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- forests and other natural resources. In this process the nationalistic emphasis on conservation and sustainable management of natural resources is subordinated to ever increasing demand of locals for these resources. There is an example in the State of Madhya Pradesh where village grazing land was distributed among the landless people leaving the brunt of livestock grazing to common access resource like forests. There are pressures on integrity of Protected Areas for satisfying the needs for grazing, collection of fuel, fodder and other NTFPs and also for regularisation of forest encroachments. These pressures are likely to extend further which may have adverse impacts on ecological equilibrium".

A copy of the Press Information Bureau Release titled "Non - Timber Forest Products: Future Scenario" of 20.2.2008 is annexed as ANNEXURE - A14. [Page -76-73]

20. By using the high resolution time-series Satellite Imagery that the Applicant has presented which provides accurate and irrefutable evidence to identify ineligible claims, a direction may be issued to the Respondents to carry out similar nationwide exercise to determine the actual forest area which has been lost under false and bogus claims under the Impugned Act. In addition to the above, keeping in view the magnitude of the problem, it is imperative that a direction is issued to all the respondent States to file information giving details of number of individual claims filed, number of community claims filed, area