

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CWP No.6921 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.08.2018

Randhir Singh and another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Ms. Simmy, Advocate for
Mr. N.S. Lucky, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By way of the present petition, the petitioners seek issuance of directions to respondent Nos.2 & 3 to take action on the representation filed by the petitioners and other villagers against respondent Nos.4 & 5 for restraining them to continue with pig farming in the residential area.

On behalf of the petitioners, it is asserted that respondent Nos.4 & 5 are running pig farming in the residential area due to which the atmosphere of the area has become unbearable resulting into unhygienic conditions and foul smell created by the pigs.

Learned State counsel informs that reports from the concerned department i.e. Senior Veterinary Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Block Development and Panchayat Officer were obtained

wherein it has been stated that the pigs in question are not suffering from any disease and health wise these are fit and the authorities are in constant touch with the pig farm owners. She further states that the gram panchayat is ready to shift the pig farms to the shamlat land.

Heard.

As per reply, ten families of a particular community are involved in raising around 70 pigs which cannot be said to be a piggery farm. The raising of pig is a cattle wealth of the farmers throughout the country, however, on account of some religious sanction, it is limited to a few castes of erstwhile untouchables like the other cattle. It is a cattle wealth for the poor who raise it and one or two cattle do not constitute farms. Moreover, the owners belong to the poorest of the communities and they have no other source of income.

Keeping in view the above, the instant petition is devoid of merit and the same is dismissed.

However, if gram panchayat wants, it can allot reasonable land to the private respondents along with the necessary fund for raising the necessary infrastructure to keep cattle.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes	No
Yes	No