

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.365 OF 2006**

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOOD AGRICUL &ORS**

**Petitioner(s)**

**VERSUS**

**UNION OF INDIA & ORS**

**Respondent(s)**

(With appln(s) for impleadment, deletion of Rangoliting Tea Estate and implead Ganeshka Kanoi Tea Co. Pvt. Ltd., permission to file supplementary affidavit and directions)

**Date: 06/08/2010** This Petition was called on for hearing today.

**CORAM :**  
**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.S. RADHAKRISHNAN**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR**

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

**ORDER**

Interlocutory Application No.3 is allowed.

Having examined the facts of the case, we find that, since 2006, this writ petition has been pending. No steps have been taken under the provisions of Tea Act, 1953. The Tea Estates have been abandoned by the Tea Companies. The workers are left high and dry. They are living in pitiable conditions. They have not received their dues. Till date, several meetings have been held. However, there is no outcome.

In the circumstances, we direct the Central Government to carry out their statutory duties under the provisions of Tea Act, particularly, in terms of Sections 16B, 16C, 16D and 16E within a period of six months from today.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of.

[ Alka Dudeja ]  
A.R.-cum-P.S.

[ Madhu Saxena ]  
Assistant Registrar