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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK WP(C) NO.8424 OF 2022

Shree Gopal Gosala, Angul Petitioner

Mr.S.B.Panda, Adv.

-versus-

The Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Dhenkanal

Opposite Party(s)

Mr.R.P.Mohapatra, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE BISWANATH RATH

ORDER 25.4.2022

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- 02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
 - 2. It appears, on a development of seizure of cattle numbering 388 involving illegal transportation on the involvement of District Administration, vide Annexure-1, the I.I.C., Nihalprasad P.S. requested the President of the Petitioner-Gosala for taking care of such huge number of cattle, however with assurance of adequate fund being provided by the District Administration. Consequent upon the Letter dated 13.10.2019, the Petitioner commenced the maintenance of such huge number of cattle. Through Page-24 of the Brief, the transfer aspect has been established. Through the Petition, it is alleged, even after providing money for some months, there is unilateral stoppage of providing fund to the Petitioner-Gosala involved by the District Administration. Looking to the huge

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number of cattle involved and entrusted for its care and maintenance to the Petitioner, it appears, the State is lacking in discharging its responsibility. At the same time, the condition of such huge number of cattle is getting deteriorated.

- 3. This Court takes serious note of such allegation and directs for issuing notice to the O.Ps. on question of admission. Let four copies of the Brief be served on Mr.R.P.Mohapatra, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the O.Ps. in course of the day.
- 4. Put up this matter on 2.5.2022, on which date at 10.30 A.M., the Collector & District Magistrate-cum-Ex-Officio President of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Dhenkanal, O.P.1 shall appear before this Court and explain the situation involving 388 numbers of cattle involved herein. In the meantime, O.P.1 is directed to release at least a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (rupees one lakh) in favour of the Petitioner by 27.4.2022. It is clarified, if in the meantime, there is adequate arrangement for maintenance of such huge number of cattle, there may not be personal appearance of the Collector, Dhenkanal and an affidavit to this effect may be filed.
- 5. Issue urgent certified copy.

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6. A free copy of this order be served on Mr.R.P.Mohapatra, learned Additional Government Advocate.

(Biswanath Rath)
Judge

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