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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CONT.CAS(C) 317/2025 & CM APPL. 12368/2025**
GREENS ZOOLOGICAL RESCUE AND REHABILITATION
CENTRE SOCIETY & ANR.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Adhish Srivastava, Adv

versus

HIMAL SOUTHASIAN & ORS.Respondents

Through: Ms. Vrinda Grover, Ms. Devika
Tulsiani, Mr. Soutik Banerjee, Adv.
for R-1 & 2.

Mr. Vineet Dhanda, CGSC with Mr.
Chetan Jadon, GP, Mr. Vansh Jadon,
Adv. , Ms. Hemlata Singh, Adv., Ms
Shivangi Rajawat, Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

% **19.05.2025**

1. This petition alleges wilful disobedience of the order dated 27th August 2024 passed by this order in **Contempt Case No. 1338/2024**.
2. A perusal of said order would show that there is no direction passed against respondent nos. 1 and 2 in the said order. The mere mention of respondent nos. 1 and 2, which were not parties in the **Contempt Case No. 1338/2024** relates to an article published on 20th March 2024, which finds mention in *paragraph 10* of the said order.
3. A perusal of the said order does not indicate any directions issued against respondent nos.1 and 2, wilful disobedience of which can be agitated in a contempt petition.



4. It is further noted that petitioners themselves are respondent nos. 3 and 4 in the IPL filed by one *Mr. Rahul Narula*.

5. The original **Writ Petition (Crl.) 485/2024** was disposed of by the judgment dated 12th February 2024 (2024:DHC:1123-DB) noting as under:

18. We find that the present petition has been filed purely on the apprehension that some injury or ill-treatment may be caused to the animals during the events scheduled on 01.03.2024 to 03.03.2024. Such sort of petition cannot be entertained simply on the basis of apprehension.

19. Since a High Powered Committee has already been constituted after

the directions passed by Hon'ble Tripura High Court in the case of *Sudipa Nath (supra)*, therefore, the said Committee is at liberty to be present and oversee the aforesaid event and to take all cautions permissible under law, if any, to ensure that no inhumane behaviour is caused to the animals.

20. In view of above, the present petition and pending application are disposed of.

21. It is made clear that either HPC may depute any of its member to oversee the event scheduled from 01.03.2024 to 03.02.2024 or HPC may go itself to oversee the aforesaid event.

6. Alleging contempt of the same, *Mr. Rahul Narula*, the petitioner, had filed **Cont. Case 1338/2024**, which was disposed of by order dated 27th August 2024, in which the petitioner themselves were respondent nos. 3 and

7. After having perused the petition and hearing the submission of the parties, the Court is of the opinion that these circumstances do not provide a cause of action for the petitioner to file a contempt petition, since there is no direction of which wilful disobedience can be alleged.

8. Accordingly, this contempt petition stands dismissed along with the pending application.



9. Petitioner's counsel states that they would pursue other remedies in accordance with law regarding their grievance with the respondent no. 1 and 2. Needless to state that option is always available to the petitioners in law.

10. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

MAY 19, 2025/sm/bp