

## भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड

## 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)

F. No. 24-02/2020-21/ABC

Date:05.04.2022

To

- 1. The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs
- 2. State Animal Welfare Board of all States/UT's
- 3. The District Magistrate of All States/ UTs.
- 4. The Municipal Commissioner of all States/UTs

## Subject: Revised rate for the Animal Birth Control Programme for Dogs as per the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a Statutory Body established under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and is an apex body for protection and safeguard the rights of animals as well to ensure that the five freedoms of the animals are upheld and no animals are subject to any unnecessary pain or suffering.

- 2. In this regard, it is submitted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP no. 691 of 2009 stated that the Animal Welfare Organizations and local Authorities shall carry out Animal Birth Control (ABC) programs strictly in compliance with Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001 with constant monitoring through 3-Tier Committee system. However, only few states have constituted State and District Monitoring Committee for proper monitoring of ABC program in their jurisdiction.
- 3. It is submitted that the AWBI vide its letter dated 25.02.2021 has requested all the District Magistrates to follow ABC Rules, 2001 and Revised ABC Module in letter and spirit as ABC/ARV Programme being conducted in violating of the ABC Rules 2001.
- 4. Further, it is pertinent to mention that as per the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001, the local bodies are the primary implementing agency to carry out the ABC Programme. However, if they are unable to carry out the ABC/ARV Programmes by themselves or do not have adequate facility to carry out the same, they may outsource the NGOs who have obtained the specific permission from AWBI to carry out the ABC/ARV Programme as per its letter dated 25.02.2021.

Also, the individual veterinarians can only carry out the ABC/ARV Programme in collaboration with the local bodies following Revised ABC module and ABC Rules, 2001 provided that the Municipal Corporation shall provide necessary facilities for ABC Programme including adequate kennel for post-operative care. It is again submitted that it is the responsibility of local bodies awarding ABC Programmes to verify all the facts as laid down in ABC Rules 2001.

- 5. Further, it is hereby informed that after deliberation in the Board meeting the competent authority has revised the minimum rate to carry out the Animal Birth Control programme as under;
  - (i) Dog catching and admission to the ABC Centre and relocation to areas from where captured- Rs. 200/- per dog.
  - (ii) Pre-operation care including medicines and feeding, surgery and post-operative care including medicines and feeding- Rs. 1450/- per dog.

The above mentioned revised minimum rate are till meantime the State Government decide to fix their own rate for carrying out the Animal Birth Control programme.

- 6. In view of the above, it is requested that the concern authorities or departments may follow the above suggestive rate for the carrying out the Animal Birth Control Programme.
- 7. Your co-operation and coordination is highly solicited for the welfare of animals.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S. K Dutta)

## Copy to:

- 1. Chairman, AWBI.
- 2. SPCA of all the States/UT's.
- 3. Website of AWBI.