

**ORDER BELOW EXH. 01**

[Passed on 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026]

The present application is filed under section 503 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for release of 6 bulls seized by Katol Police Station in Crime No.263/2026 registered under sections 223, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, sections 11(1)(d), 11(1)(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and sections 23(1) and 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

2.            The applicant submitted that he is the owner of above 6 bulls. He purchased the said bulls on 17.02.2026 from two different villagers for total consideration of Rs.90,000/-. He is an agriculturist and for his agricultural field, he has purchased aforesaid 6 bulls. He is ready to abide by the terms and conditions imposed by the Court. Hence, he prayed to allow the application.

3.            Ld. APP filed her say and strongly opposed the application on the grounds that prima facie offence is made out and if the bulls are released on supurtnama in favour of the applicant, he may commit similar type of offence in future. The I.O. filed his say vide Exh.05 and prayed for passing of suitable order. Shri.Sati Anusaya Mata Sansthan, Paradsinga filed its say vide Exh.6 and prayed for maintenance cost of seized bulls.

4.            Perused the record. Heard Ld. A.PP. and Ld. Advocate of accused at length. The applicant has filed copy of F.I.R., copy of his Aadhar Card, copy of Purchase Receipts issued by A.P.M.C, Katol and copy of 7/12 extract of his agricultural field. The Purchase Receipts

issued by the A.P.M.C. shows the name of applicant as purchaser. The same are issued on 17.02.2026 i.e. on the day of seizure of bulls by police in the aforesaid crime. The description of the bulls mentioned in the F.I.R., say of I.O., the present application and purchase receipts are identical. It seems that the applicant has paid service charges to the A.P.M.C. The receipts bears signature of the concerned and seal of A.P.M.C. Apparently, the purchase receipts seems genuine. Likewise, the copy of 7/12 extract shows the name of applicant as possessor of the agricultural land. Further, I.O. submitted that the bulls were carried in cruel manner. But, the Health Certificate is not filed by the I.O.

5.            The Gaurakshan has not claimed the custody of seized animals. According to the purchase receipts, the present applicant seems to be a owner of the six bulls. Prima facie, there is nothing on record to support the contention of Ld. A.P.P. and I.O. It is also not come on the record that the applicant has previously found guilty of the said offence. It seems that the applicant had purchased the above bulls for consideration of Rs.90,000/- and therefore, apparently there seems no possibility that the animals will be subjected to cruelty. I have carefully gone through the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of Animals on Foot) Rules, 2001 and the guidelines given by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Gaushala*.

6.            From the documents, it appears that presently the applicant is the owner of the animals. At this juncture, it is difficult

to ascertain that the applicant has committed an offence of causing cruelty to the animals. The Gaurakshan has not claimed the animals. In such circumstances, no purpose will suffice in keeping the bulls at Gaurakshan. But, considering the expenditure incurred by the Gaurakshan, the applicant is required to pay expenses of Rs.200/- per day per animal to the Gaurakshan. Hence, I pass the following order-

**OPERATIVE ORDER**

- 1) The application is allowed.
- 2) Police Station Officer, P. S. Katol is directed to handover the interim custody of 6 bulls seized in Crime No.263/2026 to the applicant from the concerned Gaurakshan.
- 3) The applicant Vishwas Manohar Gulhane is directed to execute indemnity bond of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Only) in favour the Katol Police Station.
- 4) The applicant shall submit one bunch of the verified copy of documents concerning ownership of the 6 bullocks to the concerned Police Station.
- 5) The applicant shall not cause any cruelty to the animals.
- 6) The applicant shall take every care of the animals and to produce them as an when directed by the I.O. and court.
- 7) The applicant shall produce animals for inspection of the I.O. as and when required by him.
- 8) The applicant is also directed to pay expenses of Rs.200/- per day per animal to the Gaurakshan from the date of their admission to the Gaurakshan till their release.

- 9) The I.O. is hereby directed to draw detail panchanama by taking coloured photographs of the above animals while handing over the seized animals to the applicant.

Date :- 20/03/2026

(Sneha R. Jadhao)  
Judicial Magistrate First Class.  
(Court no.1), Katol.

**ENDORSEMENT**

Case Argued on	:	20.03.2026
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**CERTIFICATE**

I affirm that the contents of the this PDF file of order are same word to word, as per the original order.

**Name of the Stenographer** :- A.Y.Kulkarni (Gr-III)