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ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

Date: 30th June, 2020

No.9-3/2018-19/PCA

To

The Director,
Animal Husbandry Department of all States /UTs

Sir / Madam,

Subject: Request to establish and / or activate District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) and register the animal welfare organisations which are functioning in the District with the AWBI – Regarding.

It is my immense pleasure to inform you that the Animal Welfare Board of India has been shifted to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a statutory body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The functions of the Board include the promotion of animal welfare generally and for the purpose of prevention of cruelty and for protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular.

The Central Government has enacted Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulation of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Rules), 2001 and every State Government / UT has to establish a District SPCA in every district in the State so that the issues related to the cruelty to animals can be addressed at grass root level.

The purpose of such District SPCA is to ensure the rights, freedoms and welfare of the animals and to protect and address animal cruelty matters as per the directions of 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 13.7.2015.

In view of the above and as well as to avoid Contempt of Court, you are requested to take all necessary and appropriate steps for establishing the District SPCAs in each District of your State/UT on war footing and to extend all possible help to the speechless fellow beings in letter and spirit. A copy of the notifications issued for establishment of each DSPCA may also be forwarded to the Board for

information and record alongwith complete details of the communication address & contact details of nodal officer to the Board for better co-ordination.

It has come to the notice of the Board that some organization is working in some Districts in the name of SPCA which is in-violation of the PCA Act, 1960 and SPCA Rules, 2001. I would like to request that the Animals Husbandry Department need to take initiatives to form SPCAs in each Districts of the State/UTs, if not already formed and make it functional. It is also requested to communicate the list of SPCA functioning in the State alongwith their communication address and list of members so as to enable AWBI to de-recognize all such un-authorized organization.

Kindly treat this matter as most urgent and priority.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department of the State Governments / UTs for information and necessary action.
2. The District Collector(s) of all the Districts in the respective State Governments / UTs.