

HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK
Record of Proceedings

WP(PIL) No. 01 of 2026

IN RE- MILK REJECTION PUSHES SADAM DAIRY FARMERS TO BRINK, SOME CONSIDER SELLING CATTLE

For Petitioner :

For Respondents

R-1 : Mr. Aarohi Bhalla, Additional Advocate General (through V.C.) with Mr. Thinlay Dorjee Bhutia, Government Advocate and Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Asst. Government Advocate.

R-2 to 4 : None.

Date: 10/03/2026

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI MADAN RAI, JUDGE

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O R D E R: (per the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice)

This is a *suo moto* writ petition initiated by this High Court based on a newspaper report published in the *Sikkim Express* and also based on the report placed before the Registry by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SSLSA) pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, SSLSA.

The newspaper report as well as the report submitted by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority indicates that the milk supplied by them has been rejected and returned alleging deficiencies in standards. The report also highlights that the farmers are proposing to sell their cows as they have no other option but to stop the production of milk.

Considering the plight of these farmers and in the light of the report, we have decided to *suo moto* initiate this Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

The State appears through the learned Additional Advocate General.

Issue notice to other Respondents returnable within two weeks.

Stand over to 30th March, 2026.

(Meenakshi Madan Rai)
Judge

(A. Muhamed Mustaque)
Chief Justice