

Bill No. 22 of 2009

THE BAN ON COW SLAUGHTER BILL, 2009

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to prohibit the slaughter of cow and its progeny.

WHEREAS article 48 of the Constitution enjoins on the State to organise agricultural and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines and in particular to take steps for preserving and improving the breeds and prohibiting the slaughter of cow and its progeny.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixtieth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Ban on Cow Slaughter Act, 2009.

Short title and
commence-
ment.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

5 **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “cow” includes a bull, bullock, ox, heifer or calf.

Definition.

Prohibition of slaughter of cow. **3.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or any usage or custom to the contrary, no person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered or offer or cause to be offered for slaughter any cow in any place.

Prohibition of sale of beef. **4.** No person shall sell or offer for sale or cause to be sold beef or beef products in any form for any purpose. 5

Punishment. **5.** Any person who slaughters a cow or is caught selling beef or beef products shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to ten years or with fine which may extend to rupees one lakh or with both.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 48 of the Constitution enjoins on the State to organise agricultural and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines and in particular to take steps for preserving and improving the breeds and prohibiting the slaughter of cow and its progeny. In view of the consideration that the cow and its entire progeny must be saved to provide milk, as well as manure, it becomes imperative to impose complete ban on the cow slaughter.

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