



Act, 1972. He also served on the Protected Area Boundary Rationalization Committee of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF). He has carried out field appraisals of Tiger Reserves as an expert member of committees formed by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. He has rendered services as an expert resource person for the Karnataka Legal Services Authority, the Karnataka Judicial Academy and the Karnataka Police Academy for various training programs dealing with forest and wildlife protection. He has been awarded the Esso Honour for Tiger Conservation in 2001, The Sanctuary Wildlife Service Award 2006 and a Certificate of Honor by the Karnataka Forest Department in 2007. He was chosen by Times of India in the list of Tomorrow's Leaders in 2012. He is well versed with the facts, circumstances and issues raised in the present petition.

3. The applicant is not against granting rights in genuine cases to eligible tribal people with a view to secure livelihoods but not in the middle of ecologically sensitive national parks and sanctuaries which are pristine wildlife habitats. The Applicant has worked closely with the tribal people and the Forest Department in providing crucial catalytic support to the Government's efforts in the voluntary relocation of around 2000 tribal people belonging to nearly 500 tribal families from Nagarahole National Park and around 400 rural families from Bhadra Tiger Reserve in Karnataka, successfully bringing them into the mainstream of society. The tribal people who have voluntarily resettled have been provided around three acres of land, housing and