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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 7493/2022 & CM APPL. 22886/2022

GAURAV KUMAR BANSAL Petitioner

Through: *Appearance not given.*

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Anurag Ahluwalia, CGSC and Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Saurabh Tripathi & Mr. Ghanshyam Jha, Advocates for UOI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
01.09.2023

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1. Learned counsel for Petitioner states that his grievance arose in respect of four non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) used in veterinary care, which are admittedly toxic to Vultures, three of which already stand banned, namely, 'Acelofenac', 'Ketoprofen', 'Diclofenac', whereas the sole remaining drug, 'Nimesulide' continues to be sold in the market.

2. The Court is informed that an affidavit has been filed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, which is not on record. Learned counsel for Union of India seeks and is granted two weeks' time to place it on record. In view thereof, Union of India is also directed to furnish



the reasons as to why the drug ‘Nimesulide’ has not been banned, and deliberations undertaken in this regard.

3. List on 20th September, 2023.

SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CJ

SANJEEV NARULA, J

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023/ns