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

+ **W.P.(C) 7979/2026 & CM APPL. 38285/2026**

KULDEEP SINGH @ KULDEEP NAGAR

.....Petitioner

Through:

versus

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI &
ORS.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu, SC, MCD with Mr. Vaibhav Tripathi, Advocate along with Mr. Akhilesh Kamal, DD, MCD Mr. Kanishk Kharbanda, SPC with Ms. Rupali Sinha & Mr. Mayank Gupta, Advocates for R-3 (Through video-conferencing)

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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29.05.2026

CM APPL. 38285/2026 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

W.P.(C) 7979/2026

2. The present writ petition has been filed seeking the following reliefs:-



- A. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, including a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to conduct a fair, independent and time-bound inquiry into the illegal seizure, detention, transportation and abandonment of the Petitioner's cows/animals outside the territorial jurisdiction of Delhi by Respondent No. 4;
- B. Direct Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to take appropriate legal, departmental and disciplinary action against Respondent No. 4 and all other erring officials found responsible, in accordance with law;
- C. Quash and set aside the order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, being illegal, arbitrary, non-speaking and passed without proper consideration of the material placed on record;
- D. Direct the Respondents to produce before this Hon'ble Court the complete official record relating to the seizure, detention, transportation and disposal of the Petitioner's cows/animals, including seizure memo, vehicle logbook, duty roster, movement register, GPS/location record, names of officials involved and the authority under which such action was taken;
- E. Direct the Respondents to preserve and produce all relevant CCTV footage, photographs, video recordings, official registers, vehicle records, GPS/location records and other evidence connected with the incident;
- F. Declare that the action of Respondent No. 4 in seizing, transporting and abandoning the Petitioner's cows/animals outside Delhi, without



lawful authority and due process of law, is illegal, arbitrary, without jurisdiction and violative of Articles 14, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India;

- G. Direct Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to ensure that no animal seized within Delhi is transported outside the National Capital Territory of Delhi except strictly in accordance with law and under-written authority of the competent authority;
- H. Direct Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to frame or strictly implement an appropriate mechanism/SOP for seizure, custody, feeding, medical care, release and record-keeping of seized animals, so as to prevent recurrence of such illegal acts.
- I. Direct the Union of India/concerned authority to ensure strict enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the applicable Transport of Animals Rules, and to take necessary measures to prevent illegal inter-State transportation of cattle;
- J. PASS any other or further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

3. Earlier, the petitioner had filed a writ petition, being W.P.(C) 890/2026, which was disposed of *vide* order dated 22nd January, 2026, directing the respondent/MCD to decide the representation filed on behalf of the petitioner.

4. The said representation has been decided by the respondent/MCD by an order dated 17th April, 2026. In the said order, MCD has categorically stated that no cattle were picked up or impounded by MCD either on 27th March, 2025 or in the last week of September, 2025, from the house of the petitioner at *Tughlakabad Extension*. Paragraph 3 of the said speaking order are set out below:-



3. It is also incorrect and false allegation on the part of the petitioner that the MCD staff intentionally picked up his cattle from Tughlkabad Extension whereas the cattle of other dairy owners roaming in the area were not impounded by the MCD staff. As already stated above, no stray cattle of the petitioner were impounded on 27.3.2025 or in the last week

of September, 2025 (from 20th September 2025 to 30th September 2025) from his house/ Tughlkabad Extension. As a matter of fact, the MCD had impounded the stray cattle from Okhla Industrial Area, Maa Anandmai Marg, Meethapur and Badarpur area on 27.3.2025 and from the areas of Madanpur Khadar, Sarita Vihar, Sarai Khale Khan, Molarband, Meethapur, MB Road, Sangam Vihar, Tehkhand, Jasola, Harkesh Nagar, Pillanji, Ravidas Marg, Kalkaji in the last week of September (from 20th September 2025 to 30th September 2025) which were deported to the Gaushalas by the MCD. Hence, the claim/allegation of the petitioner in this regard is false and baseless.

5. The petitioner has also furnished three videos in a pen drive to the respondent/MCD. The said videos have also been duly considered by the respondent/MCD in the speaking order. The observations in relation to the videos are set out below:-

- I. The site seen in all three videos is the part of Meethapur village/colony (Delhi) which falls under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and located close to the border of Faridabad (Haryana). The site does not fall under the jurisdiction of Faridabad as alleged by the Petitioner.
- II. No GPS location, date & time are captured in any of the three videos provided by the petitioner in support of his claim. A person from public can be seen in the 3rd video saying that the video is being made by standing in the area of Faridabad. This shows mala fide intention of the petitioner.
- III. No stray cattle have been impounded by the Department of Veterinary Services of Central Zone of MCD from the premises of the petitioner on 27.3.2025. Further, this office has also not impounded any stray cattle from Tugalkabad Extension on 27.03.25 as alleged by the petitioner. The Department of Veterinary Services of Central Zone, MCD impounded 06 stray cattle/animal on 27.3.2025 from the areas other than Tughlkabad Extension namely Okhla Industrial Area, Maa Anandmai Marg, Meethapur and Badarpur. As per records available in this office, all 06 cattle/animal were deported to the Gaushalas on the same day i.e. 27.03.2025.
- IV. The allegation made by the petitioner that one official of MCD namely Sh. Pavan Kumar Meena, JSA/MTI is involved in the illegal transportation of cows to another states is also false and baseless and has been made with ulterior motive as no evidence/proof in support of his claim was submitted by him during personnel hearing despite request by this office.

6. In view of the aforesaid, MCD has concluded that the petitioner has



failed to furnish any proof/evidence in support of his claim that the cattle of the petitioner were removed by MCD.

7. At best, the contentions raised in the present petition are disputed questions of fact which cannot be adjudicated in proceedings under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.

AMIT BANSAL, J

MAY 29, 2026
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