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*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient to regulate breeding activities such as the production of bovine semen, processing, storage, sale and distribution of semendoses also breeding activities such as artificial insemination, bovine breeding and allied activities with an object of increasing the best variety of bovines in the State of Kerala and for the matters connected therewith or incidential thereto;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

### CHAPTER-1

# PRELIMINARY

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Bovine Breeding Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Artificial Insemination (A.I.)" means the technique used for depositing breeding bulls' semen into the matured bovine's reproductive tract by artificial means;

(b) "Authority" means the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority constituted under section 3 of the Act;

(c) "Authorized inseminator" means a Veterinary Doctor / Livestock Inspector having approval from the Authority or with the direction of the Authority/ A.I. technician having approved training of the Authority;

(d) "Bovine" means cow, cow-bull, cow-heifer, buffalo, buffalo-bull and buffalo heifer;

(e) "Bovine breeder" means any person, organisation, institution or agency engaged in bovine breeding activities;

(f) "Bovine breeding" means breeding activities done in bovines by using breeding bulls, semendoses or embryos;

(g) "Breeding Policy" means the Bovine Breeding Policy issued by the Government for improving the betterment of breeding and breed improvement of bovines in the State;

(h) "Certified Bull" means a bovine bull certified by the Authority for semen production of a specific bovine breed as per the specification of the Authority;

(i) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Authority;

(j) "Embryo" means that which is formed as a result of fusion of ovum and sperm of bovines;

(k) "Expert" means an expert who fulfils the requirements proposed by the Authority;

(l) "Government" means the Government of Kerala;

(m) "Misbranded Semen" means semendoses of breeding bull whose DNA profile does not match with the DNA profile of the semendoses, kept in the records of the semen storage centre or semenstraw;

(n) "Pedigree" means the genealogical details showing the ancestral line of the bull/cow;

(o) "Premises" means any place, land, yard or building which is used for the production, storage, distribution, trade or utilization of semendoses;

(p) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(q) "Recognised Laboratory" means the State Institute for Animal Diseases/ Regional Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory or any other State level laboratory duly authorised by the Authority;

(r)"Registrar" means the Registrar of the Authority;

(s) "Semen" means the Semen/ sexed semendoses of breeding bull or buffalo -bull in any form;

(t) "Semen bank" means a place where the bovine semen is preserved for sale or distribution;

(u) "Semen Station" means place which is set up for production, collection, processing and storage of bovine semendoses;

(v) "Services" means any bovine breeding services which may be specified by the Government;

(w) "State" means the State of Kerala;

(x) "Sub-standard semen" means semen or semen straw having no specified standard;

(y) "Veterinarian" means a registered veterinary practitioner as defined in the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (Central Act 52 of 1984).

### CHAPTER-2

### THE BOVINE BREEDING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

3. Constitution *of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority.*—(1) The Government may, immediately after the commencement of this Act, by notification in the gazette, constitute an Authority called the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority to perform its duties and to exercise its functions under this Act.

(2) The Authority shall have the following members, namely:—

| (a) | Director, Animal Husbandry Department  | - | Chairperson; |
|-----|--|---|--------------|
| (b) | Dean, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University   | - | Member;      |
| (c) | Joint Commissioner, Ministry of Animal<br>Husbandry and Dairying, Government of<br>India         | - | Member;      |
| (d) | Managing Director, Kerala Livestock<br>Development Board   | - | Member;      |
| (e) | Academic and Research Director, Kerala<br>Veterinary and Animal Sciences<br>University           | - | Member;      |
| (f) | A Veterinarian nominated by the Government   | - | Member;      |
| (g) | A dairy farmer having expertise in matters<br>of bovine breeding, nominated by the<br>Government | - | Member;      |
| (h) | Joint Director (Livestock Production),<br>Directorate of Animal Husbandry                        | - | Registrar.   |

(3) The functions of the Authority shall be supervised and regulated by the Registrar.

4. *Headquarters of the Authority*.—The headquarters of the Authority shall be at the office of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry Department in the State.

5. *Meetings of the Authority.*—(1) The Authority shall convene its meeting in such time and place as may be determined by the Registrar in consultation with the Chairperson and observing such procedure as may be prescribed.

(2) The quorum for the meeting of the Authority shall be four.

6. *Experts and other officers of the Authority.*—(1) The functions of the Authority shall be discharged through the officers of the Animal Husbandry Department in the State. If more officers are required for the effective discharge of such functions, persons having Veterinary degree as qualification and having experience may be appointed on contract / deputation basis.

(2) Authority shall prepare a consultative panel of experts not exceeding nine members. Authority shall constitute Committee / Committees, not exceeding three members, out of the panel of experts for discharging such functions as may be required by the Authority.

(3) The Members of the Committee consituted under sub-section (2) shall be eligible for honorarium, travelling allowance and daily allowance as may be prescribed.

7. *Functions of the Authority.—The* Authority shall discharge the following functions, namely:—

(a) implement breeding policy in the State and to provide related services;

(b) regulate the storage, sale and use of semendoses or embryo produced within or outside the State or imported from any other country;

(c) certify the breeding bulls/ buffalo-bulls as per the criteria prescribed;

(d) register semen stations in the State in accordance with the provisions specified in chapter 3 of this Act;

(e) register semen banks in the State;

(f) certify the trained A.I. technicians for carrying out the bovine breeding activities in the State in accordance with the stipulations which may be determined by the Authority, through the procedure that may be prescribed;

(g) discharge other activities related to bovine breeding, in the manner as may be prescribed.

8. *Powers and Jurisdiction of the Authority.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, the Authority shall have jurisdiction throughout the State in relation to bovine breeding activities.

(2) As part of discharging the functions under section 7, the Authority or officer authorised by the authority in this behalf shall have the power to collect necessary information from any semen station or persons engaged in bovine breeding activities.

(3) Whenever the Authority is of the opinion that the person-in -charge of the premises where the bovine breeding activities are conducting or any other person is carrying out such activities, in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, the Authority shall have the power to seek information from such person which may be specified.

#### CHAPTER -3

# REGISTRATION OF SEMEN STATIONS AND SEMEN BANKS, CERTIFICATION OF A.I. TECHNICIANS CONDUCTING ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND OF BREEDING BULLS

9. *Registration of Semen Stations.*—(1) On and from the date of commencement of this Act, no person, firm, limited liability partnership, company, producer company, institution, non-governmental organisation, bovine breeders' association, trust, central/state government department, co-operative society or any other agency shall produce and store semendoses for artificial insemination or establish or run semen stations or produce or transfer embryos without obtaining registration certificate from the Authority.

(2) Any one / person specified in sub-section (1), who intends to establish and run a new semen station, shall apply for registration in such form and with such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) The semen stations which are functioning shall apply to the Authority for certificate of registration in such form and with such fee, which may be

prescribed, within three months from the date of commencement of this Act. The applicant shall also furnish the accounts of current stock of semen along with other details required in the form.

(4) Whenever applications under sub-sections (2) or (3) are received, the Authority shall, after conducting or caused to conduct a preliminary inquiry, as may be prescribed, shall issue a provisional registration certificate. The provisional registration certificate so issued shall have validity for a period of twelve months. The Authority may, on an application in writing from the applicant, extend the term for a further period of six months. The Authority shall inform the applicant the decision regarding extension of registration period within one month from the date of receipt of application.

(5) For the purpose of conducting inspection for obtaining registration certificate for a newly established semen station or the existing semen station, the applicant shall submit an application in writing to the Authority within the validity period of twelve months of provisional registration certificate or within the extended period of succeeding six months as per sub-section (4). Immediately on receipt of the application, the Authority shall send a committee of experts from the consultative panel for such inspection.

(6) If the Authority is satisfied that the new semen station or existing semen station have amenities / have fulfilled the following conditions, it shall issue the certificate of registration by clearly recording the name, address and registration number of the semen station, the unique ID number of certified bulls to be used for semen production, name of person -in- charge of the semen station and also such other conditions which the Authority may deem fit, namely:—

(a) in semen stations,—

(i) availability for accommodating breeding bulls for the purpose of monitoring as per the requirement prescribed by the Authority or by the Government of India;

(ii) availability of accommodation for the rearing and maintaining of breeding bulls, collection of semen, processing of semendoses, quality control, storage, distribution and for quarantine, as per the requirement specified by the Authority or the Government of India; (iii) availability of space for the storage of semendoses as may be specified by the Authority or the Government of India;

(b) Every breeding bulls kept in the semen station for production shall be disease - free in the screening tests specified by the Authority or the Government of India, namely:—

(i) (a) before admitting to the quarantine station;

(b) during the period kept in quarantine station for monitoring;

(c) the place in which it is reared; and

(d) in semen station;

(ii) shall confirm to the breed characteristics of the permitted genus as specified in the breeding policy and shall comply the minimum standards for quantity, quality and various characteristics specified by the Authority or the Government of India and as revised and notified from time to time;

(c) The accurate details of the breeding bulls reared for the production, storage, sale or distribution of semendoses or for distribution for artificial insemination shall be maintained in the semen station in the prescribed format.

(7) The Authority shall, after giving the applicant a reasonable opportunity of being heard and after affording an opportunity of recording reasons in writing, may either grant or reject the certificate of registration.

(8) In order to ensure that the conditions specified in the registration certificate are fulfilled, the Authority may depute an expert committee to inspect the semen station, as and when required. Such inspection shall be conducted at least once in an year.

10. Duration and renewal of registration certificate.—(1) The registration certificate issued under sub-section (7) of section 9 shall have validity for a period of two years from the date of such issuance.

(2) For the renewal of registration certificate, an application shall be submitted before the Authority with such fees as prescribed, before three months of the expiry of Registration Certificate. If the Authority is satisfied that the amenities and conditions specified in sub-section (6) of section 9 in relation to the issuance of certificate are complied with, the registration certificate shall be renewed for a further period of two years, within three months from the date of receipt of application. On an application for renewal of Registration Certificate, the registration certificate shall be deemed to have been granted unless otherwise informed to the applicant within three months from the date of application for renewal.

(3) New breeding bulls having eligibility criteria for semendoses production shall not be admitted or used in the semen station for semen production without the prior approval and certification required from the Authority. The death or disposal by way of sale of the certified bulls shall be informed to the Authority.

11. *Registration of the Semen Banks.*—(1) On and from the date of commencement of this Act, no person, firm, limited liability partnership, company, producer company, institution, non-governmental organisation, bovine breeders' association, trust, state or central government department, co-operative society or any other agency shall establish or run semen bank without obtaining a certificate of registration from the Authority.

(2) The Certificate of Registration referred to in sub-section (1) shall be issued, as prescribed.

12. *Certification of breeding bulls.*—(1) On and from the date of commence ment of this Act, no new semen stations shall carry out semen production other than from the breeding bulls certified by the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall certify the breeding bulls in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Government.

(3) For each breeding bull, a unique ID number shall be issued along with a certificate authenticated by the Authority and such number must be displayed by way of tagging safely and permanently on those breeding bulls.

13. *Certification of A.I.Technician.*—The Authority shall certify technicians conducting artificial insemination in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be specified by Government.

14. Arrangement for sale of semendoses.—(1) No person other than the person authorised by the Authority shall sell or distribute or donate or transfer semendoses / embryo.

(2) No semendoses / embryos produced outside the State shall be sold or distributed or donated or transferred within the State for artificial insemination without prior sanction given by the Authority in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(3) No semendoses or embryo shall be imported from abroad to the State for artificial insemination or transfer except with the prior sanction of the Authority in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.

15. *True copy of registration certificate.*—If the Authority is satisfied that the registration certificate or the renewal certificate issued as per the provisions of this Act, is defaced, lost or tampered it shall issue true copy of certificate to the applicant on payment of such fee, as may be prescribed.

16. *Cancellation of certificate of registration.*—Whenever the Authority is satisfied on the basis of reference it had received or on the inquiry report of the expert committee constituted by the Authority that,—

(a) a semen station has obtained the registration certificate under this Act by way of giving false information or by deceit;

(b) a person holding a registration certificate under this Act has without sufficient cause, failed to comply with the terms and conditions subject to which the certificate has been obtained; or

(c) a person holding registration certificate has contravened any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under this Act against the holder of such certificate, may after affording him an opportunity of being heard,—

(i) where any conditions have been imposed to any person at the time of issuing a registration certificate or a renewal certificate under section 9 of this Act and if such person has failed to comply with such conditions, may either cancel the registration/renewal certificate thereof or shall initiate such action as may be prescribed; or

(ii) shall temporarily suspend the registration / renewal certificate until the holder of the certificate has complied with all the conditions as per law to the satisfaction of the Authority; or

(iii) shall obtain an undertaking in writing from the holder of the registration certificate that the conditions are to be fulfilled.

17. *Appeal.*—(1) Any person aggrieved by an act of the Authority in refusing to grant or renew registration certificate or in cancelling or temporarily suspending the registration certificate as per this Act, may file an appeal before the Appellate Authority. The Secretary of the Animal Husbandry Department of the State shall be the Appellate Authority as per this Act.

(2) The Appellate Authority shall, as soon as possible and within a maximum period of three months, take a decision on the appeal after affording the appellant a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

#### CHAPTER-4

# POWER OF INSPECTION, INQUIRY AND SEIZURE

18. *Power of inspection, inquiry and seizure.*—(1) The Authority and the expert committee members authorised by the Authority shall have the power to conduct or cause to be conducted inspection or inquiry in the semen stations for ensuring compliance of the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, the terms and conditions in the Registration Certificate and also for inspection and for taking evidence.

(2) When it is reasonably satisfied that activities have been done in any of the premises in contravention of the provisions of the Act or functions are being carried out not in accordance with the provisions of the Act or rules or without complying the conditions specified in the registration certificate, the Authority or the members of the expert committee authorised by the Authority may enter such premises and may conduct or cause to be conducted inspection and search.

(3) The samples of semen, blood or other substance used for production of semendoses shall be collected from the premises of the semen station and such

samples shall be analysed in a recognized laboratory and the collection of the semendoses from uncertified breeding bull shall be disposed forthwith and such semen processing equipments shall be sealed and seized.

(4) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974) in relation to inspection and seizure shall apply to inspection, seal and seizure under sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of this section.

19. *Maintenance and submission of records.*—(1) Every person who obtained a registration certificate under this Act shall maintain such registers, accounts and records relating to his business transaction in such form, as may be specified by the Authority.

(2) Every person who holds a registration certificate for a semen station/ semen bank shall submit to the Authority annual report and its true copy in respect of semen station / semen bank in such form and at such time, as may be prescribed.

(3) The particulars of semendoses collected for distribution and new breeding bulls which requires certification shall be submitted to the Authority as a report, in the format as prescribed.

20. *Power to give directions.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, but subject to the provisions of this Act and any directions issued by the Government in this behalf, the Authority may, for the purpose of exercise of its powers and functions under this Act, issue any directions in writing to any person, officer or Authority and such person, officer or Authority as the case may be, shall be bound to comply with such directions. The directions that may be issued as per this section shall include,—

(i) regulation, suspension or prohibition of any process or activities related to bovine breeding; or

(ii) regulation or suspension of electricity, water or other services.

21. *Power to file complaint in court.*—When the Authority is satisfied that any person, institution, company or non-governmental organisation is engaged in bovine breeding activities or engaged in trade or distribution of semen / embryo in

contravention of the provisions of this Act or rules made thereunder, the Authority or any officer authorised by the Authority may file a complaint in the Court of Judicial Magistrate of the First Class.

22. *Penalties.*—Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall on conviction, be punishable with a fine upto one lakh rupees or with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with both.

23. *Cognizance of offence.*—(1) No Court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act except on a complaint in writing by the Authority or by any officer authorised in this behalf.

(2) No court below the Court of Judicial Magistrate of the First Class shall try an offence punishable under this Act.

(3) Use of unauthorised semendoses, production, possession, distribution, sale, transfer in any form or import-export of misbranded or sub-standard semendoses shall be a cognizable offence under this Act.

### CHAPTER-5

# MISCELLANEOUS

24. *Report of the recognised laboratory.*—Any document deemed to be a report duly issued by a recognised laboratory may be used as an evidence of facts stated therein in any proceedings under this Act.

25. Functions *of Local Authorities.*—The Local Authorities concerned shall render assistance, co-operation and information, as and when required, for the discharge of the functions of the Authority and shall furnish such records and documents for detailed inspection.

26. *Submission of Report.*—The reports relating to functions, funds or policies of the Authority, statistics, other information etc. shall be submitted to the Government from time to time in the manner as may be prescribed.

27. All experts and officers of the Authority to be public servants. — All experts and officers of the Authority under the provisions of this Act, while

performing the functions in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder or while implementing the provisions therein shall be deemed to be public servants under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Central Act 45 of 1860).

28. *Bar of Jurisdiction of Civil Courts.*—No civil court shall have jurisdiction to question any matter decided by the Authority or any officer or expert authorised by the Authority, after conducting inspection, by virtue of the powers conferred on them under this Act or the rules made thereunder or the manner adopted for arriving at such a decision.

29. Protection of action taken in good faith.—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against Authority, any member, officers or experts authorised by the Authority in respect of anything which is done or intended to be done in good faith or in public interest, in pursuance of any provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

30. *Powers of Government to make Rules.*—(1) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the rule or decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that, any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

31. *Power to remove difficulties.*—(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by general or special order, do anything not inconsistent with such provisions which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing such difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly.

32. *Fund of the Authority*.—The Fund of the Authority shall be included in the budget allocation for the Kerala State Animal Husbandry Department.

33. *Repeal and Saving.*—(1) The Kerala Live-stock Improvement Act, 1961 (17 of 1961), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Act shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is required to regulate breeding activities such as the production of bovine semen, processing, storage, sale and distribution of semendoses and also breeding activities such as artificial insemination, bovine breeding and allied activities in the State of Kerala with an object of increasing the best variety of bovines and for the matters connected therewith or incidential thereto.

2. In order to achieve the said aims and objectives, it is necessary to constitute the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority.

3. The Government have decided to bring a comprehensive legislation for regulating bovine breeding and related activities and for matters connected thereto.

4. This Bill intends to achieve the above objects.

# FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

If the Bill is enacted and brought into operation, no additional expenses will be incurred separately since the headquarters of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority, which is to be consituted as per clause 3 of the Bill, will be in the Directorate of Kerala Animal Husbandry Department. The Government officers who are the members of the said Authority shall receive travelling allowance, daily allowance etc. from the Department in which they are working.

The honorarium, travelling allowance, daily allowance etc. which are to be paid to the experts, not exceeding nine, from the consultative panel, of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority which is to be constituted as per clause 6 of the Bill, and to the veterinarian nominated by the Government, and a dairy farmer having expertise in matters of bovine breeding, will be incurred a recurring expense on annual basis in the following manner.

| Expenses   | Amount          |
|--|-----------------|
| Honorarium, travelling allowance, daily allowance                | 5.5 lakh rupees |
| Other expenses (for lab, equipments and for unexpected expenses) | 4.5 lakh rupees |

The expenses to be incurred in this financial year is to be met from the item 'operational cost' under the component 'Expansion of cross breeding facilities'. It is intended to meet the recurring expenses by allocating sufficient amount in the plan head for bovine breeding activities.

# MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Sub-clause (1) of Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to establish the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority by notification in the gazette.

2. Sub-clause (1) of Clause 5 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the procedures for the meetings of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority.

3. Sub-clause (3) of Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the honorarium, travelling allowance, daily allowance etc. eligible to the members of the committee constituted by the Authority, to carry out the required functions of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority.

4. Item (f) of Clause 7 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe procedures for the certification of trained A.I. technicians for carrying out the bovine breeding activities.

5. Item (g) of Clause 7 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe other activities related to bovine breeding.

6. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the fee and form to establish and to operate the semen station.

7. Sub-clause (3) of Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the fee and form for obtaining registration certificate for semen stations.

8. Sub-clause (4) of Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the procedures of preliminary inquiry to be conducted by the Authority on receipt of application for establishment and operation of new semen station and obtaining registration certificate for the same.

9. Item (c) of Sub-clause (6) of Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the procedures to be followed for keeping accurate details of breeding bulls reared for the production or storage or sale or distribution of semendoses or supply for artificial insemination.

10. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 10 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the fee for renewal of registration certificate.

11. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 11 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the procedures for issuing registration certificate for establishing or operating a semen bank to any person, firm, limited liability partnership (LLP), company, producers company, institution, non-governmental organisation, breeders' association, trust, central or state government department.

12. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 14 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the manner and conditions granting prior sanction by the Authority for the conduct of the sale or distribution or donation or transfer for artificial insemination of semendoses / embryo within the State which are produced outside the State.

13. Sub-clause (3) of Clause 14 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the manner and conditions to give prior sanction for importing semendoses or embryo from abroad into the State for artificial insemination or transfer by the Authority.

14. Clause 15 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the fee for obtaining a true copy of certificate in case of defacement or loss or destruction of registration certificate or renewal certificate.

15. Item (i) of Sub-clause (1) of Clause 16 of the Bill seek to empower the Government to prescribe the measures to be taken in case where a person contravenes any of the conditions imposed at the time of grant of registration or renewal certificate.

16. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 19 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the format in which every person holding a registration certificate of a semen station / semen bank shall submit to the Authority annual report and true copy in respect of semen station / semen bank.

17. Sub-clause (3) of Clause 19 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the format to be submitted to the Authority containing particulars of new breeding bulls from which semen has been collected for distribution and for which certification is required.

18. Clause 26 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the manner of reports, statistics and other information relating to the activities, funds or policies of the Authority.

19. Clause 30 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to make rules by notification in the Gazette for carrying out the provisions of this Bill .

20. Sub-clause (1) of Clause 31 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to issue order for removing the difficulty, if any difficulty which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Bill arises.

21. The matters in respect of which rules may be made, or notifications or orders may be issued, are matters of procedure and are of routine or administrative in nature. Further, the rules so made are subject to the scrutiny of the Legislative Assembly. The delegation of legislative power is, therefore, of a normal character.

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# NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 2.—This clause seeks to define certain words and phrases used in the Bill.

*Clause* 3.—This clause seeks to provide for constitution of the Bovine Breeding Regulatory Authority.

*Clause 4.*—This clause seeks to provide for the establishment of headquarters of the Authority.

*Clause* 5.— This clause seeks to provide for the meetings of the Authority.

*Clause 6.*—This clause seeks to provide for experts and other officers of the Authority.

*Clause 7.*— This clause seeks to provide for the functions of the Authority.

*Clause 8.*—This clause seeks to provide for the powers and jurisdiction of the Authority.

*Clause* 9.—This clause seeks to provide for registration of semen stations.

*Clause 10.*—This clause seeks to provide for the duration and renewal of registration certificates.

*Clause 11.*—This clause seeks to provide for the registration of the semen banks.

*Clause 12.*—This clause seeks to provide for the certification of Breeding Bulls.

*Clause 13.*—This clause seeks to provide for the certification of the A.I. technician.

*Clause 14.*—This clause seeks to provide for the arrangement of sale of semendoses.

*Clause 15.*—This clause seeks to provide for the true copy of registration certificate.

*Clause 16.*—This clause seeks to provide for cancellation of registration certificate.

*Clause 17.*—This clause seeks to provide for appeal.

*Clause 18.*—This clause seeks to provide for power of inspection, inquiry and seizure.

*Clause 19.*—This clause seeks to provide for maintenance and submission of records.

Clause 20.—This clause seeks to provide for the power to give directions.

Clause 21.—This clause seeks to provide for the power to file complaint in court.

Clause 22.—This clause seeks to provide for penalties.

*Clause 23.*—This clause seeks to provide for the power to take cognizance of offences.

*Clause 24.*—This clause seeks to provide for report of the recognised laboratory.

Clause 25.—This clause seeks to provide for the functions of the Local Authority.

Clause 26.—This clause seeks to provide for the manner of submission of reports.

*Clause 27.*—This clause seeks to provide that all experts and officers of the Authority shall be public servants.

*Clause 28.*—This clause seeks to provide the bar of jurisdiction of Civil Courts.

*Clause 29.*—This clause seeks to provide for the protection of action taken in good faith.

*Clause 30.*—This clause seeks to empower the Government to make rules.

*Clause 31.*—This clause seeks to provide for removing difficulties.

*Clause 32.*— This clause seeks to provide for fund of the Authority.

*Clause 33.*—This clause seeks to repeal the Kerala Live-stock Improvement Act, 1961 (17 of 1961) and to validate anything done or any action taken thereunder.

