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Anti-cow slaughter Bill not taken up in Council

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The controversial anti-cow slaughter Bill, which was passed in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, was not presented and taken up for discussion on Thursday in the Legislative Council before it was adjourned *sine die*.

Interestingly, though it was on the day's agenda and Council chairman K. Prathapchandra Shetty asked that the Bill be presented, floor leader Kota Srinivas Poojary said it could be taken up on Friday. However, the Council was adjourned *sine die*.

While this implies that the Bill has to be taken up again during the next session, BJP sources said the government is also contemplating promulgating an Ordinance.

Ordinance route?

The party is not willing to heed the Opposition's demand to refer this to a joint select committee. A senior BJP minister said that Ordinance appears to be the "most feasible" route. "We will discuss in the next Cabinet," he said.

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Meanwhile, Congress leaders said the BJP had chosen not to take up the Bill "sensing defeat" with both the Congress as well as the Janata Dal-Secular (which had

stood by the BJP on the Land Reforms Bill) opposed to the anti-cow slaughter Bill. The BJP does not have a clear majority in the Legislative Council.