maneuver easily in flight. One of the solutions might be, if the flight path of these birds in the area is determined and overheads lines are taken down and laid underground.

Dr. Manish Singhvi, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of Rajasthan states that he would take appropriate instructions from the State and apprise the Court about the manner in which these lines can be laid underground.

Ms. Sugandha Yadav, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks the inclusion of three persons in the Expert Committee already appointed by this Court. The said persons are said to be experts on the Lesser Florican as well. It is not disputed that Lesser Florican is also endangered in the sense its nests are disturbed by the power generation plants. We, accordingly, direct that following three persons shall be included in the Committee already appointed by this Court :

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Order accordingly.

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