

SC asks Centre to withdraw or amend 2017 rules

NEW DELHI, Jan 4:

The Supreme Court Monday asked the Centre to either withdraw or amend rules notified in 2017 for confiscating animals of traders and transporters during the pendency of trial in cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, saying they are contrary to the law.

The top court said the rules will be stayed if not withdrawn or amended by the Centre as the law provides that animals can be confiscated only if a person is convicted under the Act.

A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian said that animals are a source of livelihood for the people concerned.

The bench told Additional Solicitor General Jayant K Sud, appearing for the Centre, that the government cannot confiscate the cattle and keep it before a person is convicted.

At the outset, Sud informed the bench that the 2017 rules have been notified.

The bench said: "Animals are source of livelihood. We are not talking about pet dogs and cats. People live on the basis of their animals. You can't confiscate them and keep them before the man is convicted. Your rules are contrary. You either withdraw it or we will stay it."

Sud reiterated that the rules have been notified as atrocities were being committed on animals.

The bench said, "We are trying

to tell you that the section is very clear that only the person who is convicted can lose the animal. You either amend the rule or we will stay it. We cannot have a situation where the rule is running contrary to the express provision of the Act".

The ASG urged the court to post the matter for further hearing in next week to enable him seek instructions on the matter.

The bench posted the matter for further hearing on January 11.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals) Rules, 2017 framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, were notified on May 23, 2017.

The top court had on August 17 last year asked Sud to make a statement about the notification of the Rules in question.

On July 2, 2019, the top court had sought response from the Centre on a plea of Buffalo Traders Welfare Association challenging the constitutional validity of the rules of 2017.

The traders have claimed that they were being forcibly deprived of their cattle which is sent to 'Gushalash', and the seizure of their livestock that is a means of livelihood for many families was being done under the 2017 rules. (PTI)

J&K among 3 UTs get Rs 483.40 cr to meet GST compensation shortfall

NEW DELHI, Jan 4:

The Finance Ministry today released the tenth instalment of Rs 6,000 crore to the states to meet the GST compensation shortfall, taking the total amount provided so far under this window to Rs 60,000 crore.

The Centre had set up a special borrowing window in October 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs 1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of implementation of GST.

The Ministry of Finance in a statement said it has released the tenth weekly instalment of Rs 6,000 crore to the states to meet the GST compensation shortfall.

Out of this, Rs 5,516.60 crore has been released to 23 states and Rs 483.40 crore has been given to the three Union Territories (UTs) with Legislative Assembly (Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry), who are members of the GST Council.

The remaining five states, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim do not have a gap in revenue on account of GST implementation, it said.

"The amount has been bor-

rowed this week at an interest rate of 4.15 per cent. So far, an amount of Rs 60,000 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.68 per cent," the statement said.

The borrowings under the special window have been done in 10 rounds and the amount borrowed so far was released to the states on October 23, November 2, November 9, November 23, December 1, December 7, December 14, December 21, December 28, 2020, and January 4, 2021.

In addition to providing funds through the special borrowing window to meet the shortfall in revenue on account of GST implementation, the Centre has also granted additional borrowing permission equivalent to 0.50 per cent of gross state domestic product (GSDP) to the states to help them in mobilising more financial resources.

Permission for borrowing the entire additional amount of Rs 1,06,830 lakh crore (0.50 per cent of GSDP) has been granted to 28 states under this provision, the statement added. (PTI)

Leadership issue troubled Cong in 2020, electoral fortunes declined further

NEW DELHI, Jan 4:

Internal rumblings over the vexed issue of leadership dominated the affairs of the Congress in the year gone by while its electoral fortunes declined further.

As the country remained in the grip of the pandemic, the Congress saw major upheaval as senior leaders raised a banner of revolt demanding accountability of the top brass and suggesting comprehensive organisational overhaul.

The group of 23, as the dissenting club came to be called, remained active for most part of 2020, starting from mid August when they shot off an unprecedented letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi flagging a range of issues.

Politically, the Congress remained weak as it lost power in Madhya Pradesh to the BJP in March and later suffered electoral defeats in Delhi and Bihar.

While in Delhi the Congress scored a blank with 67 of the 70 contestants losing deposits, in Bihar it was blamed for pulling down the RJD, as part of the 'Mahagathbandhan'. The Left parties performed better than the Congress in Bihar while the RJD remained the single largest party as the BJP made gains.

The Congress also lost heavyweight Jyotiraditya

Scindia to the BJP following years of formalism in the state unit where former chief minister Kamal Nath and Congress veteran Digvijay Singh dominated the discourse.

A rebellion in Rajasthan by Sachin Pilot almost pushed the Ashok Gehlot-led state government to the brink but for last minute careful strategising by the chief minister who warded off the revolt, saving his government.

The Congress was left with power on its own only in Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Puducherry and in alliance in Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

In the New Year, the party is pinning hopes on midyear assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam, Kerala and Puducherry with the BJP making huge strides in Bengal.

The Congress stares at a disadvantage in Assam having lost former chief minister and heavy-weight Tarun Gogoi.

In Bengal, the party formalised a pre-poll alliance with the Left but seat-sharing challenges remain. Strategies for Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Assam are yet to be nuanced.

Among lasting irritants for the Congress is the leadership issue which is yet to be resolved, even as the party hopes for a

reluctant Rahul Gandhi to resume charge settling the matter for once.

The former Congress chief, who quit in the aftermath of a humiliating defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, however, signalled no immediate urge to take over the mantle and once again made news by leaving for abroad ahead of the year-end.

The foreign trip evoked criticism from the BJP even as the Congress defended it saying he had gone to visit an ailing relative.

The New Year dawned with the hope that the Congress plenary session may be called soon to elect a full-time party chief after organisational elections. It remains to be seen if the party stays the course on the issue.

As the opposition the Congress remained active during 2020 alleging pandemic mismanagement and problems faced by migrants due to strict lockdowns.

The narrative did not pay off electorally as the Congress failed to make a mark in Bihar.

As the ruling BJP turned aggressive in its bid to wrest more states, the Congress continued to attack the prime minister and the saffron party over governance issues and the state of the economy in the aftermath of the pandemic hoping for electoral dividends by uniting the opposition forces.

The strategy is yet to show results though as internal rifts mar party's morale and prospects. (PTI)

Body of truck owner taken by family after autopsy

*Will investigate all aspects of mysterious death: SSP

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 4: After assurance of fair enquiry into the alleged murder case of truck owner by SSP Shailendra Mishra, his body was taken by the family members for last rites after conducting autopsy, which was conducted by the Board of Doctors at GMC here.

As per reports, on December 22 last year, two trucks bearing registration numbers NL02-9682 and PB02CC-2098 carrying bovine animals were seized by the police near Dinga Amb area of this district. However, the driver fled away from the spot.

Two days back, an unidentified dead body was recovered which was later identified as Amandeep Singh of village Surpur Amritsar Punjab, owner of truck NL02-9682.

The family members of the deceased when called for identification at GMC Kathua, they raised allegation over some police cops of killing Amandeep Singh.

The family returned back to Amritsar without taking the dead body of the deceased yesterday.

Today, on the assurance of justice and fair enquiry into alleged murder mystery of truck owner by SSP Kathua Shailendra Mishra, the postmortem of the deceased was conducted by the Board of Doctors at GMC.

As family members were demanding the registration of murder case against police cops, the SSP said that the police will investigate all aspects of mysterious death. He assured of action if anyone found guilty.

Later, the body was later handed over to family members for last rites.

O P Sharma participates in Intl Art Exhibition

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 4: O P Sharma, a well known senior artist of Jammu & Kashmir is participating in an Online International Art Exhibition 'Celebration of Indian Art', organized by Sanskar Bharti at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh).

The Exhibition commenced on January 3 and will last till January 7. Around 560 artists from 38 countries of the world are participating in this international online show.

Dr Rekha Rani, the convener of the event told that the registration for participation was

done between November 20 and December 20 last year.

The painting of Sharma has been displayed with the works of well known artists of India, America, Australia, Turkey, Thailand, Bahrain, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Bulgaria, Canada, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh etc.

It may be mentioned here that O P Sharma is also the founder Director of Jammu & Kashmir Centre for Creative Arts (JKCCA), Jammu which has conducted International and National level Art Exhibitions and Camps.

Dimple opposes MoU signed with NHPC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 4: President of Mission Statehood Sunil Dimple has demanded the Government to cancel the MoU signed with NHPC and opposed the proposed move of installation of pre paid meters in Jammu & Kashmir.

Dimple said we totally reject MoU of power project and the announcement of the LG Government for installation of prepaid electric meters. He said for last more than thirty years they are fighting for the return of J&K's power projects but today again the LG of J&K signed an MoU of power projects which will come back to the UT after a long wait of forty years.

Dimple demanded PM Modi to return Salal, Uri Power Projects to J&K and scrap Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan. He demanded that power generated from our rivers be supplied free of cost to residents of J&K. He said the people of J&K have absolute right over its natural resources and their exploitation for public use can't be executed without their consent, in absence of the elected Government.



Left out KP youth protesting at Jammu.

Left out KP youth continue protest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 4: Braving cold weather conditions, the forty five left out Kashmiri Pandit youth continued their protest outside Raj Bhavan for the 91st day here today.

The protesters were trying to remind the assurance given by the Lieutenant Government on September 8, 2020 to them.

The aggrieved candidates with pla-cards and banners in their hands were raising slogans demanding that they be given justice failing which they will be forced to take extreme steps.

The protesting candidates said that they were selected through due course of law and in 2017 they knocked the court of justice in this regard as well but the

Government failed to issue the appointment orders in their favour till date forcing them to come to streets.

The protestors said that they are at the brink of getting over-aged and if their issue is not redressed they will attain over-age bar. Government's delay in delivering justice to them will put their career in jeopardy, they added.

"We are protesting from the past 86 days and no one from the Government is bothered about our future", they said, adding that Lieutenant Governor during his visit to Jagti township also assured them that the issue will be resolved in 15 days, but nothing has been done till today, which forced them to continue their protest in front of Raj Bhavan today.

They warned the Government that in case the appointment orders were not issued in their favour they will take extreme step and the authorities will be responsible for all consequences.

Those who spoke were Deepak Raina, Bharti Koul, Vikas Pandita, Rozy Bhat, Anita Kumari, etc.

Theft in mobile phones shop

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Jan 4: Some thieves broke opened a shop of mobile phones and repair at Thannamandi town last night and decamped with cell phones and other items worth over Rs 1.5 lakh.

A police spokesman said that some unknown thieves barged into the shop of one Imtiaz Ahmed Dar, resident of Behrote, located at Shahdara Chowk, Thannamandi last night and decamped with 12 mobile phones and other electronic items from the shop. The owner came to know about the theft in the morning and lodged FIR at Thannamandi Police Station. The police has started investigation.

Motorcyclist injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Jan 4: A motorcyclist was injured in accident on Dool road here today.

As per police sources, a man identified as Sanjeet Kumar Shan, son of Rajinder Kumar Shan of Nagool was injured when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a dumper on Gool road.

The injured has been shifted to District Hospital Kishtwar, where he was undergoing treatment when last reports came in. Kishtwar Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Residents protest against sacrilegious act

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 4: The residents of village Govindsar held protest against sacrilegious act.

As per reports, a large number of people from village Govindsar held protest and blocked the railway road for around half an hour against sacrilegious act.

They raised slogans against the miscreants and demanded their immediate arrest.

The shopkeepers also closed down their shops to join the protest.

Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Illegal timber seized, 3 smugglers arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Jan 4: Police arrested three timber smugglers and seized logs of illegal timber from their possession in the forest area of Latti.

Acting on specific information regarding illegal timber smuggling, a police party of Police Station Latti, headed by SDDPO Chenani Shafi Ahmed and SHO Latti, Ajay Angotra, arrested the smugglers and seized illegal timber.

The identification of these timber smugglers was established as Mohd Sadiq, son of Mohd Yousuf, Mansoor Ahmed, son of Siraj Din and his brother Mansoor Hussain, all the residents of Chapper Bandole, Latti.

Automatic wood cutter, two iron axes were also seized from their possession. In this connection, a case FIR No. 01/2021 U/S 379, 109 IPC Section 6 Forest Act has been registered at PS Latti.

Man stabbed, hospitalised

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 4: A man has been stabbed in Bhagwati Nagar area here, a police official said.

The injured has been identified as Mohammad Zakira, a resident of Satwari District Jammu.

He has been shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where his condition was stated to be critical, when last reports came in.

Canal Road Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Motorcycle stolen

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 4: A motorcycle has been stolen from outside J&K Bank RS Pura.

As per police sources, a complaint was lodged by Kamal Singh, son of Natha Ram of Badyal Qazian, tehsil Suctgarh with Police Station RS Pura stating that his motorcycle has been stolen from outside J&K Bank RS Pura.

Acting over the complaint, a case under FIR Number 3/2021 under Section 379 IPC has been registered at Police Station RS Pura and investigation started.

Unidentified injured man succumb to injuries

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 4: An unidentified injured succumbed to his injuries at GMC, here.

As per police sources, an unidentified man aged around 65 years was found in injured condition near railway track on Budhi route on December 29 last year. He received injuries after hit by train.

The victim was shifted to GMC in serious condition, where he failed to respond to the treatment and succumbed to his injuries. His body has been shifted to mortuary for identification.

Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD R&B DIVISION KISHTWAR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 73 of 2020-21 Dated:- 02/01/2021
 I, Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Kishtwar, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory (U.T.), invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position of Funds
1	Construction of link road from Serian Pochhal to Arci Machigad by way of earthwork and walling in Km 1st RD(675-1000), Km 2nd RD (6-1000) and Km 3rd RD (25). Const. of Hume pipe culvert (2 No's) in Km 2nd RD(50-100), Km 3rd RD(650-750) & Approach path in Km 1st RD(75-150).	149.63	6000/-	2,99,260.00	2 Months	As per details given below	"A"	Available

1. Date of publishing from 02/01/2021.
 2. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 18:55 PM on 02/01/2021 to 08/01/2021(2:00 PM).
 3. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 18:55 PM on 02/01/2021 to 08/01/2021 upto1400Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1200Hrs on 09/01/2021 on line.
 4.(a)As per the instruction of the Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department J&K Srinagar vide his No. O.M.No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018 regarding Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids.
 b). The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan/ receipt.
 c). Similarly, instead of insisting on actual Call Deposit Receipt, a copy of same duly pledged to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar should be uploaded by the tenderers. However, before allotting the work or issuing the supply order, the original CDR should be obtained and kept on record.
 5. Qualification of the Bidder
 In order to qualify, all bidders shall provide copies of documents as defined below:
 i) Copy of Registration Card duly renewed for the Current Financial year 2020-21.
 ii) Copy of latest GSTR-3B for the month of November-2020 issued by the concerned Department.
 iii) PAN Card. iv) Merged all documents & Upload i.e. Copy of Treasury Challan, CDR/FDR Registration Card, GSTR-3B, PAN Card etc. (As per NIT).
 2) As per latest circular issued by Worthy Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Doda vide endorsement No. SED/R&B/DB/6407-21 Dated: 28-08-2019 all the card registered from the Kashmir Province are directed to not participate in tendering process till their proper verification is completed by Crime Branch or genuine of card is provided by Registering Authority.

S.No.	Additional performance security unbalanced bids	Percentage unbalance bid viz advertised cost an account of low rates	Additional performance security
1	In the shape of CDR/FDR/BG (This is as per latest circular of worthy Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu issued vide No. CE/JT/712-13 Dated: 11-5-2019.	Upto and including 15%	Nil
2		More than 15% below	5.00% of advertised cost
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7. Special Condition: The SHG tenders should be strictly opened as per guideline of the Self-Help-Group issued by the competent authority time to time. (Deleted).
 8. As per latest circular issued by Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu vide No. CE/JT/11695-723 Dated: 16/11/2019, to incorporate the below noted condition in SBD document.
 i) Name of work Ore-NIT No. along with S.No. of work and name of contractor is mandatory on Treasury Challan.
 ii) Treasury Challan / CDR pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar (Original Challan is mandatory to be submitted by all the bidders in tender section of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kishtwar Office after opening the technical bid.

Sd/-
Er. Romesh Singh
 Executive Engineer
 PWD (R&B) Division
 Kishtwar

DIP/J-9543/20
 Dt. 4-1-2021

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & ASSOCIATED HOSPITALS JAMMU

ORDER

Subject - Restarting the 100% OPD Services

During the periodic review of the Health Services at GMC and AHJ it was found that OPD of different facilities has drastically reduced owing to Covid-19 precautions and restriction imposed for mitigation of Covid-19. With the end of festival/marriage season it has now become imperative to provide quality health care to the patients coming from the whole of Jammu Division.

With the start of regular classes in Govt. Medical College Jammu to be followed by the start of regular classes for paramedical staff there is an urgent requirement to roll out all the OPD services which were being offered by this premier institution prior to COVID 19 Pandemic.

In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that 100% OPD Services shall be made available to the patients from 04-01-2021 subject to compulsory wearing of masks and adherence to social distancing and hand hygiene norms

Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma
 Principal
 Govt. Medical College
 Jammu

DIP/J-9550/20
 Dt: 4-01-2021

IV-18013/1/Stitching of Uniform/Tender/2020-21/SHQ(Ldk)/2020-797
Office of the Dy. Inspector General
SHQ(Ldk), Indo Tibetan Border Police Force
MHA/Govt. of India
C/O 56 APO

Date: 2/ 12/2020

NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, DIG SHQ(Ladakh), ITB Police Force, PO-Choglamar, Leh-Ladakh (UT) invites on line tender under two bid system (Technical and Commercial Bids) on the prescribed form for works of stitching of uniforms in the schedule of tender form for the SHQ(Ldk) and its under command Units 5*16*24*47* ITB Police Force deployed at Dist-Leh-Ladakh in (UT) for one year from the date of issue of acceptance of tender letter. Estimated amount of work can be increased/decreased by 25%.

Tender Estimated Cost: 8,00,000/-
 Bid Security Money(EMD): 24,000/-

Sl.	Details of Keys Dates	Date	Time
1.	Date of online publication	22.12.2020	1100 hrs
2.	Document download start date	22.12.2020	1200 hrs
3.	Bid submission start date	23.12.2020	1300 hrs
4.	Bid submission end date	14.01.2021	1600 hrs
5.	Last date for Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit fee at DIG, SHQ (Leh), Choglamar, Leh-Ladakh 194104	14.01.2021	1700 hrs
6.	Date of Technical Bid opening	15.01.2021	1200 hrs

2. The complete tender document containing terms etc has been published on ITBF website (www.itbf.gov.in) and CPP Portal (Central Public Procurement Portal) website: <http://tenders.gov.in> which can be downloaded by the interested firms/registered bidder and after filling the require details same can be submitted through CPP Portal/On line Bid submission process on CPP Portal).

3. The firms/bidders will also submit the original document in respect of Bid Security Money (Earnest Money deposit), Bank guarantee and other relevant documents etc in the office of the DIG SHQ (Ldk), ITB Police, PO-Choglamar, Leh-Ladakh (UT) on 14/01/2021 up to 1700 hrs, otherwise bid will not be considered.

Note:-
 i) Tender rate should not be more than prescribed Govt. rate on line BOQ(in PDF).
 ii) Terms & conditions/instructions given in bid document be read carefully before submitting bid
 iii) For more information firms/bidders may contact on under mentioned telephone numbers or send letter on email ID given below:-

Designated Authority	Telephone No.	Email ID
a) DIG (Ladakh) ITBF	01982-264410	diglkd@itbf.gov.in
b) The Commandant (Staff), ITBF	01982-264617 Ext.3003	itnellkd@itbf.gov.in

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 Dy. Inspector General
 SHQ(Ldk) ITB Police