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(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

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No. 17-12/2019-2020/PCA/JK

Date: 11.01.2026

To

1. The Chief Secretary,
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2. The Director General of Police, Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
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3. The Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services,
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4. All the District Collector's of Tamil Nadu.

Subject: Jallikattu events for the year 2026 in the State of Tamil Nadu - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Jallikattu events will be conducted from 14th January to 31st May every year in such places as notified by the State Government in Tamil Nadu. Further, it is stated that Government of Tamil Nadu has notified prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2017 and Tamil Nadu Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Conduct of Jallikattu) Rules 2017 which allows the State to conduct of Jallikattu.

2. In this regard, it is submitted that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgement dated 18.05.2023 in W.P.(C) No.23 of 2016 "AWBI Vs UoI and Ors" allowed the amendment Acts of Tamil Nadu, which allowed the amendment Acts of Tamil Nadu, which allowed the conducting of bullock races event such as Jallikattu. The relevant part of the judgement is as below:

"Tamil Nadu Amendment Act read along with the Rules framed in that behalf is not directly contrary to the ratio of the judgment in the case of A. Nagaraja (Supra) and judgment of this Court delivered on 16th November, 2016 dismissing the plea for Review of the A. Nagaraja (supra) judgment as we are of the opinion that the defects pointed out in the aforesaid two judgements have been overcome by the State Amendment Act read with the Rules made in that behalf.

41. Our decision on the Tamil Nadu Amendment Act would also guide the Maharashtra and the Karnataka Amendment Acts and we find all the three amendment Acts to be valid legislations.

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42. However, we direct the law contained in the Act/Rules/Notification shall be strictly enforced by the authorities. In particular, we direct that the District Magistrates/competent authorities shall be responsible for ensuring strict compliance of the law, as amended along with its Rules/Notifications.

All the I.As for Intervention are allowed in the above terms. As we have answered the referred questions, we do not think any purpose would be served in keeping the writ petitions pending. All the writ petitions shall stand dismissed. The appeal and the transferred case shall also stand disposed of in the above terms".

3. In view of the foregoing, it is District Magistrates/competent authorities shall ensure the strict compliance of the law, as amended along with its Rules/Notifications and the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Also, the AWBI Officer(s) may visit any of the event organized during the 2026, for inspection and monitoring of the event.

4. In addition to the above, the Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and District Administration of the concerned District are directed to send a copy of the notification of the Jallikattu event to be held seven days prior to the conduct of the event at support-awbi@awbi.gov.in. The concerned District Administration, Police Department, Animal Husbandry Department are requested to extend full co-operation to the AWBI Officer(s) of the AWBI during the inspection of Jallikattu event. The AWBI Officer(s) may be given police protection and freedom to cover and record all proceeding of the Jallikattu event through photo/videography and also requested to arrange for local conveyance and accommodation, if required.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. Muthukumarasamy B)

Copy to: for information and further necessary action please.

1. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board, Chennai
2. The Secretary, AWBI