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Dated 31st March, 2023

To,

1. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Animal Husbandry of all State Governments/UTs
2. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Urban Development of all State Governments/UTs
3. The Municipal Commissioner of all Districts of all State
Governments/UTs

Subject: Implementation of the provisions of the Animal Birth Control Rules,
2023 – regarding

The Central Government has notified the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 vide G.S.R 193(E) dated 10th March, 2023 under Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and after superseding the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001. The Rules have addressed the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition No. 691 of 2009 between Animal Welfare Board of India and People for Elimination of Stray Troubles. The entire rules are available in the website of Animal Welfare www.awbi.gov.in

2. Further, it is stated that the Animal Birth Control programme for the sterilization and immunization of the stray dogs are to be carried out by the respective local bodies/municipalities/Municipal Corporations and Panchayats. However, the Cruelty involved for carrying out of ABC programme need to be addressed. By effective implementation of these Rules, the Animal Birth Control programme can be conducted by the local bodies which will help in reducing the stray dog population. The reduction of stray dog population is one of the tools for control of dog mediated rabies in India as per the National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination from India by 2030. The Local Bodies are providing quite a good amount of financial assistance for the programme.

3. One of the requirements under the Rule that the Animal Birth Control Programme needs to be carried out AWBI recognized organization only. Therefore, each animal welfare organization carrying out the animal birth control programme has to obtain Recognition for each project from AWBI.

4. The Rules also provides for formation of Monitoring Committee at the State and District level in all the States/UTs. Without monitoring committee, the implementation of Animal Birth Control will not be successful.

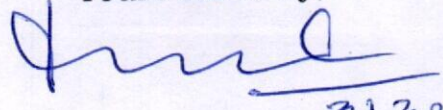
5. The said Rules envisaged the procedure for capturing or sterilization or immunization or release of the stray dogs and details of the records to be maintained such as the area of capturing the stray dogs, date and time, person responsible for capture, details of captured dogs for tagging, date of release, area, feeding records, treatment records, medicine & vaccine inventory, mortality rate, equipment inventory surgical equipment and the like, dog van log books, staff attendance record, organ inspection record and close circuit Television footage etc.

6. The effectiveness of the Animal Birth Control programme can be determined only if pro-active steps are taken for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs, area wise and on war footing so that the multiplication of the dogs can be controlled and also they are fully vaccinated. The success of the programme will depend upon only if 70% of the stray dog population is sterilized and immunized effectively with yearly vaccination drive by the concerned authorities.

7. The State Governments / UTs should review the Animal Birth Control programme regularly to check and monitor the stray dogs population and also to enforce the Animal Birth Control programme at the village level thereby addressing the various issues rise due to the stray dogs in the respective areas. The AWBI Revised Module may also be followed for providing required infrastructure for the effective functioning of the Animal Birth control centres for addressing the issues related to stray dogs and making the programme to achieve its purpose.

8. Therefore, in view of the above, it is requested to propagate the above said Rules amongst all the concerned departments and implementing agencies for achieving its goal and to reduce the man-animal conflict at large. The concerned departments of the State Government may be provided special budget to implementation and effective functioning of the programme considering the National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination from India by 2030.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. O. P. Chaudhary) 31.3.23

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- 1) The Secretary, AWBI for information and necessary action.
- 2) The Director, Department of Animal Husbandry of all the States/UTs.
- 3) The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Board of all the States/UTs