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|        |      |                                                                                                  | <p>WPPIL No.74 of 2022</p> <p><b><u>Shri Vipin Sanghi, C.J.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Shri Ramesh Chandra Khulbe, J.</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Kethki Chaudhary, learned counsel holding brief of Mr. Abhijay Negi and Ms. Snigdha Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>Mr. S.S. Chauhan, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State.</p> <p>Counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of respondent no.2 which has been adverted to during the hearing.</p> <p>It appears that on 27.07.2022 directions have been issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Uttarakhand with a view to deal with man-animal conflict in the State.</p> <p>Mere issuance of directives on paper without actual implementation on the ground and regular follow up of compliance of directions so issued, serves no purpose and does not remedy the situation for which the directions are issued.</p> <p>We, therefore, firstly, direct the respondents to file a status report with regard to compliance of the directions issued on 27.07.2022.</p> <p>Looking to the nature and enormity of the problem with regard to the man-animal conflict in the State, major portion whereof is covered with forest, we are inclined to direct the respondents to constitute an expert committee headed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest to review and implement the steps required for minimizing such conflict.</p> |

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|  |  |  | <p>The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, State of Uttarakhand is, therefore, directed to constitute a committee headed by the Principal Conservator of Forest, who shall nominate the other members of the committee who are directly dealing with situations of man-animal conflict.</p> <p>We are informed that such conflicts are rampant in Ramnagar area, Kotdwar area and other hilly areas. Persons with practical experience in the field should be nominated on the committee so that they can make practical suggestions which can be implemented on the ground.</p> <p>The committee shall hold its meetings at least once in two weeks to address the problem of man-animal conflict.</p> <p>The status report to be filed by the respondents should indicate further progress in this regard as well.</p> <p>The petitioner should be informed of the constitution of the committee as soon as it is constituted. The same be done within two weeks.</p> <p>List the matter on 17.04.2023.</p> <p><b>(R.C. Khulbe, J.)      (Vipin Sanghi, C.J.)</b><br/>21.11.2022</p> <p>KKS/SS</p> |
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