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HC stays felling of trees at Gandipet

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Hyderabad: Telangana high court on Saturday stayed the felling of 244 trees in Gandipet and directed authorities to consider the representation of an NGO to translocate the trees at its own cost.

The high court bench of Chief Justice Hima Kohli and Justice A Abhishek Reddy gave this interim decision to the state's roads and buildings (R&B), forest department officials while hearing a petition filed by Peddy Reddy Uday Krishna of the NGO, Vata Foundation.

The state had entrusted the task of expanding the road at Gandipet to the R&B and forest departments and had permitted the concerned authorities to fell as many as 244 trees to pave way for the expansion of this stretch of road which is just over a kilometre-long.

It was reported that there 286 trees on either side of the road of which the felling of 244 trees was deemed essential to complete the expansion of the road.

The petitioning NGO then came forward to translocate the trees and urged the state and its authorities to allow it to undertake the translocation instead of cutting down the trees indiscriminately.

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