

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
PRINCIPAL SEAT AT JABALPUR

Writ Petition No. 12 /2026

PETITIONER : Ajay Dubey

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS : Union of India&Ors.

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
1.		The instant petition is being filed as <i>Pro Bono Publico</i> to highlight the issue that in the State of Madhya Pradesh in only one year i.e. from January, 2025 to 19th December, 2025 , as many as 54 tiger death have been reported.
2.	16.12.2025	It is worthwhile to mention here that, as far as report of NDTV dated 16 th December, is concerned, it stated with a headlines <u>“54 Tiger Deaths In Madhya Pradesh In 2025, Most Since Project Tiger Launch”</u> .
3.	11.12.2025	It is worthwhile to mention here that, on 11 th December, 2025 the leading newspaper of India “The Asian Age” has reported with headlines “Tiger killed After Being Run Over by Train on ‘Death Track’ in MP, Ninth Big Cat Victim in a Year” .
4.		The authorities are passing the buck between Railway Authorities and the Forest Department, but unfortunately,

		this Railway Lines passes through the core zone of the Ratapani Tiger Reserve, which is the recently inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Madhya Pradesh on 13th December, 2024 as 8th Tiger Reserve in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 57th Tiger Reserve in India.
5.		In fact the Experts suggested and recommended construction of Underpass and Overpass over the particular stretch of the Railway Lines but non-compliance of some of the vital recommendations has cause frequent accident involving the wildlife leading to their death.
6.	12.12.2025	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal has officially informed the authorities concerned in the State of Madhya Pradesh, regarding the death of Tigers and other wildlife in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The letter itself admits that, the death is because of Electrocution, Road Accident, Rail Accident.

7.		On the one hand, Shahdol-Bandhavgarh Landscape most of the foreign tourist, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve but mortality rate tiger is highest in Shahdol-Bandhavgarh landscape and in Ratapani Tiger Reserve because of railway line death of tigers is reported, particularly in and around the railway lines because of water bodies just next to the Railway lines and apart from water bodies many turning section of this railway lines creates a situation that Tiger is attracted to these areas and get killed in these Railway lines, therefore, under pass or over bridge is the necessary.
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