

Topic: Ban On The Slaughter Of The Progeny Of A Cow Under Article 48

Name of the case: State of Gujarat v. Mirzapur Moti Kureshi Kasab Jamaat, AIR 2006 SC 212

Bench: Justice AK Mathur

Fact of the case: The Bombay Animal Prevention (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 1994 was challenged. By this amendment the age of the bull and bullock which was existed at the time that is the bull below the age of 16 years and bullock below the age of 16 years cannot be slaughtered was deleted. By this amendment the age restriction was totally taken away and that means that no bull and bullock respective of the age shall be slaughtered.

Judgment: The Supreme Court upheld a total ban on the slaughter of the progeny of a cow. The word "calves and other drouht cattle" were construed as a matter of description of species and not with regard to age or person and only so as to distinguish such cattle from other cattle.