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BJP calls for reintroducing Bill to ban cow slaughter

'Stringent law also needed to check conversions for sake of marriage'

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The State core committee of the BJP, which met here on Thursday, has recommended that the government reintroduce the Bill to ban cow slaughter and also usher in a stringent law to proscribe "religious conversions for the sake of marriage" which

it calls "love jihad".

Several BJP Ministers, over the past week, have been supporting a law against "love jihad" after Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath mooted one such.

Briefing presspersons after the core committee meeting, Arvind Limbavali, vice-president of the party's State unit, said that the committee felt that a stringent law was need to prevent conversions through "love jihad".

Speaking earlier in the day at the inaugural of the party's State executive meeting, Chief Minister B.S. Yedi-

yurappa too had said that Karnataka would not allow "religious conversion of young girls for marriage".

Old version

Mr. Limbavali said that the core committee discussed in detail issues related to cow slaughter and decided that the old version of the Bill should be reviewed by incorporating necessary clauses for strengthening it.

A total ban on cow slaughter has repeatedly figured in the BJP's election manifestos in the State.

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'Reintroduce Bill on cow slaughter ban'

The then BJP government had introduced the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2010. It was passed by a voice vote amid protests by the Opposition. The Bill was waiting the Presidential assent and it proposed to replace the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964. After the Congress came to power in 2013, it withdrew the Bill and brought back the old law.