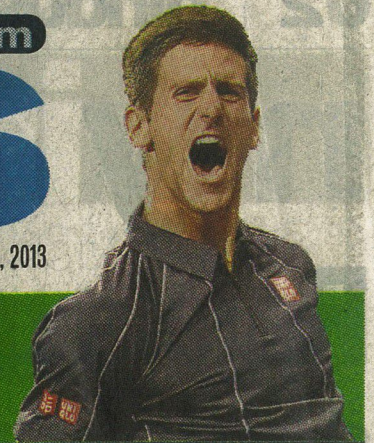


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POACHING CASE: HC RELIEF FOR SALMAN KHAN

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JODHPUR: In a major relief to Salman Khan, a bench of the Rajasthan High Court on Tuesday stayed the 2006 order of a lower court that had sentenced the actor to five years in jail for poaching, paving the way for him to apply for a British visa.

The actor was convicted and sentenced to five years jail term on April 10, 2006, for poaching the endangered blackbuck in Jodhpur during the shooting of hindi film 'Hum Saath Saath Hain'.

Salman approached the high court after the embassy of the United Kingdom denied him visa as his conviction was mentioned in his passport. According to the common immigration law, no foreign country provides visa to anyone who is convicted for more than four years jail term by any court.

"Salman was possessing UK visa for 10 years, which expired in last July. When he applied for a fresh visa to complete his three movies to be shoot there, the UK Embassy rejected his application, saying that they cannot issue fresh visa to him till the suspension of the conviction by a higher court," Ramit Mehta, counsel for Salman said, adding that he filed a petition before the HC seeking suspension of his conviction.