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Honourable Minister Badri Prasad Pandey
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Dear Minister,

Namaste! I am writing to you not only as an actor and advocate for animals but also as someone who holds Nepal close to his heart. When I see your beautiful country, I am reminded of its rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and, most of all, the warmth and hospitality of its people. Nepal is a nation I deeply admire, and it is this admiration that compels me to reach out to you today.

I recently learned of the plans to revive the elephant games at the Chitwan Elephant Festival. While I understand the tradition and allure these events might have for some, I must respectfully share my concerns about the impact they have on the elephants involved. These intelligent, sensitive animals endure immense physical and emotional strain during these games. Behind the scenes, they are often subjected to harsh training methods and gruelling conditions that no living being should have to bear.

As someone who has witnessed the beauty of elephants in their natural habitat, I can tell you that they symbolise strength, grace, and wisdom. They are a national treasure in so many ways, and Nepal has the opportunity to lead the way in showing the world how to respect and protect these magnificent animals.

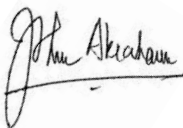
Nepal is uniquely positioned to inspire global travellers by offering experiences rooted in compassion and sustainability. Replacing events like elephant polo and football with ethical wildlife tourism initiatives could elevate Nepal's reputation as a world leader in eco-tourism while ensuring that your wildlife is celebrated and protected.

I humbly urge you, Honourable Minister, to cancel the elephant games and steer Nepal towards a future where traditions can evolve to reflect our shared values of kindness and respect for all living, feeling beings. I would be honoured to support such efforts and help showcase Nepal's leadership in humane tourism to audiences worldwide.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this heartfelt appeal. Nepal holds a special place in my heart, and I am confident that its bright future will be shaped by decisions that honour its people, wildlife, and unparalleled natural beauty.

Please let me know what you decide. You can contact me through Sachin Bangera, my friend at PETA India, at SachinB@petaindia.org.

Warm regards,



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