

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(s) :

For Respondent(s)

R-1 : Mr. Aarohi Bhalla, Additional Advocate General  
with Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Asstistant Government  
Advocate.R-2 & 4 : Mr. Safal Sharma and Ms. Shreya Sharma,  
Advocates.  
Mr. B.R. Khatiwara, Additional Director (Plant and  
Marketing), Gangtok.  
Dr. Ganaranjit Gurung, Manager (Procurement &  
Input) Regional Office Karfectar.

R-3 : None.

**Date: 30/03/2026****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 Chief Justice)**

The Respondent Nos. 2 and 4 have entered appearance.

Notice issued to Respondent No.3 has not been served.

Respondent No.2 shall provide proper address and contact details of  
Respondent No.3.

This is not a matter where State can resile from their obligation to help the  
farmers, as reported by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SSLSA), As  
conceded by the learned Counsel appearing for Respondent Nos.2 and 4, that  
there have been instances where the supply made by the farmers attached to  
Respondent No.3 has been rejected as not up to the quality standards prescribed  
by Respondent No.2. No doubt, if the quality standards are not met, the milk  
supplied by the farmers attached to Respondent No.3 is bound to be rejected.  
But, at the same time, their plight cannot be ignored. It is where the intervention  
of the State is required to ensure that the milk supplied by Respondent No.3 is up  
to the quality parameters prescribed by Respondent No.2. In what manner the

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quality parameters can be ensured is only known to the experts. It is for the State to intervene and suggest the remedial measures to enhance the quality.

We hope that the State will intervene immediately to protect the interests of the farmers.

The State shall report about the steps taken before this Court by next posting.

We also appoint Mrs. Manita Pradhan, Advocate, as Amicus Curiae to assist this Court in this matter. Registry is directed to reflect the name of the Amicus Curiae in the next cause-list.

Stand over to 07<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

**(Meenakshi Madan Rai)**  
**Judge**

**(A. Muhamed Mustaque)**  
**Chief Justice**

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