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The Honourable Prithviraj Dajisaheb Chavan  
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Dear Chief Minister,

We are so deeply concerned about the welfare of the horses used to pull carriages in Mumbai that we felt compelled to interrupt our *Jism 2* promotion schedule to join our friends at PETA in imploring you to put an immediate stop to cruel horse-drawn carriage rides in Mumbai.

The Bombay High Court's recent decision to have non-governmental organisations and the Animal Welfare Board of India bring ill and injured horses to the Executive Health Officer's attention so that they can receive veterinary care only to be put back on the streets, where they will become ill and injured again, will just keep the horses in a perpetual cycle of suffering. Forcing horses to haul carriages in Mumbai is inherently cruel, as the horses routinely collapse from exhaustion. They're also a traffic nuisance, and people have even died from accidents caused by horse-drawn carriages. It is high time to put horse carriages out to pasture – for good.

PETA investigators have documented how horses used to pull carriages in Mumbai are forced to stand for hours, given no protection from the scorching-hot sun or driving rain and beaten and whipped in order to force them to work when they are exhausted. The horses are often malnourished and are fed unhealthy food and given dirty drinking water – if they receive any food or water at all. The illegal stables they are kept in are often damp, filthy, filled with accumulated faeces and urine and swarming with flies and other biting insects.

The only humane solution for the horses is a permanent ban on forcing them to haul carriages. Along with growing numbers of concerned people, we hope to hear soon that you will be working to implement a ban on horse-drawn carriage rides throughout Mumbai. Please reply to us via PETA India's Sachin Bangera at [SachinB@petaindia.org](mailto:SachinB@petaindia.org).

Yours sincerely,



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