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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA AT SHILLONG

MC (PIL) No.6/2025 in PIL No.4/2024

Date of order: 26.09.2025

State of Meghalaya, represented by the Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Shillong.

.... Applicant

Vs.

- 1. Shri Kaustav Paul
- 2. The Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong, Meghalaya.
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong.

..... Respondents

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Thangkhiew, Chief Justice (Acting) Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

For the Applicant : Mr. A. Kumar, Advocate General with

Mr. E.R. Chyne, GA

For the Respondents : Mr. K. Paul, Sr. Adv in-person

Mr. S. Dey, Adv for R/2&3

JUDGMENT: (per the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice (Acting) (Oral)

Heard learned Advocate General and also Mr. K. Paul, learned senior Advocate appearing in person.

By the instant miscellaneous application, the applicant has sought modification of the order dated 30.08.2025 passed by this Court in the main PIL (*PIL No.4 of 2024*), whereby this Court had directed that the matter be retained before this Court in view of the peculiar nature of the case.

Learned Advocate General has drawn the attention of this Court to the order dated 22.08.2025, wherein the Supreme Court has directed that the writ petitions of all High Courts on the same issue i.e. issue of



stray dogs shall stand transferred to the Supreme Court for analogous consideration along with the main matter. He submits that in view of this direction, the instant PIL along with the records may be transferred to the Supreme Court and the order dated 30.08.2025 be modified accordingly.

Mr. K. Paul, learned senior Advocate appearing in person has no objection to the same and concurs to the submissions made by the learned Advocate General.

Mr. S. Dey, learned counsel who is present on behalf of the respondent Nos.2 and 3 has also supported the submissions made by the learned Advocate General.

In view of the submissions made and the directions of the order dated 22.08.2025 passed by the Supreme Court in *Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No(s).5 of 2025-In Re: "City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price"*, the order of this Court dated 30.08.2025 is hereby recalled and the records of the instant PIL (*PIL No.4 of 2024*) be transmitted by the Registry of this Court to the Registry of the Supreme Court at the earliest.

In view of the above, MC (PIL) No.6 of 2025 is allowed and disposed of.

(W. Diengdoh) Judge (H.S. Thangkhiew)
Chief Justice (Acting)

Meghalaya 26.09.2025