



भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India

(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

Public Notice

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The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a statutory body established under section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and is an apex body with the mandate to promote animal welfare in the country and safeguard the rights of animals as well as to ensure that the five freedoms of the animals are upheld and no animals are subject to any unnecessary pain or suffering.

The AWBI nominates the individuals working for animal welfare as Honorary Animal Welfare Officers to support the functioning and implementation of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules at grass root level. They also co-ordinate with the Law Enforcement Authority and the concerned Government Department to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to the animals.

It has been brought to the notice of the Board that the individuals nominated as Honorary Animal Welfare Officer (HAWO) and issued HAWO ID Card, are presently mis-representing themselves as HAWO for their vested interests in direct violation of the AWBI order dated 05.03.2018, 11.04.2018, 05.06.2018, 06.06.2018, 08.06.2018 and 06.09.2021 by which the AWBI has cancelled their nomination as HAWO/HDAWO/HSAWO/HLAWO.

Further, it is intimated to all that the AWBI has changed the nomenclature of Honorary Animal Welfare Office (HAWO/HDAWO/HSAWO/HLAWO) to Honorary Animal Welfare Representatives (HAWR) in its meeting dated 13.09.2022. The list of presently nominated HAWR is uploaded in the website of the AWBI at <https://www.awbi.gov.in/honorary-animal-welfare-representative>.

Apart from the list published in this link, there is no HAWO/HAWR nominated by the AWBI. All the concerned authorities are requested that if any individual other than the HAWR listed in the Board's website represent themselves as HAWR then the same may be brought to the notice of the Board for information and further necessary action.

In addition, it is directed to all concerned individual having in possession of the HAWO HDAWO/HSAWO/HLAWO ID Card shall submit the original ID Card latest by 31st March, 2024 failing which the AWBI will liable to take necessary legal action if any violation of the above is brought to the knowledge of the AWBI.

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