

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA,
AT HYDERABAD**

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY**

WRIT PETITION NO: 35995 OF 2025

Between:

1. Association for Animal Shelter and Rescue Aid AASRA, NGO represented by its President, Gowri Vandana, D/o. Baburao Vandana, aged about 42 years, Occ- Story Writer, R/o. Flat No. 301, Laxmi Nivas, near Golden Temple, Puppalaguda, Manikonda.
2. Syed Salim, S/o. Syed Rafi, aged about 40 years, Occ:- Animal Activist and member of People for Animals (PFA) and PETA India, R/o. H. No. 6-402, Venkateshwara Nagar, Dammaiguda, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana.

Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Special Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban, Development Department, Telangana.
2. The Director of Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department,, 4th and 5th floor, AC Guards, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad - 500038.
3. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Rep by its Commissioner, Tank bund, Hyderabad.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ or order more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus to declare the inaction of Respondent No.3 pursuant to Representations of the Petitioners dated 12-11-2025 and 18-11-2025 as illegal, void and against the principles of natural justice and consequently direct the Respondent No.3 to

- a) Immediately suspend all ongoing capture and removal operations of community dogs from educational institutions, hospitals, sports stadiums, railway stations and bus depots until compliance with Directions 25(A) - (E) of the Supreme Court's order dated 07-11-2025 in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No. 5 of 2025 is achieved release and return dogs until

suitable rehabilitation facilities where animals receive all proper care as directed by Supreme Court are ready.

- b) Conduct and publish a comprehensive list identifying all educational institutions, hospitals, sports stadium, railway stations and bus depots within Hyderabad as mandated by the Apex Court Order.
- c) To create and secure boundaries (fencing/walls/gates) at all listed premises;
- d) To appoint and notify Nodal Officers for each of these institutions;
- e) To create and notify designated shelters in full compliance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act clearly distinguishing between Animal Birth Control Units and long term shelters-
- f) To ensure that sterilized dogs are not sent to Animal Birth Control Units and unsterilized dogs are not sent to these shelters-
- g) To maintain and share real time records of all dogs captured, sterilized, vaccinated and housed with tracking and photographs-
- h) To create a public helpline to share this information and online database for citizens and welfare organizations to report violations and trace captured animals-
- i) To accord visitation rights to all concerned citizens especially those care takers who have been the primary caretakers of these dogs. Timings may be set and prominently published at all shelters and Animal Birth Care units-
- j) To take disciplinary action against the erring GHMC officials and contractors responsible for violation of Rules and Inhumane practices.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.3 to immediately suspend all ongoing capture and removal operations of community dogs from educational institutions, hospitals, sports stadiums, railway stations and bus depots until compliance with Directions 25(A) - (E) of the Supreme Court's order dated 07-11-2025 in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No. 5 of 2025 is achieved, release and return dogs until suitable rehabilitation facilities where animals receive all proper care as directed by Supreme Court are ready, pending disposal of WP 35995 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No.3 to accord visitation rights to all concerned citizens especially those care takers who have been the primary caretakers of these dogs. Timings may be set and prominently published at all shelters and Animal Birth Control units, pending disposal of WP 35995 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Mr. K. G. Krishna Murthy, learned senior counsel, appearing for Ms. P. Sree Ramya, learned counsel for the petitioners, GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION for the respondent

Nos.1 & 2 and Mr. G Madhusudhan Reddy, standing Counsel for the Respondent No.3, the Court made the following.

ORDER

Mr. K. G. Krishna Murthy, learned senior counsel, appearing for **Ms. P. Sree Ramya**, learned counsel for the petitioners, submitted that the respondent authorities are adopting cruel methods to capture dogs and in violation of the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court. Moreover, the respondent authorities are capturing sterilized dogs and sending them to unknown centres and there is no sufficient rehabilitation centres in Hyderabad.

Mr. G. Madhusudhan Reddy, learned standing counsel for respondent – **GHMC**, requested time. However, the learned standing counsel submitted that directions of the Supreme Court are being scrupulously followed. There are frequent complaints lodged in several locations in Hyderabad regarding attacks of street dogs and injuries caused to the children and senior citizens.

List on 01.12.2025.

Till then, the respondent authorities are directed not to capture sterilized dogs. However, this order shall not come in the way of the respondent authorities in capturing the street dogs as and when specific instances of dog attacks are reported.

SD/-AHMED ABDULLAH KHAN
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Special Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban, Development Department, State of Telangana, Telangana (by RPAD)
2. The Director of Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, 4th and 5th floor, AC Guards, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad Telangana- 500038 (by RPAD)
3. The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Tank – bund Hyderabad (by RPAD)
4. One CC to **SRI. P SREE RAMYA** Advocate [OPUC]

5. Two CCs to GP FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, High Court at —
Hyderabad. [OUT]

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HIGH COURT

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DATED:28/11/2025

List on 01.12.2025

ORDER

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DIRECTION

