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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).26331/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-04-2026 in WA No. 313/2026 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

HASDEO ARANYA BACHAO SANGHARSH SAMITI & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 224102/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 24-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
 HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Issue notice to determine: (i) whether there exists any community forest rights; (ii) whether there exists any individual forest rights; and (iii) if so, whether any adequate compensation or other remedial measures have been taken to protect and enforce such rights, returnable on 28.09.2026.

2. Mr. Kartik Seth, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.5.

3. Liberty is granted to serve the other respondents through dasti notice.

4. It is, however, clarified that the pendency of these proceedings shall not be construed to be any impediment to the ongoing mining activities.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER (NSH)