

Due to the current unprecedented issues faced by India along with many other countries and the Horse Racing industry of India is one of the industries affected along with others. As a common race goer, as well as a Pedigree Researcher and in the industry for 25 years I have following points to serve as possible roadmaps for expansion of Equestrian Racing activities in India to enhance the performance of the sport. **And Earn valuable revenue for the country**

1. **Auctioning Racehorses Publicly:** This would include halting the private sale of thoroughbreds and all racehorses to be sold only through public auction. At least first sale of racehorses to be mandatorily in auctions only. This shall ensure that the GST is paid on every horse sold. In India average production of horses has been in the range of 1200 -1400 horses per year. After demonetization few auctions in Chennai and Mumbai sale have been in the range of 40-50 horses. This may be the probable reason; the Racing industry has not got support from the state or central government. Once 1200 horses are sold in a public auction and GST is paid then we can expect more investments from corporates also.
2. **Inclusive of all:** Allow everyone to participate in the auction and do not restrict for approved owners only. Turf Clubs can take an advance deposit from the bidders. Ownership of racehorses should be made available who can afford to pay money.
3. **Certification & Insurance:** Auction Horses to be insured by turf clubs or breeders. Physical fitness certificates to be made available in the public domain.
4. **Auctions at Club level:** Major Turf clubs in India should have their auctions for 150 -200 horses scheduled at various times so that local owners can participate, and nearby stud farms can send their horses to participate in auctions.
5. **Media & Better Outreach:** Turf clubs can promote auctions in the Media and try to get upper-middle-class people to own racehorses. Promote syndicate racing, and try to get buyers from the Gulf, Singapore, Hong Kong.

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6. **Promoting Indian Thoroughbred Exports:** Promoting export and racing of Indian racehorses in the Gulf, Singapore, Hong Kong, etc will be beneficial. Turf Clubs should support the owners with performed horses. **Turf Clubs can have their quarantine center's so that it is easy to export.**
7. **Easing out restriction on Foreign Thoroughbred:** Open Indian racing to foreign horses without any additional weight of 8 kg. Competition will improve overall breed of India horses and Jockeys; Vet doctors will get more opportunities abroad also.
8. **Promoting online betting/ Setting Up off-course betting centers in each district can be helpful:** Cashless transactions to be promoted by turf clubs. Either smart cards or betting accounts are linked to bank accounts and debits/credits which can be managed by turf clubs properly. Betting to be allowed on international races also. Also, GST of 28 % which is levied on invested amount to be reduced considerably and on the services provided by turf clubs
9. **International Betting For Horse racing industry:** - Betting to be allowed on International Races with proper checks and means.
10. **Regulatory Framework:** Apex body like SEBI for regulations of investments in Racing for buying & Selling of racehorses, for interacting with the government. For common Rules and Regulations at the turf clubs. Currently Turf Club of India is common regulatory body of all turf clubs which is practically only on paper.
11. **Staff Protection:** Provident Fund/Esic (Medical Insurance) for all the staff/Syces in Turf Clubs & Stud Farms.
12. Animal Quarantine centers in India managed by Indian Governments are not as per International standards should be improved to International Level. Private Quarantine should be allowed.
13. **Bio-Security Measures** and Proper documentation need to be done at the turf clubs as well as at a stud farm level. Proper SOP needs to be developed. Systems need to be in place, complete transparency should be available for investors.