

Bill No. 3 of 2021

THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

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further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Act, 2021. Short title and commencement.

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

2. In section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, in sub-section (1), for the words “he shall be punishable, in the case of a first offence, with fine which shall not be less than ten rupees but which may extend to fifty rupees, and in the case of a second or subsequent offence committed within three years of the previous offence, with fine which shall not be less than twenty-five rupees but which may extend to one hundred rupees or

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Amendment of section 11.

with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both.”, the words “he shall be punishable, in the case of a first offence, with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend upto one year or with both, and in the case of a second or subsequent offence, with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees 5 but which may extend to one lakh rupees and with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to two years.” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The laws in our country, in particular the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, meant for the protection and safety of animals are ineffective, considering the meagre or less penalties prescribed, which are neither proportional to the gravity of the offences committed nor enough to prevent such offences by creating any deterrent effect on the persons committing such offence against animals.

A fine of fifty rupees is not adequate fine when it comes to offences which may result in severe injury to animals. The consequence of such miniscule amount of fine and sentence for such grave and serious offences is the recurring incidents of animal abuse.

Therefore, an amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, with increased amount of fine and sentence so as to create a deterrence to prevent cruelty against animals is urgently required.

Hence, this Bill.

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ANNEXURE

EXTRACT FROM THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT, 1960

(59 OF 1960)

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Treating animals cruelty.

11. (1) If any person—

(a) beats, kicks, over-rides, over-drives, over-loads, tortures or otherwise treats any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering or causes, or being the owner permits, any animal to be so treated; or

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(o) promotes or takes part in any shooting match or competition wherein animals are released from captivity for the purpose of such shooting:

he shall be punishable in the case of a first offence, with fine which shall not be less than ten rupees but which may extend to fifty rupees, and in the case of a second or subsequent offence committed within three years of the previous offence, with fine which shall not be less than twenty-five rupees but which may extend to one hundred rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both.

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