

Questionnaire on Animal Slaughter and Jhatka Practices

The purpose of this questionnaire is to facilitate a theoretical discussion on animal slaughter and Jhatka practices. The aim is to explore the most effective method that incorporates tradition with practicality.

You can respond to the questions in one of the following ways:

1. Write an essay using the questions as prompts
2. Answer each question individually and submit your responses
3. Complete the questionnaire using the online form (We recommend writing your answers offline first to avoid losing any data)

If you choose one of the first two response formats, please submit your answers as a PDF via email: jhatka@fauj.org

1. Animal Details

- a. Gender of animal: (Please specify the gender of the animal being considered for Jhatka slaughter.)
- b. Type of animal: (What species or breed is the animal? E.g., cow, goat, chicken, etc.)
- c. Age of animal: (What is the age of the animal at the time of slaughter?)

2. Location and Method of Killing

Where is the animal to be killed? Does it need to be at the medulla (brainstem) for humane reasons, or is it acceptable to kill it elsewhere on the body? (Please explain the reasoning behind your answer.)

3. Fear and Stress Considerations

To what extent can the animal fear the following situations?

- a. Seeing another animal die: (How does witnessing another animal's death impact the animal's stress levels or behaviour?)
- b. Seeing the weapon used for slaughter: (Does the sight of the weapon cause heightened fear or stress? How does the animal react?)
- c. Being pushed or shoved around: (How does physical handling or restraint affect the animal's stress levels before slaughter?)
- d. Level of restraint: (What level of restraint is considered humane and what level might cause unnecessary distress?)

4. Assurance of Ethical Upbringing

What measures or practices ensure that the animal has had an ethical upbringing prior to slaughter? (Please describe the conditions, care, and treatment the animal receives before reaching the point of slaughter.)

5. Who Can Conduct the Jhatka?

- a. Their 'Rehit': (Who is qualified to perform the Jhatka? Is there a religious or ethical code that governs who can perform this act?)
- b. Competency: (How is the competency of those conducting the Jhatka regulated? What training or certification is required?)

6. Choice of Weapon

- a. What weapon is considered appropriate for performing Jhatka?
- b. How does the choice of weapon differ between commercial and purist practices? (Please describe any variations in methods or tools used in different contexts, including the ethical considerations.)

7. Use of Stunning

- a. Type of Stunning and Its Impact on Jhatka: (What types of stunning methods are used, and how do they align with or conflict with the concept of Jhatka?)
- b. Penetrative Stunning Method: (What type of bullet or equipment is used in penetrative stunning to ensure the animal's death without causing injury? How does this affect the integrity of Jhatka?)

8. Stunning Methods

What are the different stunning methods available, and what are the pros and cons of each? What is your stance on using stunning methods in the Jhatka process? (Please provide insights into both ethical and practical considerations.)

9. Restraining Methods

What restraining methods are used in animal slaughter, and what are the pros and cons of each? What is your stance on these methods? (Please discuss the impact of restraint on animal welfare and the slaughter process.)

10. Severing the Neck After Death

Why is it necessary to sever the neck after the animal has died? (Please explain the reasoning, both from a practical and ethical standpoint, and any relevant religious or cultural perspectives.)