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The information, as required above, shall be furnished within a period of four weeks. To follow up on the progress of the case, list the matter for further directions on 18th April, 2018.

We may indicate that learned counsel for the petitioner has challenged the constitutional validity of the Act as well as legislative competence of Parliament to enact the Act. He submits that discriminatory grant of pattas is objectionable and steps must be taken to evict those persons whose claims have been rejected those persons being encroachers.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioners that at a later stage, he might request for a performance audit being conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or by any other appropriate authority. His concern, as expressed, is to preserve the forest and wild life of the country which according to him is in a critical state.

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