The ban on cow Slaughter and its controversy

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Abstract- India is the largest Beef exporter in the world, but most of the Indian states banned cow slaughter and eating meat. Indian export policy is prohibited to export the beef with bone. So the boneless meat is allowed and permitted to export. Beef of the buffalo and other animals (goats, pigs and sheep) supplied by our country are only raw material and de-boned chunks. Brazil has been ranked as the world’s top beef exporter; it is followed by Australia and next is our hand. India is a multi-religious and multi-cultural country. People’s food habits are completely different in every state. Most of the people instinctively decided not to eat the meat of cows. A man can do any business in the world and nobody will do a business with the flesh of a man, it is the same attitude with our pet animals too because pet animals are like our family members.

Key words: cattle, export, export policy, GDP, environmental factors, religious factors.

I. INTRODUCTION

India has become the world's third-biggest exporter of beef and is projected to hold on to that position over the next decade, India exported 1.56 million tonnes of beef last year (2016-2017) and was expected to maintain its position as the third-largest beef exporter and 16 per cent of global exports in 2026 by exporting 1.93 tonnes in that year. India imported 363,000 tonnes of beef last year and the amount was projected to stay the same over the decade. The type of beef exported was not specified, but the meat exported appeared to be mostly from buffaloes as the report specified the animal for imports by Myanmar from India. The total world beef export in 2016 was 10.95 million tonnes. It was expected to increase to 12.43 million tonnes by 2026. The world ranked Brazil as the world's top beef exporter, followed by Australia and next is our hand. India is developed as a largest exporter in the world because of the country supplies mostly beef of buffalo and also along with goats, pigs and sheep. Most of the Indian states like Kerala, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim banned cow slaughter and eating meat.

Ramzan is celebrated by Muslims around the world. Ramzan is a month of intense prayer, dawn-to-dusk fasting and nightly feasts for the faithful. This festival is the reason of raise in beef exports in India and a high demand of the Indian beef globally. India takes part 23% in the total beef production in the world. The largest importer from India is Vietnam 4.3 billion GDP.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1) Umaro Upathyay –Retired Banker

Actually eating beef culture was gifted by Britishers. They started first slaughter houses in Calcutta in 1894. The slaughter houses were maintained by Indian personnel under the vigilance of the Britishers.

2) Mr. Paritoshvyas (Engineer)

Beef export has never been allowed in India since 1947. India exports only buffalo meat. Because slaughtering cow is banned in 24 out of 29 states.

3) Mr. Virendra kumar Sharma – University of Delhi.

The cow is so sacred that she is adored by even lord Sri Ram or Sri Krishna. But people presently here worship movie characters favourite cricketers and celebrities. According to Hindu dharma, where a cow falls with hunger, that land becomes infertile.

Export Policy in India

- India has 20% share in the world market
- Indian export policy is prohibited to export the beef with bone. So the boneless meat only is allowed and permitted to export in the world
- Beef of buffalo and other animals supplied by our country are only raw materials and de-boned chunks.
- India is giving tough competition in the world market leader in exporting beef
III. BEEF AND VEALS EXPORT IN METRIC TONS

Source: Outlook Report

**Factors of Reason to Ban in India**

The traditional practices like Jallikattu, Manjuvirrattu are also the reasons to ban beef in India; Especially, Pongal festival is celebrated to thank the Sun God for the good harvest of that whole year. Farmers celebrate their harvest with cattle so it is called ‘Uzhavar Thirunaal’. They worship cattle as god, friend and benefactor. So this is also the reason for banning slaughter of cow.

Even cow slaughtering was banned in India during the period of Mughal kings like Babur, Akbar and Shah Jahan. In India, ministry of environment has announced the ban of slaughtering cattle and also banned for selling and purchasing of cattle for slaughter in animal markets all over India on 26 may 2017. And also the Supreme Court had confirmed the same. But, on the controversy, today India is the second largest beef exporter in the world. India exported more than one million metric tons of beef in 2016.

Indian leather and tanneries are in a great demand worldwide. By this way, exporting beef is also increasing. Any business can see only the product. Meanwhile, beef is considered as a product to export. When it becomes a product, men forget divinity of cow and its unconditional offering of milk products to humanity. Anyway beef covers not only buffalo meat and also other animals. Money hides many things. In the same way, the gain in beef export, hides the value of preserving cattle.

The government has liberalized the export industry and gave subsidies for export business. All the religions in India preach non-violence and loving all beings in the earth. But this same country exports beef with great profit. It is a quite contradiction.

India is a multi-religious and multi-cultural country. People’s food habits are completely different in every state. Most of the people instinctively decided not to eat the meat of cows. They think that they will not eat the meat of the cows but sarcastically they started to export beef by slaughtering buffalo, pigs, goats and sheep, etc. In this way, people’s attitude has become unpredictable.

**Illegal slaughter houses in India**

Mostly illegal slaughter houses are operated in large cities like Chennai and Mumbai. According to
2017 scenario, there are 5400 legal and 47500 illegal slaughter houses in India. The beef is mostly from water buffalo meat. India has one of the highest numbers of cattle (animals) in the world. In India, 80% of population worship cow as god. In Tamilnadu, during ‘Pongal’ festival, one day is separately allotted for cows to be worshipped and respected by the human beings. Only 17% - 20% of people are ready to consume the meat, so supply is very much higher than demand, which pulls the prices of cattle meat in India. Actually India is exporting very less input cost of beef and other animals meat with high competitive scenario so this will made India is the largest export of beef in the world.

IV. CONCLUSION
Today government rules protect some wild animals like tigers, rhinos and stray dogs. At the same time, we should protect the cow, buffalo, pigs, goats and sheep which are gentle and useful animals. A man can do any business in the world and nobody will do a business with flesh of a man, same with our pet animals too because pet animals are like our family members. We should take steps for preserving and improving the breeds and prohibiting the Slaughter of cattle. By this way, we show our respect to our forefathers and our everlasting cultural values.

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