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Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and Ors.

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**Hon'ble Judges/Coram:** 

Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and A.K. Menon, JJ.

**Brief Facts** 

In this Public Interest Litigation, the attention of the Court is invited to the plight of the horses and

ponies used for victorias and horse carriages in the City of Mumbai. It is pointed out that the

victorias/horse carriages are being used in the City of Mumbai only for joyrides and not as a mode

of public conveyance. The attention of the Court is also invited to the conditions of horse stables

in the City of Mumbai.

The First Petitioner made an Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 seeking

information about the licences granted to the stables of horses and ponies used for pulling the

carriages and joyrides in the City of Mumbai. The information was furnished by the First

Respondent Mumbai Municipal Corporation. The Municipal Corporation stated that a licence

under Section 394 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act of 1888 is issued for horses' stables.

It was, however, contended that the subject of granting permission to keep the horses for

entertainment/horse rides/joy carts does not come within the purview of the Public Health

Department of the said Corporation. It was stated that the prosecutions have been lodged against

the four horse stables from "D" Ward Office. there were four horse stables existing in the city of

Mumbai which are unlicensed for which the prosecutions have been lodged. The Municipal

Corporation forwarded to the Petitioners special conditions which are incorporated in the licenses

granted for keeping the horses. In the said stables, the horses are consistently standing in their own

dung for hours. The dung is thrown into dustbins and is allowed to flow into the drains. The stables

are maintained in a very unhygienic condition. The dung of the horses and ponies can cause tetanus