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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CONT.CAS(C) 434/2022&CM APPL. 22905/2022

SUNAYANA SIBAL & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Vivek Sibal, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Esha Dutta, Ms. Shaalini
Agrawal, Mr. Siddharth Pandey and
Ms. Nandita Mishra, Advocates.

versus

DR. RAVINDRA SHARMA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Manu Chaturvedi, SC for MCD
with Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Dy. Director
(VS)/HQ with Dr. Akhilesh K. and Dr.
Divesh Sharma, Dy. Directors, Central
Zone.

Mr. Lalitaksh Joshi, Advocate with
Dr. Satyavir Singh, Director, Animal
Husbandry in person for R-4.

Mr. Himanshu Pathak, SPC with Mr.
Amit Singh, Advocate with SI Nitesh
Yadav, P.S. K.M. Pur and SI Satbir
Singh, P.S. Najafgarh.

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SHRI GYANESH BHARTI

.....Respondent

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Mr. Himanshu Pathak, SPC with Mr. Amit Singh, Advocate with SI Nitesh Yadav, P.S. K.M. Pur and SI Satbir Singh, P.S. Najafgarh.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT SHARMA

ORDER

% **14.10.2025**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. Status report dated 03.09.2025, authored by Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Dy. Director (V.S.) HQ, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, has been placed on record. In the said status report, it is mentioned that certain action was taken at Kotla Mubarakpur area against illegal dairies area owner/operators on 21.08.2025 with the assistance of police force from P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur. It is further stated in the said report that one illegal dairy was sealed and two illegal dairies were dismantled and 10 stay cattle were impounded and sent to the *Gaushalas*. The concerned SHO, PS Kotla Mubarakpur was informed *vide* letter dated D-649/DD(VS)/CNZ/2025 dated 21.08.2025 about the action taken. The said letter has been annexed with the status report wherein the details of the persons running illegal dairies have been mentioned and forwarded for further action to the concerned SHO.
3. *Per contra*, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners has filed an additional affidavit dated 13.10.2025, wherein it has been recorded as under: -



“5. A visit by the Petitioners' team members on 12.10.2025 to the Site revealed the continued presence of 350+ cattle and operation of dairies. The visit to the Site on 12.10.2025 revealed the following:

- Cattle submerged in and wading through sewage effluents in the drain flowing under Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Setu Flyover.
- Cattle being milked within the drain.
- At least 10-12 dairy sheds used for rearing cattle constructed within the sewage drain were observed.
- Walls of the drain covered in hundreds of cow dung cakes.
- Cattle were seen straying on the flyover amidst ongoing traffic, leading to a serious accident hazard.”

4. Let the concerned ACP of the area be present before the Court on the next date of hearing with an updated status report with respect to the aforesaid claim of the petitioners and as well as action taken in pursuance of report forwarded by the MCD.

5. Affidavit has also been filed on behalf of Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Development Department, GNCTD on behalf of respondent No. 4/Animal Husbandry Unit, GNCTD. In the said affidavit, it is stated as under: -

“23. Vide letter No. F.11(84)/AHD/Gau/2025-6/1869-1882 dated 17.07.2025 (**Annexure-R-6**), all Dy. Directors, District In-charges, and Veterinary Officers of the GNCTD were directed to identify Government land for setting up Gaushalas in each district, in coordinate with Revenue Department staff. During inspections, four locations have been identified so far where sufficient land is available for establishing Gaushalas. The proposal related to this will be submitted to the competent authority for necessary land transfer and approvals.”

Let an updated status report with regard to the aforesaid before the next date of hearing.



6. In terms of order dated 14.07.2025, SOP dated 02.09.2025 has been placed on record. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners may formulate any suggestions with respect to said SOP and place the same on record before the next date of hearing.
7. The Deputy Director, Veterinary Services, MCD, along with ACP shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing along with action taken report with regard to the aforesaid additional affidavit filed by the petitioners.
8. Let the record of the cattle which are impounded and delivered with the respective *Gaushalas*, be placed on record before the next date of hearing.
9. Learned counsel for the GNCTD will ensure that these cattle will not be released from *Gaushalas* till further orders of the Competent Authority.
10. List on 04.11.2025.
11. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court *forthwith*.
12. Copy of the order be sent to the DCP concerned for necessary information and compliance.

AMIT SHARMA, J

OCTOBER 14, 2025/bsr/ns