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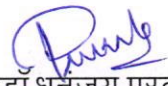
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प्रति,

जिल्हा पशुसंवर्धन उपआयुक्त तथा,
सदस्य सचिव, जिल्हा प्राणी क्लेश प्रतिबंधक सोसायटी,
(सर्व जिल्हे)

विषय: Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (Transport Of Animals On Foot) Rules,
२००१ Notification दिनांक २६/०३/२००१ तसेच The Prevention of Cruelty to
Draught and Pack Animals Rules, १९६५ (as amended upto ९th December,
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सदर पत्रान्वये आपणास सूचित करण्यात येते कि, सोबत जोडलेल्या Prevention of Cruelty of
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(डाॅ धर्नजय परकाळे)

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Bullocks being used during night for transportation of sugarcane violating Transport of Animals by Foot Rules & Death of Bullock due overloading of Sugarcane

1 message

Ajay Marathe <marathe.ajay@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 10:16 AM

To: psec.adf@maharashtra.gov.in, CAH Pune <cahpune@gmail.com>, SAWB Office ID <cah.addcomm@gmail.com>, "DDC, Planning, Commissioner Animal Husbandry" <cah.planning@gmail.com>, mahaanimalwelfareboard@gmail.com

To,

Secretary , Animal Husbandry , Maharashtra,

Commissioner Animal Husbandry Maharashtra,

Member Secretary Maharashtra Animal Welfare Board

Respected Sirs,

Further to my forwarded mail below , I would respectfully like to point out the following provision of the Transport of Animals on foot as below

Section 12 (1)

No Person shall transport on foot an Animal before sunrise or sunset.

I understand that transport of sugarcane using bullock carts takes place even at night in various districts of Maharashtra.

May I request you to please ensure thru SPCAs that this section 12 (1) is followed strictly.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ajay Marathe** <marathe.ajay@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 4:58 PM

Subject: Death of Bullock due overloading of Sugarcane & extreme climate conditions- Place Taluka Shirur , District Pune.

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Please see 5:47 onwards of the video clip below.

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Please note the maximum & minimum temperatures.

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Thanks & Rgds
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Petitioner in Bullock Cart Races Matter at HC Bombay

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS ON FOOT) RULES, 2001

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th March, 2001

S.O.268 (E) - Whereas the draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of Animals on Foot) Rules, 2000 were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), under the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment number S.O.1163(E) dated the 26th December 2000 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub Section (ii) dated the 27th December, 2000 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the said notification are made available to the public.

And, whereas copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 1st January, 2001.

And, whereas no objection or suggestion has been received from the public in respect of the said rules by the Central Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:

1. Short title and commencement :

- (1) These rules may be called the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of Animals on Foot) Rules, 2001**
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions : In these rules unless the context otherwise requires -

a. "animal" means livestock and includes the following animals namely-

- (i) cattle including cow, bulls and bullocks, buffalo bulls and bullocks, cows, buffaloes, Mithuns, yaks and calves.
- (ii) equines including horses, ponies, mules and donkeys.
- (iii) horse including entires (stallions), goldings, brood mares, colts and fillies
- (iv) goat including adult goat, male or female of two years age and above.
- (v) ruck including male goat
- (vi) kid young goat below one year of age.
- (vii) nanny female goat
- (viii) sheep including adult sheep, male or female of two years age and above
- (ix) ewe female sheep
- (x) lamb young sheep below one year of age
- (xi) ram male sheep
- (xii) wether includes male lamb that has been castrated before reaching sexual maturity
- (xiii) pig includes adult pig, male or female of one year of age or above
- (xiv) piglet includes young pig below one year of age.

b. "veterinary doctor" means a person registered with the Veterinary Council of India established under the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (52 of 1984)

c. "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules.

3. Application of the rules - These rules shall apply to transport of animals on foot when the distance from the boundary of village or town or city of the origin of such transport to the last destination is 5 km or more than 5 km.

4. Condition of health of animals transported on foot-

(1) Every animal to be transported on foot shall be healthy and in good condition for such transport.

(2) A certificate of a veterinary doctor in respect of each animal to be transported to the effect that such animal is in a fit condition for such transportation and is not suffering from any infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases and that it has been vaccinated against any infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases shall accompany such animal.

(3) The certificate under sub rule (1) shall be in the form as specified in the **First Schedule**.

5. Certain animals not to transport on foot - New born animals of which the navel has not completely healed, diseased, blind, emaciated, lame, fatigued, or having given birth during the preceding seventy two hours or likely to give birth during transport shall not be transported on foot.

6. Transport in on-farm social group - Animal shall be transported in their on farm social groups (established at least one week prior to journey)

7. First aid equipment to accompany animals transported on foot - The owner of the animals shall provide veterinary first aid equipment to be accompanied with such animals while transported on foot.

8. Certificate to be carried during transportation - In case the person transporting the animals on foot is not the owner of the animal then such person shall carry a certificate as specified in the **Second Schedule** during such transportation.

9. Watering arrangement during transportation of animals - The owner of the animals shall make watering arrangement in route during transport of such animals on foot.

10. Feed and fodder arrangements during transportation of animals - Sufficient feed and fodder with adequate reserve of such feed and fodder for the animals shall be made available by their owner during their transport on foot.

11. Prohibition of the use of whip, etc during transportation of animals on foot -

(1) No person shall use a whip or a stick in order to force the animal to walk or to hasten the pace of their walk nor such person shall apply chillies or any other substance to any part of the body of the animal for this purpose during their transportation on foot.

(2) If any animal needs to be tied during transport on foot, it shall be tied by a rope covered with suitable cushioning such as cloth around its leg and such animal shall not be tied by its nose, all legs or any other part of the body except by its neck.

(3) If more than one animal is to be tied adjacent to one another by a single rope during their transport on foot, the space between any two of such animals shall be minimum two feet and animals so tied shall be of similar physical condition and strength and no more than two such animals shall be tied adjacent to each other by a single rope.

12. Certain Prohibition on transport of animals on foot

(1) No person shall transport on foot an animal before sunrise or after sunset.

(2) No animal shall be transported on foot beyond the distance, time, rest interval and temperature specified for such animal in the Table below, namely :-

Species (Animal)	Maximum distance covered/ day/hour	Maximum no. of walking/day of hours (Travelling)	Period of rest (Interval)	Temperature range	
				Max.	Min.
Cattle (Cows)	30 km/day 4 km/hr	8 hours	At every 2 hours for drinking and at every 4 hrs for feeding	12deg.C	30 deg.C
Buffaloes	25 km/day 3 km/hr	8 hours	At every 2 hours for drinking and at every 4 hrs for feeding	12 deg.C	30 deg.C
Cows and Buffaloes Calves	16 km/day 2.5 km/hr	6 hours	At every 1½ hrs drinking and at every 3 hrs. for feeding	15deg.C	25 deg.C
Horses, Ponies, Mules, Donkeys	45 km/day 6 km/hr	8 hours	At every 3 hrs for drinking and at every 6 hrs. for feeding	12deg.C	30 deg.C
Young ones (Foal)	25 km/day 4 km/hr	6 hours	At every 2hrs. for drinking and at every 4 hrs. for feeding	15 deg.C	25 deg.C
Goats and Sheep	30 km/day 4 km/hr	8 hours	At every 2 hrs. for drinking and at every 4 hrs. for feeding	12 deg.C	30 deg.C
Kids and Lambs	16 km/day 2.5km/hr	6 hours	At every 1½ hrs. for drinking and at every 3 hrs. for feeding	15deg.C	25deg.C
Pigs	15 km/day 2 km/hr	8 hours	At every 1½ hrs. for drinking and at every 3 hrs. for feeding	12deg.C	25deg.C
Piglets	10 km/day 1.5 km/hr	6 hours	At every 1½hrs. for drinking and at every 3 hrs. for feeding	15 deg.C	25 deg.C

Note : After being provided with water every animal shall be given a break of 20 minutes before the commencement of the transport of the animal on foot and in case of feeding the break shall be given for one hour before the commencement of the transport of the animal on foot.

(3) No animal shall be made to walk under conditions of heavy rain, thunderstorms or extremely dry or sultry conditions during its transport on foot.

13. Transportation of animals in certain cases not permitted without shoes - Animals whose hooves are not provided with shoes (as in the case of pack or draught animals) shall not be transported on foot on hard cement, bitumen-coated or metalled roads, steep gradients or hilly and rocky terrain, irrespective of weather conditions (summer or winter)

14. Power of Police to require the owner to take animal to nearest Magistrate -

(1) If any police officer above the rank of constable or any other person authorised in this behalf by the Central or state Government or by the Animal Welfare Board of India by the general or special order, has reason to believe that an offence has been or is being committed in respect of an animal in contravention of these rules, he may require the owner or other person in charges of such animal to take the animal to the nearest magistrate.

(2) If the owner or the person in charge of the animals referred to in sub rule (1) refuses to comply with the demands of the police officer under that sub rule, it shall be lawful for such police officer or such other persons to take the animal to the nearest magistrate.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form for Certificate of fitness for transport of animals

(See rule 4 (3))

This Certificate should be completed and signed by a qualified Veterinary Doctor

Date and time of examination

Species

Number of Trucks/Railway Wagons

Number of Cattle

Sex Age

Identification

Breed (giving characteristics) - Area where it is found
with status regarding general resistance and heat tolerance

Individual Features of the animal -

Body colour

Height

Body weight (approx)

Animal length

Breadth (measured between pelvic bones)

Colour of the eyes

Shape of the horns

General conditions (like fleshy, bony projections)

Health Status

History of the animal, feed status whether or not sign of anorexia/diarrhea

1. Record Body Temperature
2. Examine eyes for bulging or protrusion of eyeball, blindness, Corneal opacity & specify
3. Condition of skin,
(including signs of dehydration, injuries, anorexia (check for presence of warts on the skin))
4. Ears
Examine ears - (check for animal body response to hearing, check for any infection, inflammation or secretion
(a) excess of wax, blood or any fluid)
5. Examine sub maxillary space for swelling
(for any abnormality or pain)
6. Check for status of pregnancy of female animal

If yes - which stage 1st, 2nd or 3rd stage

7. Examine udder & teats & specify
 - a. Relative size of quarters
 - b. Check for signs of swelling/atrophy/fibrous
 - c. In duration on palpation of individual quarter and specify.
 - d. Check teat canal for teat tumour or fibrosis of teat canal and specify.
8.
 - a) If female - check
Check for sign of vaginal discharge on examination of the vulva and specify
 - b) In male - check
Testicles- Size, any sign/abnormalities for monogastric animals
Penis - injury, abrasions or the sheath, discharges to be recorded
9. Sign of abdominal pain (check for gait or posture of the animal, check for signs of abdominal distention, left flank to be checked for rumen examination (full, empty) tympani/blood
10. Digestive System
Examine mouth and specify
 - 1 Detail out dentition
 - 2 Specify - evidences of
 - tooth damage
 - broken or worn incisors
11. Respiratory system
 - a. Record Respiration rate
 - b. Auscultation & specify for signs of dyspnoea, respiratory distress & specify
12. In cows possessing horns check and specify
 - a. shape of horns
 - b. number of horn rings
 - c. any difference in the direction
 - d. or appearance of two horns
13. Examine ribs for fracture and specify
14. Examine abdominal wall for presence of ventral or umbilical hernia and specify.
15. Examine limbs and joints for bony enlargements or synovial distentions & specify check for signs of lameness - specify
16. Examine interdigital space for any lesions check and specify
17. Any indications of foot soreness, excessive wear of soles or laminitis

18. Examine circulatory system
1. Specify pulse rate
 2. Check for presence of oedema dependent portion or ascitis and specify
19. Transported from _____ to _____ via

I hereby certify that I have read the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Transport of animals on Foot) Rules, 2001.

1. That, at the request of (Consignor) , I examined the above mentioned Cattle in the goods vehicle/ railway wagons not more than 12 hours before their departure.
2. That each cattle appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail/road and is not showing any signs of infectious or contagious or parastic disease and that it has been vaccinated against rinderpest and any other infections or contagious or parasitic disease(s)
3. That the cattle were adequately fed and watered for the purpose of the journey.
4. That the cattle have been vaccinated.
(a) Type of vaccine (b) Date of vaccination :

Date _____

Signed _____

Address _____

Qualification _____

SECOND SCHEDULE
Authorisation certificate
(See rule 8)

1. Name and age of the owner :
2. Father's Name :
3. Address of the Owner :
4. No. of animals for transport specifying species, age and sex of each animal
5. Name of the person/persons transporting the animals
6. Specify the place of origin and the place of last destination of such animals for transport
7. Attach a copy of the veterinary certificate granted under Rule 8
8. Details of feed, fodder and watering arrangements provided during transport of such animals

I do hereby declare that I am the owner of the aforementioned animals. I have authorized Shri _____ S/o _____ r/o _____ to transport the said animals. I have read and understood the Transport of Animals on Foot Rules, 2001 and undertake that the said Rules have been and would be complied with during transport.

I do hereby state that the above information is true and correct.

Sd/-
(Owner)

To be filled in by the Transporter

I _____ S/o _____ r/o _____ do hereby give my consent to transport the aforementioned animals from the aforesaid place of origin to the place of destination.

I have read and understood the Transport of Animals on Foot Rules, 2001 and undertake that the said Rules would be complied with during transport.

I do hereby state that the above information is true and correct.

Sd/-
(Transporter)
[F.No.19/1/2000-AWD]
DHARMENDRA DEO, Jt. Secy.

**THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO DRAUGHT AND
PACK ANIMALS RULES, 1965.
(as amended upto 9th December, 1968)***

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by sub-section (i) of that section, namely

The Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animals Rules, 1965

1. Short title and commencement:

- (1) These rules may be called the Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animals Rules, 1965.
- (2) They shall come into force in any State on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires
 - (a) "large bullock" or "large buffalo" respectively means a bullock or buffalo, the weight of which exceeds 350 kilograms;
 - (b) "medium bullock" or "medium buffalo" respectively means a bullock or buffalo, the weight of which exceeds 250 kilograms, but does not exceed 350 kilograms
 - (c) "small bullock" or "small buffalo" respectively means a bullock or buffalo, the weight of which does not exceed 250 kilograms ;
 - (d) "street" includes any way, road, lane, square, alley or passage, whether a throughfare or not over which the public have a right of way; "vehicle" means a wheeled conveyance of any description which is capable of being used as such on any street.
- (2). For the purposes of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-rule (1), the weight of an animal shall be determined by applying any of the following formulae, namely:

$$\frac{\text{length} \times \text{Girth}^2 \text{ in cms.}}{10838} = \text{Weight of animal in kgms}$$

or

$$\frac{9(\text{length in cms.} \times \text{Girth in cms}^2)}{1,00,000}$$

3. Maximum loads for draught animals:

1. No person shall cause any animal specified in column 1 of the table below to draw a vehicle of the kind described in the corresponding entry in column 2 thereof if it carries a load in excess of the weight specified in the corresponding entry in column 3 thereof

Sno	1	2	3
@	Small bullock or small buffalo	Two-wheeled vehicle	
		a) if fitted with ball bearing	1000 kilograms
		b)if fitted with pneumatic tyres	750 kilograms
		c)if not fitted with pneumatic tyres	500 kilograms
2.	Medium bullock or medium buffalo	Two-wheeled vehicle	
		a) if fitted with ball bearing	1400 kilograms
		b)if fitted with pneumatic tyres	1050 kilograms
		c)if not fitted with pneumatic tyres	900 kilograms
3.	Large bullock or large buffalo	Tow-wheeled -vehicle	
		a) if fitted with ball bearing	1800 kilograms
		b)if fitted with pneumatic tyres	1350 kilograms
		c)if not fitted with pneumatic tyres	900 kilograms
4.	Horse or mule	Two- wheeled vehicle	
		a)if fitted with pneumatic tyres	750 kilograms
		b)if not fitted with pneumatic tyres	500 kilograms
5.	Pony	Two -Wheeled vehicle	
		a)if fitted with pneumatic tyres	600 kilograms
		b)if not fitted with pneumatic tyres	400 kilograms
6.	Camel	Two-Wheeled Vehicle	1000 kilograms

- Where the vehicle to be drawn is a four-wheeled vehicle, weight specified in column 3 of the said table shall, in each case, be read as being one and a quarter times and, if the four-wheeled vehicle is one fitted with pneumatic tyres, as being one and a half times, as much as the weight so specified.
- Where the vehicle, whether two-wheeled or four-wheeled is to be drawn by two animals of either species referred to in each of the entries in column 1 of the said table, the weight specified in the corresponding entry in column 3 thereof shall be

read as being twice, and, if the vehicle is one fitted with pneumatic tyres, as being two and a half times as much as the weight so specified.

4. Where the route by which a vehicle is to be drawn involves an ascent for not less than one kilometer and the gradient is more than three meters in a distance of thirty meters, the weight specified in column 3 of the said table shall, in each case, be read as being one-half of what is so specified.

Explanation 1: The weights specified in this rule shall be inclusive of the weight of the vehicle.

Explanation 2: In calculating any weight for the purpose of this rule, fractions shall be disregarded.

4. Maximum load for certain pack animals:

No person shall cause any animal specified in column 1 of the table below to carry any load in excess of the weight specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 thereof

Sno	1	2
1	Small bullock or buffalo	100 kilograms
2	Medium bullock or buffalo	150 kilograms
3	Large bullock or buffalo	175 kilograms
4	Pony	70 kilograms
5	Mule	200 kilograms
6	Donkey	50 kilograms
7	7. Camel	250 kilograms

5. Maximum number of passengers for animal drawn vehicles :

No person in charge of any vehicle drawn by any animal referred to in column 1 of the table under sub-rule (1) or rule 3 shall allow more than four persons, excluding the driver and children below 6 years of age, to ride on the vehicle.

6. General Conditions for use of draught and pack animals :

No person shall use or cause to be used any animal for drawing any vehicle or carrying any load

- (i) for more than nine hours in a day in the aggregate.
- (i) for more than five hours continuously without a break for rest for the animal
- (i) in any area where the temperature exceeds 37°C (99°F) during the period between 12.00 noon and 3.00 p.m.

7. Animals to be disengaged after work:

No person shall continue to keep or cause to be kept in harness any animal used for the purpose of drawing vehicles, after it is no longer needed for such purpose.

8. Use of Spiked bits prohibited:

No person shall, for the purpose of driving or riding an animal or causing it to draw any vehicle or for otherwise controlling it, use any spiked stick or bit, harness or yoke with spikes, knobs or -projections or any other sharp tackle or equipment which causes or is likely to cause bruises, swellings, abrasions or severe pain to the animal.

9. Saddling of horses :

No person shall cause a horse to be saddled in such a way that the harness rests directly on the animal's withers without there being sufficient clearance between the arch of the saddle and the withers.

10. Certificates regarding unladen weight of vehicles, etc.

- (1) For the purpose of these rules, the Board may authorise any organisation established for the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals or for promoting their welfare to issue to the owner of any vehicle which may be brought before it for examination, a certificate as to its unladen weight, and any certificate so issued may be accepted as evidence of the weight of such vehicle.
- (2) Nothing contained in this rule shall be construed as being in derogation of any right conferred by any law for the time being in force authorising any local authority to determine the unladen weight of any vehicle and to grant the necessary certificate or stamp the vehicle in this behalf.

11. Powers of police officers and other authorised persons :

- (1) If any police officer above the rank of a constable or any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government or by the Board by general or special order has reason to believe that an offence against rule 3 or 4, has been or is being committed in respect of any animal referred to therein, he may, in any case where a weigh bridge is available within a reasonable distance, require the owner or other person in charge of such animal to take the animal or the vehicle or both to the weigh bridge for the purpose of determining the weight of the load which the animal has been or is drawing or carrying.
- (2) If the owner or other person in charge of the aforesaid animal refuses to comply with the demand of the police officer or other person as so authorised, it shall be lawful for such police officer or other person to take the animal or the vehicle or both to the weigh bridge for the purpose aforesaid.
- (3) As soon as any weight is determined under this rule, the owner or other person in charge of the said animal shall be given a statement in writing signed by the police officer or the person authorised as aforesaid, as the case may be, as to the weight so determined and any other information relevant for the purpose.

12. Application of rules where local bye-laws etc. exist:

If there is in force in any area to which these rules extend, any rule, regulation or bye-law made under any law for the time being in force by any local authority in respect of any of the matters for which provision is made in these rules, such rule, regulation or bye-law shall, to the extent to which

- (a) It contains provisions less irksome to the animal than those contained in these rules, prevail,
- (b) It contains provisions more irksome to the animal than those contained in these rules, be of no effect.

(Notified in the Gazette of India, Part 11, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), vide Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, No. 9-18/62-LD. Dated 23rd March, 1965.)

- * [Government of India, Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development & Co-operation (Department of Agriculture), Notification No.34-2/67-LD, III dated the 9th December, 1968.]