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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

P.I.L.NO.45 OF 2001

DISTRICT: RAIGAD

Bombay Environmental Action Group & Anr.Petitioners

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.Respondents

Mr.F.De Vitre with Mr.G.A.Patel i/by M/s.Federal & Rashmikant for Petitioners

Mr.V.P.Malvankar, Assistant Government Pleader, for Respondents 1, 4 and 5

Mr.A.S.Oka for Respondent No.2

Mr.M.S.Karnik for Respondent No.6.

CORAM: B.P.SINGH, C.J., &

SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI, J.

DATE : 27TH JUNE, 2001.

P.C.:-

1. Put up this matter on 18th July, 2001, since Counsel for the State wishes to verify what further orders have been passed by the Supreme Court in a batch of Writ Petitions being considered by it. An earlier Order was passed in the Writ Petitions on

10th May, 2001, calling upon the Respondents to file reply within 6 weeks. It appears from the order shown to us that the Apex Court has also directed the State of Maharashtra to conduct a survey and report on the forest/tree cover in the forest and non-forest land of Matheran irrespective of the ownership of the land.

2. We are informed that Respondent No.2 has been granting permissions for development on the basis of the revised Draft Development Plan of 1996.

Till further orders, we restrain Respondent No.2 from sanctioning such plans on the basis of the revised Draft Development Plan of 1996, which has yet to be formally approved, and which has been impugned in this Writ Petition.

CHIEF JUSTICE

SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI, J.