

Table 1 State laws on cow protection

State laws	Banned	Procedures	Penalties
The Bihar Preservation And Improvement of Animals Act, 1955	slaughter cow, calf, bull, bullock or she-buffalo export cows, she-buffaloes, calves, heifers, buffalo calves buffalo-heifers, buffalo, bulls and bullock from the State of Bihar. Exempts: Bull, bullock, she buffalo, above 25 year.	arrested without any warrant by a police officer not below the rank of ASI.	imprisonment upto to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.
The Gujarat Animal Preservation Act, 1954. with Gujarat Animal Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 2017	Slaughter any animal (unless, he has obtained in respect of such animal a certificate in writing from the Competent Authority appointed for the area that the animal is fit for slaughter). No certificate for: (a) a cow ; (b) the calf (c) a bull (d) a bullock. transport or offer for transport or cause to be transported any animal specified from any place within the State to any another place within the State sell, keep, store, transport, offer or expose for sell or buy beef or beef products in any form.	2017 bill: all offences made cognizable and non-bailable. Only 7 officials notified for issue of certificate, past 25 officers. No transport from 5 pm to 7 am. Sec 12 of the 1954 law, protects persons acting in good faith under the Act or rules. 2017 law maintains it.	No certificate: imprisonment for a term which may extend to 1 year and with fine which may extend to Rs 10,000. Slaughter at another place than specified: ditto Sec 1A animals: upto 7 years but shall not be less than 3 years and with fine which may extend to Rs 50,000.. (2017 bill: min 10 years, max, life imprisonment) transport & sell and keep.. upto 3 years and with fine which may extend to Rs 25,000. (2017 bill: illegal transport for slaughter: 7-10 years)
The Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan And Gausamvardhan Act, 2015 (amended the 1955 Punjab and Haryana Act) Haryana Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Rules, 1972	Sec 3: slaughter any cow in any place in the State. Sec 5: sell, keep, store, transport or offer for sale or cause to be sold beef or beef products Sec 8: export or cause to be exported cow for the purpose of slaughter no permit for export of cows shall be issued for a State where cow slaughter is not banned by law.	Offence to be cognizable and Non-bailable. burden of proof on the accused. SI and above power to enter, seize, and confiscate the vehicle. Sec 16 and 17 of the 2015 law authorises police and any person authorised by the state to enter, stop and search, any vehicle used or intended to be used for the export of cows, and seize the vehicle and the cows.	For sec 3: rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 years and may extend to 10 years and fine which shall not be less than Rs 30,000 and may extend to Rs 1 lac. for sec 5: rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 years and may extend to 7 years and fine which shall not be less than Rs. 30,000 and may extend to Rs. 70,000 Sec 8: rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 years and may extend to 5 years and fine which shall not be less than Rs 30,000 and may extend to Rs. 50,000.

<p>Jharkhand Bovine Animal Prohibition of Slaughter Act, 2005</p>	<p>-slaughter any cow in any place in the State.</p> <p>-export cow for the purpose of slaughter</p> <p>-export cow within and outside state without a certificate</p> <p>-transit through the state without a certificate</p> <p>- cause bodily pain, disease or infirmity in a bovine animal which is likely to cause the death of the bovine animal.</p> <p>- sell, keep, store, transport, offer or expose for sell or buy beef or beef products in any form.</p>		<p>Section 3(Slaughter of Cow) or Section 5(Causing hurt) or Section 6(Possession of beef) or Section 7(Selling beef): rigorous imprisonment for 1-10 years, and fine which may extend to Rs 10,000.</p> <p>Section 4A and Section 4B (related to transport of bovine animals): rigorous imprisonment upto 3 years and fine which may extend upto Rs 5000.</p>
<p>The Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act,1978 (As amended in March,2015)</p>	<p>-slaughter any scheduled animal (bovines - bulls, bullocks, female buffaloes and buffalo calves), without a certificate.</p> <p>(no certificate issuable when affecting drought, breeding and dairying usage)</p> <p>-transport for slaughter</p> <p>- export for slaughter</p> <p>- possess flesh of cow, bull or bullock (slaughtered in Maharashtra)</p> <p>- possess flesh of cow, bull or bullock (slaughtered outside Maharashtra)</p> <p>(last sub judge in SC – struck down in HC)</p>	<p>cognizable and non bailable</p> <p>Sec. 13 provides for protection of persons acting in good faith under the Act or rules.</p>	<p>5 years Rs 10,000</p>
<p>The UP Prevention Of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 (as amended in 2002)</p> <p>The U.P. Govadh Nivaran Niyamavali, 1964</p>	<p>Sec. 3: slaughter of cow, bull or bullock in the any place in UP.</p> <p>Sec. 5: selling, transporting, offering to sell to transport and causing to sell or transport of beef or beef products in any form <i>except for medicinal purposes as prescribed.</i></p> <p>Clause (1) of Section 5A: transfer of cows, bulls or bullocks from within the state to any place outside the state without any government permit</p>	<p>For transport of cow, bull or bullock a fee of Rs. 500 will have to be paid but if the transport is only for a duration of 6 months, no fee needs to be paid.</p>	<p>-All the offences are cognizable and non-bailable.</p> <p>- burden of proof on the accused</p> <p>-Any act or an abetment punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.</p>