

W.P.Nos.3656, 3660, 3662 and 3663 of 2021
and W.P. (MD) No.7010 of 2015

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
P.D.AUDIKEVALU, J.

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Since the official respondents seek further time for details as required by previous order dated September 3, 2021 to be collated and furnished, let the matters stand over till October 21, 2021.

2. Mr.C.Harsha Raj, learned counsel appearing for the State, submits, on instructions, that there are 32 elephants in temples in the State and 31 elephants privately held, in addition to the 64 elephants under the custody of the Forest Department.

3. According to Elsa Foundation, which has been permitted to intervene in the present proceedings, the State had furnished details of 86 captive elephants to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 2019, excluding the elephants with the Forest Department. It is submitted that the figures indicated in court today would reveal that at least 23 elephants are no longer available between 2019 and now.

4. The State should produce the statements, if any, furnished to the Ministry of Environment and Forests over the last five years regarding the number of elephants and other material connected to elephants.

5. The State should ensure that no further elephant is taken into captivity except for the purpose of treatment of such elephants if found unable to support itself in the wild. No private person may capture any elephant or keep the same except those already existing.

List on 21.10.2021.

(S.B., CJ.) (P.D.A.,J.)
24.09.2021

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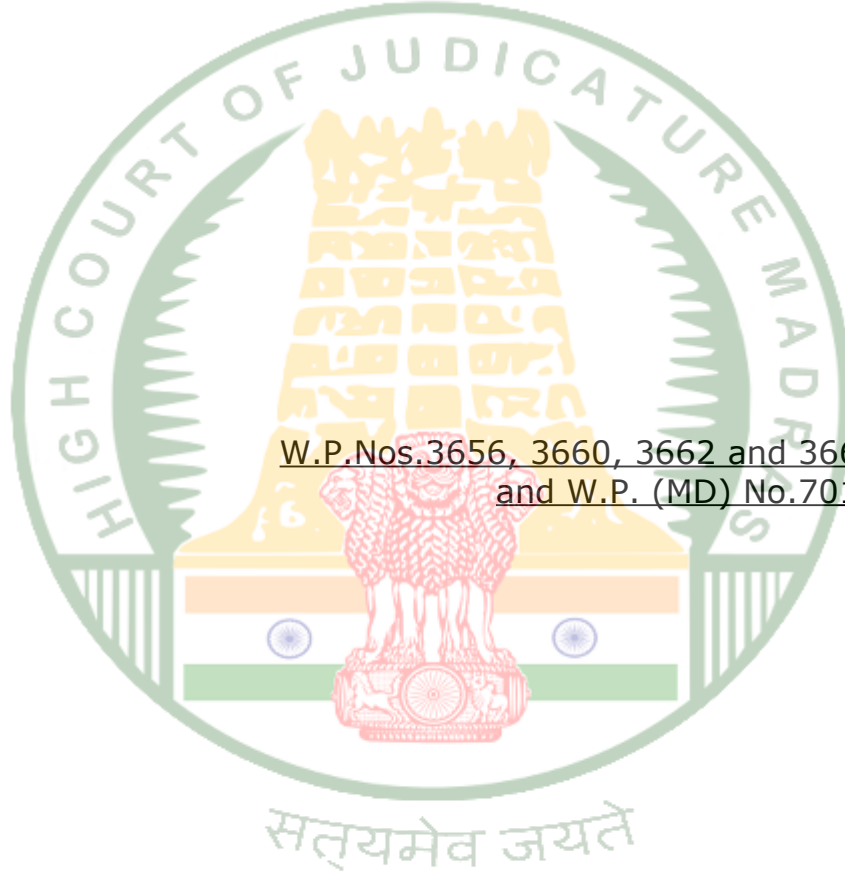
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