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Illegal slaughter: Seven buffaloes rescued near Chennai

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CHENNAI: Tiruvallur superintendent of police Aravindhan P and animal activist Sai Vignesh recently rescued seven buffaloes that were transported on a truck from Andhra Pradesh to Tamil Nadu for illegal slaughter.

A case has been filed against the driver and his two assistants under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (land transport of livestock) Rules, said Aravindhan.

Vignesh has alleged that the bovines were found in a deplorable condition on the truck. "We found that they had been poked with sharp sticks and chilli powder rubbed on to their eyes and body to keep them standing throughout the journey," he said.

The activist alleged that ever since the rescue, the cattle mafia had been regularly dropping in to threaten him and his staff at the Almighty Animal Sanctuary, where the animals have been rehabilitated.