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Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you may be aware, that the Central Government has enacted Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulation of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals-SPCA) Rules, 2001. As per Rule 3(1), every State Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish, as soon as may be and in any event within six months from the date of commencement of these rules, a society for every district in the State to be the SPCA in that district. The District SPCA in every district in the State is to address animal cruelty related matters, to promote animal welfare programmes at the grass root level and to assist AWBI in implementation of the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the rules made there-under. The matter was pursued by the Animal Welfare Board of India many times with the States. After transfer of the subject, this Department also had sent letter to all the State Governments vide letter of even number dated 16th June, 2020 to establish District SPCA at district level and State Animal welfare Board at State Level. Thereafter, the matter was followed up by the Animal Welfare Board of India. This matter was also discussed at the National level meeting held with the officials of the department of Animal Husbandry of all States /UTs on 10.11.2022.

2. The purpose of establishment of such district SPCAs is to ensure the rights, freedoms and welfare of animals and to protect animals from cruelty. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 440 of 2000, Geetha Seshmani v. Union of India & Ors. dated 06.08.2008 and W.P. No. (C) 881 of 2014, Gauri Maulekhi Vs Union of India & Ors. dated 13.07.2015 has also directed all the State Government to establish SPCA and State Animal Welfare Board.

3. Further, it is pertinent to mention that, as per Rule 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulation of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Rules), 2001, every State Government shall provide adequate land and other facilities for the setting up of the Infirmaries to the SPCA for the purpose of constructing infirmaries and animal shelters. This will help in taking care of stray and injured animals.

4. In this regard, it is observed that even though the matter has been followed up by the AWBI, information regarding the establishment of DSPCAs from several States/UTs is not available.

5. Therefore, it is requested to direct all the District Magistrate of your state to establish the DSPCAs and make them functional so that the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules are implemented effectively to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Kumar Singh)

Chief Secretaries of States and UTs.