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Part IV—Section 2

Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 31st January 2017 and is hereby published for general information:-

ACT No. 1 OF 2017.

An Act to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 so as to preserve the cultural heritage of the State of Tamil Nadu and to ensure the survival and wellbeing of the native breeds of bulls.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Sixty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2017.

Short title and commencement.

- (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 21st day of January 2017.
- Central Act 59 of 1960.
- 2. In section 2 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,1960 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of section 2.

- "(dd) 'Jallikattu" means an event involving bulls conducted with a view to follow tradition and culture on such days from the months of January to May of a calendar year and in such places, as may be notified by the State Government, and includes "manjuviratu", "vadamadu" and "erudhuvidumvizha".".
- 3. Section 3 of the principal Act shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section and after sub-section (1) as so re-numbered, the following sub-section shall be added, namely:—

Amendment of section 3.

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), conduct of 'Jallikattu', subject to such rules and regulations as may be framed by the State Government, shall be permitted.".

Amendment of section 11.

- 4. In section 11 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), after clause (e), the following clause shall be added, namely:—
- "(f) the conduct of 'Jallikattu' with a view to follow and promote tradition and culture and ensure preservation of native breeds of bulls as also their safety, security and wellbeing.".

Amendment of section 22.

- 5. The following proviso shall be added to section 22 of the principal Act, namely:—
- "Provided that nothing contained in this section shall apply to conduct of 'Jallikattu'.".

Amendment of section 27.

- 6. In section 27 of the principal Act, after clause (b), the following clause shall be added, namely:—
- "(c) the conduct of 'Jallikattu' with a view to follow and promote tradition and culture and ensure survival and continuance of native breeds of bulls.".

Insertion of new section 28-A.

- 7. After section 28 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—
- "28-A. Saving in respect of 'Jallikattu'.— Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to 'Jallikattu' conducted to follow and promote tradition and culture and such conduct of 'Jallikattu' shall not be an offence under this Act.".

Repeal and saving.

8. (1) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 is hereby repealed.

Tamil Nadu Ordinance 1 of 2017.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

(By order of the Governor)

S.S. POOVALINGAM, Secretary to Government-in-charge, Law Department.