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Government of India

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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To

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

Subject: Kambala Race events during the year 2026 in the State of Karnataka-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that Kambala Race event is scheduled to be conducted from 3rd January to 25th April, 2026 in such places as notified by the State Government of Karnataka. Further it is stated that Government of Karnataka has notified The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 which allows the state to conduct of Kambala Race.

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 Karnataka for conducting of "Bulls race or Bullock cart race" or "Kambala" event. The relevant part of the judgment 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.

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.

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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 year 2026, for inspection and monitoring of the event.

4. In addition to the above, the Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Govt. of Karnataka and District Administration of the concerned District are directed to send a copy of the notification of the Kambala Race event(s) to be held seven days prior to the conduct of the event at support-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 Kambala event. The AWBI Officer(s) may be given police protection and freedom to cover and record all proceeding of the Kambala event through photo/videography and also requested to arrange for local conveyance and accommodation, if required.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S. K. Dutta)

Copy to: for information and further necessary action please.

1. The Member Secretary, Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, Bengaluru.
2. The Secretary, AWBI