

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 549 of 2026**

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DASHNAM GAUSWAMI SAMAJ SEVA TRUST, CHOTILA

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT THROUGH DISTRICT COLLECTOR & ORS.

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Appearance:

MS KRUTI SHAH for MR AB GATESHANIYA(3766) for the Petitioner
MS AISHVARYA CHAUDHARY, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRAL R. MEHTA**Date : 15/01/2026****ORAL ORDER**

Learned advocate Ms. Shah is permitted to join the Chotila Nagarpalika as party respondent. Necessary amendment be carried out forthwith.

2. In the first sessions, learned Assistant Government Pleader Ms. Aishvarya Chaudhary for the respondents, sought time to file affidavit-in-reply; however, at that moment, learned advocate Ms. Kruti Shah for the petitioner shown her apprehension of any highhanded action in the meantime. However, learned Assistant Government Pleader, under the instructions, assured this Court that the situation will not be changed in the meantime. It was further assured that whatever the situation is prevailing as on 12.40 p.m. today would be preserved. Accordingly, the petition was adjourned to 20.1.2026 for necessary reply to be filed by the State.

3. However, in the second half, the present matter was mentioned by learned advocate Ms.Shah espousing her grievance that despite there being assurance given in the first half, the Deputy Collector, Chotila is not complying with such assurance and the highhanded action is underway. To substantiate the said contention, learned advocate Ms.Shah has placed reliance on couple of photographs, which show that the JCB machines are actually at site.

4. As against the same, learned Assistant Government Pleader also sought to clarify that the assertion of the other side is not correct and the assurance given in the first half is abided by.

5. Considering the aforesaid, this Court is of the opinion that so as to avoid further complication, let there shall be status-quo as of now till the next date of hearing.

6. List this matter on 20.1.2026 for further consideration.

7. By the next date of hearing, the Deputy Collector, Chotila is directed to file his affidavit explaining the conduct of today, including on merits.

8. Since it is the case of the petitioner that the shed of Gaushala is being removed, during the winter days, the temporary arrangement for cows be permitted.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is permitted to create temporary arrangement for cows till the next date.

10. It is clarified that the temporary arrangement which is permitted, has to be in its strict sense temporary only. By the next date, the photographs of that temporary arrangement also be provided to this Court for perusal.

11. Needless to clarify that at this stage permitting to create temporary structure for preservation of the cows, is just a stopgap arrangement, which would not create any additional right in favour of petitioner.

V.J. SATWARA

(NIRAL R. MEHTA,J)