

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
Order Sheet

WPIL No. 58 of 2019

Sanjay Rajak **Versus** State of Chhattisgarh

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24.10.2019	Mr. Sunil Otwani and Mr. Palash Tiwari, Advocate for the respective Petitioners. Mr. Sudeep Agrawal, Deputy Advocate General for the State. Mr. B. Gopa Kumar, Assistant Solicitor General, Mr. Naveen Shukla, Advocate on behalf of Ms. Fouzia Miraza and Shri Abhyuday Singh, Advocate for the respective Respondents. Mr. Otwani and Mr. Tiwari, the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners submit that no effective solution has been brought out by State or such other authorities to curb the menace of stray cattles and the consequences resulted because of the causality. It is brought to the notice of this Court that some scheme has been formulated by State; namely "Narva, Garva, Ghurva and Bari" ('NGGB', in short), touching and covering four different aspects, which includes the management of stray cattles as well. It is pointed out that sufficient number of Gauthans (cow sheds) are sought to be constructed as part of the solution. State has reportedly decided to cause of construction of 1866 cow sheds, out of which, work has been started in respect of 260 cow sheds; adding that, 20% of the power connections under "Saur-Sujala" Scheme is to be reserved for this project. Various aspects under the said scheme are to be brought on record.

Mr. B. Gopa Kumar, learned Standing Counsel for NHAI submits with reference to the order dated 26.09.2019 passed by this Court, that no mechanical or electronic device has been installed on the side of National Highways to their knowledge and that no such effective device is in existence in India.

Learned counsel for the Petitioners seek for time to implead the major stakeholders with regard to local administration in the party array insofar as the National Highway and State Highway authorities are concerned, where the problem of stray cattle is felt more.

The learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as State/Department and the local authorities are required to formulate their views/suggestions including the duties and responsibilities and the ways and means, if any, to solve the problem in relation to stray cattles so as to mould the reliefs/directions to be given by this Court.

Post the matter on 28.11.2019.

Sd/-

(P.R. Ramachandra Menon)
Chief Justice

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(Parth Prateem Sahu)
Judge