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Centre seeks SC stay on Great Nicobar project hearings

The Union government approached the Supreme Court to stay Calcutta High Court hearings on the Great Nicobar Island project, citing lack of locus standi for petitioners.

The Great Nicobar Island project is a large-scale infrastructure development plan worth ₹92,000 crore, facing legal challenges regarding Forest Rights Act compliance.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Union government** approached the **Supreme Court** to stay further proceedings in the **Calcutta High Court**.
- The petitions before the **Calcutta High Court** allege violations of the **Forest Rights Act (FRA)** for the **Great Nicobar Island project**.
- The **Great Nicobar Island project** is valued at **₹92,000 crore**.
- The **Centre** argued that the petitioner, **Meena Gupta**, lacks **locus standi** in the matter.
- The **Calcutta High Court** had previously rejected the Centre's **locus standi argument** in **May 2026**.
- The **Calcutta High Court** had paved the way for a **final hearing** in **November 2026**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Forest Rights Act (FRA)** was enacted in **2006**.

The **FRA** recognizes the rights of forest-dwelling **Scheduled Tribes** and other **traditional forest dwellers** over forest land.

"**Locus Standi**" is a **legal term** referring to the **right or capacity** of a party to bring a lawsuit or appear in court.

The **Supreme Court of India** was established on **January 26, 1950**.

Article 136 of the **Indian Constitution** grants the **Supreme Court** **special leave to appeal** from any judgment, decree, determination, sentence, or order.

The **Calcutta High Court**, established in **1862**, is the **oldest High Court** in India.

Great Nicobar Island is the **southernmost island** of the **Nicobar Islands** archipelago.

The **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** are a **Union Territory** of India.

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Centre moved SC to stay Great Nicobar project hearings over alleged Forest Rights Act violations.

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