

Legislation by State or Union Territory[86]

State/UT
Andhra Pradesh
Arunachal Pradesh
Assam
Bihar
Daman and Diu
Delhi
Goa
Gujarat
Haryana
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu and Kashmir

Karnataka

Kerala

Madhya Pradesh

Maharashtra

Manipur

Meghalaya

Mizoram

Nagaland

Odisha

Puducherry

Punjab

Rajasthan

Sikkim

Tamil Nadu

Telangana

Tripura

Uttar Pradesh

West Bengal

Legal for slaughter

Bulls and bullocks on obtaining "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, to be given only if the animal is not economical or is not likely to become economical for the purpose of breeding or draught/agricultural operations

All cattle

All cattle on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, to be given if cattle is over 14 years of age or has become permanently incapacitated for work or breeding due to injury, deformity or any incurable disease

Bulls or bullocks of over 15 years of age or has become permanently incapacitated for work or breeding due to injury, deformity or any incurable disease is permitted

Cow (includes cow, heifer or calf), only if the animal is suffering pain or contagious disease or for medical research

Buffalo

Cow, only if the animal is suffering pain or contagious disease or for medical research

Bulls, bullocks, male calves and buffaloes of all ages on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, which is not given if the animal is likely to become economical for draught, breeding or milk (in the case of she-buffaloes) purposes

Buffaloes on certain conditions

None

None

None

Bulls, bullocks and adult buffaloes is permitted on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate provided cattle is over 12 years of age or is permanently incapacitated for breeding, draught or milk due to injury, deformity or any other cause

All cattle

Bulls and bullocks, provided the cattle is over 15 years or has become unfit for work or breeding

None

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Bulls and bullocks, on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, provided that the cattle is over 14 years of age or has become permanently unfit for breeding or draught

Bulls and bullocks is permitted, on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, provided that the cattle is over age of 15 years or has become permanently unfit for breeding or draught

None

None

All cattle

All cattle on obtaining "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, issued if an animal was over 10 years of age and was unfit for work and breeding or had become permanently incapacitated for work and breeding due to injury deformity or any incurable disease

Bulls and bullocks on obtaining "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, to be given only if the animal is not economical or is not likely to become economical for the purpose of breeding or draught/agricultural operations

All cattle

All cattle on obtaining a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, only issued if the animal is over 14 years of age and unfit for work or breeding or has become permanently incapacitated for work and breeding due to age, injury, deformity, or any incurable disease

Illegal for slaughter	Max. jail term	Max. fine	Bail
All cattle without a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, and cows (includes heifer, or a calf, whether male or female of a cow)	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
None	Legal	Legal	N/A
All cattle without a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
Cow and calf; and Bulls or bullocks, except as stated previously	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
All cattle	2 years	₹1,000	No
Cows of all ages, calves of cows of all ages, and bulls and bullocks	5 years (max.) 6 months (min.)	₹10,000 (max.) ₹1,000 (min.)	No
Cows, except as stated previously	2 years	₹1,000	No
All cattle without a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
All other cattle	7 years	₹50,000	Yes
Cow (includes bull, bullock, ox, heifer or calf), and its progeny	5 years	₹5,000	No
Cow (includes bull, bullock, ox, heifer or calf), and its progeny	2 years	₹1,000	No
Voluntary slaughter of all cattle	10 years	₹ price of the animals	Yes

Cow, calf of a cow (male or female) or calf of a she-buffalo	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
None	Legal	Legal	N/A
Cows, calves of cows, bulls, bullocks and buffalo calves	3 years (max.) 6 months (min.)	₹5,000 (max.) ₹1,000 (min.)	Yes
All cattle	5 Years	₹10000	Yes
None	Legal	Legal	N/A
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Cows (includes heifer or calf)	2 years	₹1,000	Yes
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Cow (includes bull, bullock, ox, heifer or calf), and its progeny	2 years	₹1,000	No
All bovine animals (includes cow, calf, heifer, bull or bullocks, camels)	2 years (max.) 1 year (min.)	₹10,000	No
None	Legal	Legal	N/A
All cattle without a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate	3 years	₹1,000	Yes
All cattle without a "fit-for-slaughter" certificate, and cows (includes heifer, or a calf, whether male or female of a cow)	6 months	₹1,000	Yes
None	Legal	Legal	N/A
Cow (includes a heifer and calf) and its progeny	2 years	₹1,000	No

All cattle without a
"fit-for-slaughter"
certificate

6 months

₹1,000

Yes

Notes

No ban on cattle slaughter.

Export of cows, calves, bulls and bullocks from Bihar, for any purpose, is banned.

Total prohibition on the sale of beef or beef products in any form.

Transport or export of cattle for slaughter is prohibited. Export for other purposes is permitted on declaration that cattle will not be slaughtered, however, export to a State where slaughter is not banned by law is not permitted. Burden of proof lies with the accused.

Goa has two laws regarding cattle slaughter concerning cows and other cattle respectively, and prescribes varying offences and penalties for contravening their provisions. The sale of beef obtained in contravention of these provisions is prohibited, but, sale of beef imported from other States is legal.

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Possession of flesh of killed or slaughtered animals is also an offence punishable with imprisonment up to 1 year and fine up to ₹500.

Transport for slaughter to a place outside the State not permitted. Sale, purchase or disposal of a cow or a calf, for slaughter, is not permitted.

Kerala permits the slaughter of every type of cattle. Slaughtering of animals is formally regulated by the government in order to maintain public health and sanity and Panchayat laws permit slaughter only in approved slaughter houses. It has been ruled an obligation of panchayat to provide for meat stalls, including those that

Transport or export of cattle for slaughter not permitted. Export for any purpose to another State where cow slaughter is not banned by law is not permitted. The sale, purchase and/or disposal of cow and its progeny and possession of flesh of cattle is prohibited. Burden of proof lies with the accused.

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The sale and/or transport of beef is prohibited.

The export of cattle for slaughter and the sale of beef are both prohibited. Burden of proof lies with the accused. Possession, sale and/or transport of beef and beef products; and the export of bovine animals for slaughter is prohibited. Custody of seized animals must be given, by law, to any recognized voluntary animal welfare agency failing which to any Goshala, Gosadan or a suitable person who volunteers to maintain the animal. Burden of proof lies with the accused.

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Transport of cow outside the State for slaughter is prohibited. The sale of beef is prohibited. The law defines "beef" as the flesh of cow and of such bull or bullock whose slaughter is prohibited under the Act, but does not include such flesh contained in sealed containers and imported into the State.

