

**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA**

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To,
The Chief Secretary,
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Implementation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Application of Fines) Rules, 1978 read with Section 38(2)(k) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960- reg.

Ref: The office letter dated 25.07.2014 (copy enclosed)

Sir/ Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a Statutory Body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, with the primary mandate of promoting animal welfare and preventing unnecessary pain or suffering caused to animals.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Act, the Central Government has framed the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Application of Fines) Rules, 1978. (copy enclosed)
3. Rule 3 of the 1978 Rules provides in mandatory terms that fines levied and realized under the Act shall, subject to deduction of the cost of collection, be made over by the State Government to the Board, following due appropriation by the State Legislature in that behalf.
4. It is reiterated that the fines covered are strictly those levied and realized under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and that amounts so remitted are utilized by the Board, in terms of Rule 5 of the 1978 Rules, exclusively for the benefit of recognized societies and institutions within the jurisdiction of the State/UT concerned, and not otherwise.
5. Effective implementation of the above said rules will strengthen the functioning of District SPCAs and other recognized welfare organization in State/UT. Thereby address the issues to prevent unnecessary pain and suffering at the grassroot level.
6. It is requested to direct all the District SPCAs constituted and functioning in each district to effectively implement the above said rules in letter and spirit.
7. In the view of the above, it is also requested to direct the concerned authorities to forward a report to the Board on the status of enforcement of the said rules, for further necessary action in the matter.

A line of confirmation in this regard is highly solicited.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Hindi Version follows.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. M.K. Chauhan)
Secretary

Enclosure(s): As above.

Copy to:

1. The Director General of Police of all States/ UTs,
2. The District Collector of all Districts in all States/ UTs,
3. The Superintendent of Police in all States/UTs,
4. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/UTs,
5. The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Boards of all States/UTs
6. All the District SPCAs,
7. The Members and Co-opted Members of the Board.