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

+ **W.P.(C) 13046/2023**

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.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Gaurav Verma, Advocate**
(through VC)

versus

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHIRespondent

Through: **Mr. Siddhant Nath, Mr. Bhavishya Makhija and Mr. Amaan Khan,**
Advocates for MCD.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

% **25.04.2026**

The present matter has been taken up today, i.e., 25th April, 2026 as 3rd March, 2026 was declared a holiday.

1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent/ MCD to take steps for removal of stray cattle occupying public spaces in and around the vicinity of the petitioner's residence in Mangolpuri, Delhi.
2. Status reports have been filed on behalf of the respondent/ MCD from time to time, stating action taken by them with regard to impounding of cattle and FIRs against persons illegally running dairies.
3. In the order passed by this Court on 20th March, 2025, this Court had directed the respondent/ MCD to take action for closing down all illegal dairies running in the area in question.



4. Pursuant to the aforesaid order, status report was filed on behalf of the respondent/ MCD on 14th July, 2025, wherein it is stated that a joint operation was conducted on 7th May, 2025 in coordination with local Police force from P.S. Mangolpuri and two (2) illegal dairies were identified and sealed.

4.1. Photographs of the sealing action were filed along with the status report.

5. In the latest additional status report filed on behalf of the respondent/ MCD on 11th March, 2026, details of the action taken for impounding cattle from October, 2025 to February, 2026 have been given. The said status report also states that no fresh case of illegal dairy operation has been reported in the area. The relevant extracts from the said status report are set out below:

A. CATTLE IMPOUNDING RECORD (OCTOBER 2025 TO FEBRUARY 2026)

4. That during the period from October 2025 to February 2026, cattle impounding drives were conducted in Mangolpuri and adjoining areas. The details of cattle impounded are as under:

S. No	Month	No. of Cattle Impounded
1	October 2025	34
2	November 2025	12
3	December 2025	19
4	January 2026	18
5	February 2026 (Upto 25.02.2026)	12
Total Number of Cattle impounded/Transported		95

5. It is respectfully submitted that all identified illegal dairies operating in Mangolpuri area have already been sealed/re-sealed by the competent authority under the provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.



6. At present, no fresh case of illegal dairy operation has been reported in the said area. However, continuous monitoring is being carried out and in case any new illegal dairy is found operating, necessary action shall be initiated promptly in accordance with law.
7. That the aforesaid actions have been taken under the relevant provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, with the objective of preventing illegal dairy activities in residential areas and maintaining public health, hygiene and sanitation.

6. Taking into account the various status reports filed by the respondent/MCD and the action taken by them, the present writ petition is disposed of while directing the respondent/ MCD and the Local Police to continue to take impounding action against the cattle in the said area and also against the illegal dairies that keep emerging from time to time.

AMIT BANSAL, J

APRIL 25, 2026

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