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## K'taka ready to tweak law to curb cow vigilantism

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**Bengaluru:** A day after the high court made observations on the recently passed anti-cow slaughter ordinance, law minister JC Madhuswamy said the government is ready to make changes to prevent vigilantism in the name of protecting cattle.

The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Ordinance, 2020, came into effect last week.

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ek. One of its provisions offers legal protection to those who "act in good faith" to prevent cow slaughter. The high court had said without supporting rules, even farmers transporting cattle for farming could be arrested and prosecuted. Hearing a PIL, it sought the government's response on the issue.

Madhuswamy said, "We have, with good intention, included a provision that empowers common people to stop those transporting cows for the purpose of slaughter..."

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... if we are convinced that it leads to vigilantism and hooliganism, we will definitely consider changing it," the state law minister said after the cabinet meeting.

Asked about recent incidents in which farmers transporting cattle were harassed, Madhuswamy said, "I agree that there are such possibilities. But we will not tolerate goondaism in the name of cow protection. We will abide by the court's verdict. The law, as such, is not new; it has been in force since 1964. The only change we have made is that we have banned slaughter of even cows aged above 13."