

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

**CWP-PIL No.49 of 2019  
Date of Decision :08.03.2019**

**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India**

**.....Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present : Mr. Ankur Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Ms. Rameeza Hakeem, Addl.A.G. Punjab.

**KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral):**

This writ petition in the nature of Public Interest has been filed seeking the following main relief:

**“issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 to 5 to ensure that the Bullock Cart Race is not held in the State of Punjab, being in violation of the provisions of Sections 3 and 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the law declared by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Animal Welfare Board of India Versus A. Nagaraja and others; (2014) 7, Supreme Court Cases 547”.**

It is contended that in the upcoming Kila Raipur Sports Festival scheduled to be held on March 8-10, 2019, the organizers are going to have bullock cart races as one of the event and the same is in violation of the provisions of Sections 3 and 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,

1960 as also the law declared by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **Animal Welfare Board of India Versus A. Nagaraja and others; (2014) 7, Supreme Court Cases 547.**

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Punjab, on the basis of instructions, states before us that no permission either has been granted or will be granted for holding any Bullock Cart Race in the upcoming event. It is also pointed out that the certain State amendments have been proposed in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, by means of prevention of cruelty to animals (Punjab Amendment Act, 2019) which has been passed by the State Legislative Assembly however, since the Presidential assent has not yet been received, therefore, till such time the proposed amendment receive the Presidential assent no application for permission for hosting any such event would be entertained.

In the wake of the statement made by the learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, we see no cause of action surviving to the petitioner to maintain this petition any further and the same accordingly stands dismissed.

**(KRISHNA MURARI)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(ARUN PALLI)**  
**JUDGE**

08.03.2019

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |