

**The High Court Of Madhya Pradesh****WP-9742-2021***(RAMIT BASU AND OTHERS Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)***WP/12124/2021****4****Jabalpur, Dated : 26-10-2021**

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Shri Rohan Harne, learned counsel for the intervenor.

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Heard learned counsel for the parties.

It is brought to our notice that the area for which a letter of intent has been issued by the State comes within the Buxwaha Sub-division of Chhatarpur Forest Division. It is submitted that it is the corridor between the Panna Tiger Reserve and the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary. It is further pleaded that there are ancient structures such as rock paintings etc. on the land in question. Therefore, we deem it appropriate to direct the respondent No.7 not to commence any mining activities or any other construction activities without the explicit permission of this Court.

Issue rule nisi.

Post this matter for final hearing in usual course.

**(RAVI MALIMATH)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(VIJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)**  
**JUDGE**