

Office of the  
Director General of Police  
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

Rc.No.105/L&O-III/2024

Date: 10-01-2024

**MEMO**

Sub: AP Police- Instructions to stop cock fights in the State in view of upcoming Sankranthi Festival- Reg.

Ref: Govt.Memo.No.749292/Gen.B/A2/2018, Home (Gen-B) Dept, Dt: 22-12-2023 along with the Govt. Memo No. HOM01-POLCOCTS (GCFP)/37/2018, Dt: 03-01-2019.

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Copy of the reference cited along with enclosures is sent herewith.

2. In view of the forth coming Sankranthi Festival, the instructions issued vide reference cited are reiterated.
3. All Unit Officers are requested to take necessary action accordingly during the coming festive season of Sankranthi.

Sd/- Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi, IPS  
for Director General of Police

To  
All SsP/CsP

Copy to Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India, Dept. of Animal Husbandry and Dairying), Haryana-121004  
Email ID: animalwelfareboard@gmail.com

Copy to DG, Intelligence, A.P., Vijayawada  
Copy to all Range DIsG & IGsP  
Copy to DIG, Legal, A.P.

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P. Ravi Kumar  
Superintendent 10/1/24

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
HOME (GEN.B) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.749292/Gen.B/A2/2018

Dated:22/12/2023

Home (General.B) Department - Instructions to stop cock fights in the  
Sub:- State in view of upcoming Sankranthi Festival - Reg.

- Ref:-
1. From the Hon'ble High Court orders dt. 26.12.2016 in W.P.(PIL) No.320 of 2014 and WP (PIL) M.P.No.305 of 2016 in W.P. (PIL) No. 177/16.
  2. Govt.Memo No.HOM01-POLCOCTS(GCFP)/37/2018, dt.3.1.19.
  3. Govt.Memo.No.749292/Genl.B/A2/2018, dated:07.01.2020.
  4. Govt.Memo No.749292/Gen.B/A2/2018, dt.07.01.2021.
  5. Govt.Memo No.749292/Gen.B/A2/2018, dt.23.12.2021.
  6. Govt.Memo No.749292/Gen.B/A2/2018, dt.09.1.2023

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The attention of the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh is invited to the references 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> cited.

2. In view of the fore coming Sankranthi Festival, the instructions issued in reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited are reiterated (copy enclosed) and the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, is requested to instruct all the District level Officers in the lines of the instructions given by the Government in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited to curb the cock fights.

Harish Kumar Gupta Ips  
Principal Secretary To Government

To  
The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri (w.e.)  
Copy to:  
All Commissioners of Police in the State (w.e.)  
✓ All Superintendents of Police in the State (w.e.)  
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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
HOME (GENL.B) DEPARTMENT**

Memo. No. HOM01-POLCOCTS(GCFP)/37/2018- Dated : 03/01/2019

Sub : Home Department – Prevention of Cockfights – Instructions – Issued.

- Ref:-1. From the Hon'ble High Court orders dt. 26.12.2016 in W.P.(PIL) No.320 of 2014 and WP (PIL) M.P.No.305 of 2016 in W.P. (PIL) No. 177/16.  
2. Govt. Memo. No.12125/Gen.B/2016, dt.28.12.2016.  
3. Govt. Memo. No.12125/Gen.B/2016, dt:04.01.2018.

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The attention of the officers at the address entries is invited to the references cited.

**2.** In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> cited instructions were issued to all the District Collectors / Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police in the State to adhere to the following instructions of the Hon'ble High Court ordered in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, during the festive season of Sankranti:-

1. As mandated by the 2001 Rules, and the orders of the Supreme Court in Geeta Seshamani v. Union of India (W.P. (Civil) No(s).440 of 2000 dated 06.08.2008 and Gauri Maulekhi v. Union of India: (W.P. (Civil) No. 881 of 2014 dated 13.07.2015, the Government of A.P., shall, at the earliest and in any event not later than 31.01.2017, constitute SPCAs in all Districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh strictly in accordance with the 2001 Rules.
2. The District Collectors of all the Districts, more particularly of West Godavari, East Godavari, Krishna and Guntur, shall constitute joint inspection teams, for each Mandal in their respective Districts, consisting of a police officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police, the Tahsildar, and a representative of either the Animal Welfare Board of India or a member of a non-governmental organization espousing the cause of animals or persons involved in the prevention of cruelty to animals. Two police constables, and a photographer, shall assist each of these inspection teams which shall be constituted on or before 07.01.2017. These joint inspection teams shall be provided necessary assistance by the District Administration to tour all villages in their Mandal, and identify playgrounds/cock-pits where such events are proposed to be held.
3. The District Collector / the Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police of the District, on being informed of the places where such play grounds and cockpits have been formed, shall take immediate action to ensure that such play grounds are not utilized for conducting cockfights, if need be, by exercising powers under Section 144 Cr.P.C.
4. The Joint inspection team shall be entitled to enter any premises to seize cocks / roosters which are intended to be set up for cock-fights.(stayed by Supreme Court).
5. They shall also be entitled to seize instruments used or intended to be used for the Cock fights and any money which may have been collected towards betting at such events.
6. All the District Collectors, the Commissioners of Police and the Superintendent of

- Police, more particularly from these four Districts, shall ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the 1960 and the 1974 Acts. They shall be held personally responsible for lapses, if any, on their part in ensuring its proper and effective implementation during the ensuing Sankranthi festivals.
7. The District Collectors and the Superintendents of Police may, if need be, organise village level meetings to inform the general public of the provisions of the 1960 and the 1974 Acts, the need to ensure its effective implementation, and to prevent cruelty to animals i.e., cocks/roosters.
8. As held by the Supreme Court, in Animal Welfare Board of India v. A.Nagaraja: (2014) 7 SCC 547, the District Collectors, the Commissioners of Police and the Superintendent of Police shall be entitled to take disciplinary action against the erring Tahsildars and Police officers for their failure to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the aforesaid Acts.
3. The above instructions are hereby reiterated and all the District Collectors / Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police in the State are instructed to take necessary action accordingly during the coming festive season of Sankranthi, without fail.
4. Any deviations / violation of above instructions will be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the errant officials.

ANURADHA RAJARATNAM ARCOT, PRL.SECY(ARA), SECRETARY TO GOVT(HOME)-HOM01

To  
All District Collectors in the State  
All Commissioners of Police in the State  
All Superintendents of Police in the State  
Copy to:  
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri  
The P.S. to Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada (w.e).  
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government of AP.  
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