

**WP(PIL) NO: 93 of 2024**

Animal Rescue Organization and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...Respondents

Advocate for petitioners : Sri K. S. Murthy, learned Senior Counsel appearing for Sri Ponnada Sree Vyas

Advocate for respondents : Learned Government Pleader for Revenue, learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Ms. V. Sireesha Rani, learned Standing Counsel for Municipalities.

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI**

DATE : 12th March 2025

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By virtue of our order dated 24.04.2024, we had directed the Collector of Kakinada District – respondent No.17 as also the Collector of East Godavari District – respondent No.18 herein to file reports as to the manner in which G.O.Ms.No.23, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries (AH.I) Department, dated 01.10.2015, has been implemented and to reflect the steps which would be taken by the concerned Shandy Level Monitoring Committee (S.L.M.C.) to give effect to the spirit of G.O.Ms.No.23.

The aforementioned direction was issued in the light of the allegations made by the petitioners in the present P.I.L. highlighting the gross violation of

the aforementioned G.O.Ms.No.23, which was issued pursuant to the directions of the combined High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P(PIL).No.206 of 2015 dated 31.08.2015.

An affidavit has been filed by respondent No.17 i.e., Collector, Kakinada wherein it is stated that in the shandies in Phitapuram and Jaggampeta, directions have been issued to the S.L.M.Cs to implement in letter and spirit G.O.Ms.No.23.

It also appears that the Collector had directed the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry to submit a report with regard to the shortcomings in the implementation of G.O.Ms.No.23, who submitted a report dated 27.05.2024, highlighting number of deficiencies in regard to the availability of water troughs, C.C. T.V. Cameras, ramps and animal sheds. It appears that the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry, on his visit to the said shundies, had given appropriate instructions to make up the deficiencies.

Whether or not the deficiencies have been since removed and the instructions issued by the Joint Director complied with is not reflected from the affidavit filed by the Collector – respondent No.17. The affidavit filed by the Collector, Kakinada simply appears to have washed his hands off the obligation which is cast upon the authorities in ensuring that all facilities which are otherwise required to be provided to the animals with a view to prevent cruelty to them are put in place.

We, therefore, direct respondent No.17 to file a detailed affidavit with regard to the implementation of G.O.Ms.No.23 in its fullest extent.

Similarly, a report appears to have been filed by the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry to the Collector, East Godavari District wherein certain deficiencies were reported. It is not known as to whether the deficiencies finally were removed and whether the S.L.M.C was constituted pursuant to the instructions issued by the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry.

Let an affidavit be filed also by the Collector, East Godavari District reflecting the exact status as on date with regard to the implementation of G.O.Ms.No.23 and the removal of deficiencies.

List on 07.05.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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