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Ustaad, popularly known as T-24

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A surprised Chief Justice T S Thakur who was heading the bench told Jaising : "How can you argue on behalf of a man-eater? Human life is more important."

Jaising was representing wildlife activist Ajay Dubey who challenged a Rajasthan High Court order which upheld the state government's translocation of the 10-year-old dominant male tiger from Ranthambore forest reserve to Sajjangerh Zoo 400 km away after it allegedly killed a forest guard in May last year.

Till then, the tiger which is named Ustaad and is also famously known as T-24 is alleged to have attacked three other persons who ventured into his territory. But these facts are being disputed by wildlife activists and conservationists.

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Advocate Varun K Chopra, who was assisting Jaising and had argued the matter in the high court, said Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) formulated by National Tiger Conservation Directorate (NTCD) is not being followed.

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