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BSY govt likely to table bills on love jihad, cow slaughter

State BJP Exec Seeks Push For Dec 7 Session

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Belagavi: The BJP government in the state is likely to table bills against "love jihad" (unlawful conversion for marriage) and cow slaughter in the upcoming winter session of the legislature from Monday, to push its Hindutva agenda ahead of the gram panchayat polls. "Many states have already brought in the bills. We are also in the process of bringing these bills," deputy chief minister CN Ashwath Narayan said.

The day-long executive

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CM Yediyurappa says law necessary to fight 'love jihad' state is consulting legal experts

State law minister JC Madhuswamy says state govt has no plans to introduce a law against 'love jihad': "our culture is a blend of religions which are different from each other but co-exist"

Home minister Basavaraj Bommai says govt will bring law on lines of UP and other BJP-ruled states

State BJP exec meet passes resolution urging BSY govt to bring laws to curb 'love jihad' and cow slaughter

committee meeting of the state BJP, held in Belagavi on Saturday, passed a resolution urging the Karnataka government to formulate or amend laws at the earliest to curb both cow slaughter and "love jihad". The meeting was attended by chief minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP national general secretary

Arun Singh and state president Nalin Kumar Kateel among other senior party functionaries.

After the meeting, Kateel said the committee members discussed how Hindu women are allegedly being exploited and forced into conversion by Muslim men in the name of love and marriage. "We al-

MP law proposes 5-year jail term

Madhya Pradesh's proposed Religious Freedom Act-2020 - touted as anti-'love-jihad' law - seeks up to 5 years' jail and a fine of not less than Rs 25,000 on violators. If the person converted is a minor or is from a SC or ST, the jail term will be 2-10 years. TNN

so discussed how some terror organisations use love jihad as a tool to convert innocent Hindu women. In view of this larger threat, the party resolved to request the state government to enact laws to stop this practice which is a social evil," he said.

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'BJP won't deviate from blanket ban promise'

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Amid criticism and protest from the Congress, state law minister JC Madhuswamy had earlier this week said the government has no plans to introduce a law against "love jihad". Within days, home minister Basavaraj Bommai countered him. "We are now studying the ordinance of Ut-

tar Pradesh as to how the law can be enacted to pass the legal test. The government is aware of the legal hurdles and we will frame laws keeping all these in mind," he said.

On cow slaughter, national general secretary CT Ravi said the BJP will never deviate from its promise of a blanket ban. "Hence, in this winter session, bills will be passed and sent to the gover-

nor for his assent to enact a law," he said.

The party also resolved to constitute a disciplinary committee and election committee ahead of the panchayat polls. State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel will soon form these committees. The disciplinary committee will deal with motormouths and workers who violate the election code.