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WP-17386-2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH  
AT INDORE

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE SUBODH ABHYANKAR

ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> OF MAY, 2025WRIT PETITION No. 17386 of 2025*KAPIL**Versus**THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS*

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Appearance:

Shashwat Seth - Advocate for the petitioner.

Dr. Amit Bhatia appearing on behalf of Advocate General.

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ORDER

1. This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India by the petitioner, a resident of village Tipras Bhandaria, Dewas (M.P.) seeking the following reliefs:-

- a) To issue an appropriate writ, order, or direction, including a writ in the nature of Certiorari and/ Mandamus, quashing the impugned Notification dated 05.05.2025 (Annexure P/2) issued by respondent No. 2 for initiating a public auction of ferry/Naughat rights at Gram Fatehgarh Narmada Ghat for the year 2025-26.
- b) To declare that Respondent No. 2—CEO, Janpad Panchayat Kannod—has no jurisdiction or authority to tender or auction ferry rights in the submerged area falling under the regulatory control of NHDC.
- c) To direct the Respondents to formulate a safety policy or regulatory framework in consultation with NHDC before initiating any further process for ferry operations in the affected region.
- d) To direct the State Government to conduct an independent safety and environmental audit of the submerged ferry areas across Dewas District, especially Gram Fatehgarh, before any future action or public operation is undertaken.
- e) Award costs of the petition in favor of the Petitioner and
- f) Pass such other order(s) or direction(s) as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice, equity, and good conscience."

2. The petitioner's grievance is that the respondents are auctioning the ferry rights in respect of submerged area, however, on perusal of the relief



clause, it is found that the petitioner has not sought any relief for himself, and has also not averred as to which of his fundamental or other rights are infringed. In view of the same, no case for interference is made out.

3. Accordingly, writ petition being devoid of merits is hereby *dismissed*.

(SUBODH ABHYANKAR)  
JUDGE

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