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Govt to bring ordinance for anti-slaughter law

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said on Friday that an ordinance will be promulgated to give effect to the anti-cow slaughter Bill even as he mounted a defence saying 90% of the state's people were happy with the government's decision.

Earlier this week, the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill was passed in the Legislative Assembly, but it was not tabled in the Legislative Council.

"We will promulgate an ordinance. As you know, the Legislative Council chairperson did not cooperate," Yediyurappa said. He was referring the Council chairperson K Prata-pachandra Shetty adjourning the Upper House sine die even before the BJP government could table the Bill.

Yediyurappa, who performed "Gau Pooja" at his official residence Cauvery, said the Bill proposes to impose imprisonment of up to seven years and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh. "There is a provision to set up special courts and protection of those who protect cows," he said.

"The whole world knows that cows are revered in the Hindu Dharma. In India, which

is agrarian, animal husbandry is a source of income for agriculturists and cattle are used in farming activities. In this backdrop, cows are considered as an asset in the Indian culture. The Legislative Assembly has passed the Bill, which further strengthens the existing law," Yediyurappa said.

The state government will make arrangements by setting up infrastructure where cows can be taken care of. "90% of the state's people are happy with the Bill. This was a promise we made in our manifesto," Yediyurappa said.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said Gau Shalas will be opened at the taluk-level to take care of cattle. The government has provided thousands of acres for Gau Shalas to various mutts and temples, he pointed out.

On concerns that farmers will find it difficult to look after bulls and old cattle, and Congress' remarks to leave such cattle at BJP leaders' houses, Ashoka said: "We're ready to look after these animals. Also, leave your seniors at our doors."

The BJP was wary of the Congress' plan to block the passage of the Bill in the Upper House. "We don't want to put it in cold storage like last time. That's why we did not table it," he added.