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Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act enacted by the Parliament in 1960, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has been set up as a statutory body of the Government of India to perform regulatory, developmental and other oversight functions under the Act and the Rules made thereunder. As animal welfare and protection and development of animals has begun to receive enhanced attention in recent years and emerge as an important area of social and environmental concern, it is felt that the state governments should have similar bodies at the state level to manage the issues relating to animal welfare including prevention of cruelty to animals, as envisaged under the PCA Act 1960.

The Union government has written to the state government in the past with a request to set up similar bodies at the state and district levels for this purpose. There is a certain degree of urgency attached to the exercise as various judicial fora including the apex Court of the country have given favourable directions in such matters. While the AWBI is mandated to implement the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder within its competence, the overall objective cannot be realised without cooperation of the state governments.

I urge you, therefore, to consider setting up a state level animal welfare body in your state. As there is no specific financial provision available to support setting up such bodies, it will be necessary for the state government to earmark resources from the relevant sectors and enable such bodies to perform their functions under the PCA Act 1960. It will also be necessary to notify administrative rules to govern the functioning of the Boards and to create suitable administrative posts to carry out the mandate of the Board.

To give State Animal Welfare Boards a statutory status, this Ministry will separately conduct an exercise for notifying rules under PCA Act, 1960. In the meantime, a suitable constitution of the State Animal Welfare Board as per requirements may be considered by the State Government. Model drafts of the constitution and functions of the proposed State Animal Welfare Boards are enclosed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II. I will appreciate your response on the subject.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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