



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.364/2023

Mohammad Anis Mohammad Hanif Qureshi and Ors. .Vs. The Commissioner of
Police, Amravati and Others.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Ms S. Lakhani, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. S. S. Doifode, A.P.P. for respondent Nos. 1 and 3.

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE AND Y. G. KHOBRADE, JJ.

DATE : OCTOBER 9, 2025

Counsel for petitioner submits that the prayer is restricted to the directions to the respondents to act strictly in accordance with Section 8 of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, 1976 ("Act of 1976")

2. Learned A.P.P. submits that Section 8 of the Act provides for entry, search, seizure and custody of cattle. It provides that police officer, not below the rank of Sub Inspector or any person authorised in that behalf by the State Government may, for the purpose of securing compliance of provisions, enter, stop and search any vehicle used or intended to be used for the export of cow, bull or bullock.

3. Learned A.P.P. submits that the officer in the present case, who has taken action is of the rank of Sub Inspector and, therefore, he is authorised to act in terms of Section 8 of the Act of 1976.

4. We accept the statement.

5. That being so, the purpose of filing present petition is served. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

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