

writ petition is baseless and misleading.

I say that the Project report has been sanctioned by the Govt. Of India though not a working plan in the strict sense of the word, nevertheless is a plan of operation duly approved by the Central Govt. Therefore, timber harvesting works in Little Andaman has the approval of the Central Govt. The fact that the respondent Corporation has been working its forests in Little Andaman based on the project report approved by the Govt. Of India as also has been stated in the affidavit filed on 3.5.1997 by the A&N Administration in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in pursuance of the interim order dated 12.12.1996 passed in: W.P.(civil) No.202 of 1995 - P.N. Godavaraman -vs- Union of India and others. Notwithstanding the facts that forestry projects in Little Andaman has the approval of the Central Government the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement clearly recognises that in cases where there is no working plan, tree felling under the permit can be done either by the Forest Department or the Forest Corporation. In other words if the fellings are done under the proper authorisation by the forest department or the forest corporation, the forest working in such case would not amounts to violation of Supreme Court's interim order. The relevant portion of the said judgement at para 3 reads as under:

*"The felling of trees of forests is to remain suspended except in accordance with the Working Plan of State Govt. as approved by the*