

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.06.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

W.P.No.11990 of 2021

V.E.Shiva  
Founder-Chairman  
Mothers of Animals Welfare Trust  
No.155/66, Rangarajapuram Main Road  
Kodambakkam  
Chennai - 600 024. ... Petitioner

Vs

- 1 The Principal Secretary  
Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department  
Secretariat  
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2 The Director  
Directorate of Animal Husbandry and  
Veterinary Services  
No.571, Anna Salai  
Veterinary Hospital Campus  
Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035. ... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to take necessary steps to ensure that the stray animals are provided with food and water in this COVID -19 Pandemic.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.M.Natraj

For Respondents : Mr.R.Shunmugasundaram,  
Advocate-General,  
assisted by Ms.Shabnam Banu,  
Government Advocate

Mr.A.Yogeshwaran,  
for Committee constituted by the Court

ORDER  
(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Reports have been filed, inter alia, by the Animal Husbandry Department indicating the release of funds by the Hon'ble Governor and by the State to feed stray animals, abandoned horses and even elephants during the lockdown.

2. It is submitted on behalf of the Committee appointed by an earlier order of this Court that paltry amounts have been apportioned on a district-wise basis and an amount of Rs.9,000/- proposed to be allotted to some of the districts may evaporate even before reaching the districts. It is suggested that the drive to feed the stray dogs and cats be restricted to urban areas for it to make a meaningful impact. It is also pointed out on behalf of the Committee that there should be a correlation between the money allotted to a particular area and the number of requests received from such locality.

3. It is heartening that both the Hon'ble Governor and the State have released funds for a noble cause as promptly as they

have. Indeed, the Hon'ble Governor released funds without there being a request from the Court and before the State released funds. The funds released by the Governor helped in the initial feeding, particularly of stray dogs and cats in and around this metropolis. It is hoped that private parties, including some prominent corporate houses, chip in with money or material to ensure that the voiceless do not suffer during the lockdown.

The matter will appear on June 9, 2021.

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(S.B., CJ.) (S.K.R., J.)  
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