

**Pawan Kumar Versus State of H.P. and others a/w
connected matters**

[Item S-5]

**CWPIL No.61 of 2023 a/w CWPIL No.73 of 2022
and CWP No.2895 of 2023**

CWPIL No.61 of 2023

31.07.2025 Present: Mr. Abhishek Dulta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 7-State.

Mr. Praveen Kumar Bhatti, Central Government Standing Counsel, for respondents No.8 and 9-UOI.

CWPIL No.73 of 2022

Mr. Adarsh K. Vashista and Mr. Shivom Vashista, Advocates, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No.1 to 4-State.

Mr. Mukul Sood, Advocate, for respondent No.5-Municipal Corporation, Dharamshala.

CWP No.2895 of 2023

Mr. Jyotirmay Bhatt, Advocate for Mr. Naresh Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Pranay Pratap Singh, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Compliance affidavit has been filed in CWPIL No.73 of 2022 by the Commissioner, Dharamshala Municipal Corporation, Mr. Jafar Iqbal.

2. A perusal of the aforesaid affidavit would go on to show that in pursuance of the last order, meeting was

conducted by involving the officials of District Administration, Animal Husbandry Department, Police Department and the concerned NGOs to deliberate on the “Stray Cattle Free City Campaign” and Task Force, as such, was set up to submit a comprehensive report.

3. Resultantly, it was decided that for relocation of Cattle at Gou Sadan, at Sarah, a sum of Rs.3,000/- has to be deposited with the Corporation and if there is intentional release of domestic pet/animals, then penalty of Rs.5,000/- would be imposed. Thus, a sum of Rs.70,230/- has been duly collected in respect of 23 pet cows relocated to the Gou Sadan Sarah, which is being run by the Municipal Corporation @ Rs.3,000/-.

4. Once the capacity at Sarah, as such, is filled then the surplus cattle have been shifted to Cow Sanctuary at Luthan, Jawalamukhi, since there is capacity of only 58 animals at Sarah.

5. Reference has been made to 175 stray cattle shifted to Cow Sanctuary Luthan, Jawalamukhi, which are bulls. It has also been mentioned that there is continuous surveillance and public sensitization to IEC activities and coordination with rural *Panchayats* and the Corporation remains committed to full timely implementation of the

order passed to maintain Dharamshala as “Stray Cattle Free City.”

6. Keeping in view the pro-active steps taken by Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, we are of the considered opinion that such mechanism should be put in place across all MCs in the State, where there is menace of cattle.

7. Learned Advocate General present, accepts this suggestion, as such, and submits that necessary steps shall be also be taken to have common plan as put in place at Dharamshala, so that menace of stray cattle, as such is reduced, who are firstly relocated to the local cow shelters in the close vicinity and thereafter to the larger cow shelters in respective districts.

8. Keeping in view the fact that pro-active initiatives have been taken by the officials of the Municipal Corporation, Dharamshala, which is commendable exercise done to redress the long sufferings/grievances not only of the residents, but also to commuters making cattle free street's; making them accident free both from vehicular traffic and also some time on account of happening where people are trampled by bulls which are sparing in the streets. Apart from the fact that the problem

of cow dung, infection and sanitary conditions are effected in the towns if cattle are freely roaming.

9. It is also brought to our notice that there are 209 Cow Sadan's and construction of 9 more Cow Sanctuary's are under process. The following Cow Sanctuaries/Gou Sadan are already established in the State:-

Sr. No.	District	Particulars of Cow Sanctuary/Big Gausadans
1.	Sirmour	Cow Sanctuary Kotla Barog, Tehsil Rajgarh, District Sirmour.
2.	Una	Una Cow Sanctuary Thana Kalan, Thana Khas, Tehsil Bangana, District Una.
3.	Solan	Cow Sanctuary Handa Kundi, Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan.
4	Hamirpur	Big Gausadan Kheri, Tehsil Sujanpur, District Hamirpur.
5		Big Gausadan, Gasota
6	Kangra	Cow Sanctuary Luthan, District Kangra.
7		Cow Sanctuary Kudan, District Kangra.
8		Cow Sanctuary Kanghain (Jaisinghpur), District Kangra.
9		Gausadan Khajjian (strengthening).
10		Cow Sanctuary Khabbal (Jawali) District Kangra.
11		Big Gausadan Bai Attarian.
12	Shimla	Big Gausadan Sunni, District Shimla.
13	Mandi	Big Gosadan Longini, District Mandi.

10. Accordingly, keeping in view the above, the State should ensure that the Cow Sanctuary/Big Cow Sadan is set up in each districts for the facilitation of the above mentioned exercise.

11. It is pointed out from the affidavit dated 29.03.2025 filed by the Secretary [Animal Husbandry] to the Government of Himachal Pradesh that construction of *Tudi* Store is under progress besides setting up of 6 CC TV Cameras for Cow Sanctuary at Luthan.

12. Resultantly, affidavit also be filed regarding whether needful has been done.

13. List the matter on **15.09.2025**.

14. Before the order could be signed, it is brought to our notice that a News Item is published in "*Himachal Tribune*" dated 01.08.2025, whereby, it has been mentioned that Palampur is grappling with stray cattle menace. News Item is taken on record.

15. We call upon the Deputy Commissioner, Kangra District-respondent No.7 to file an affidavit as to what steps are being taken to cope with the said issue since especially when Kangra District itself has six Cow Sanctuaries.

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

July 31, 2025
(Bhardwaj/Himani)