

**MINUTES OF THE 116<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA HELD AT NEW DELHI  
ON 26th JULY 2011**

**PRESENT**

1. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM	-	Chairman
2. Dr. S. Chinny Krishna	-	Vice Chairman
3. Shri Hem Pande, I.A.S.	}	
Joint Secretary (AW) MOEF	}	
4. Ms. Anjali Sharma	}	EC Members
5. Ms. Jasjit Purewal	}	
6. Shri S. Vinod Kumar	}	Assistant Secretary, AWBI

Shri. Guljarilal Soni and Dr.J.C.Kochar, Members conveyed their inability to attend the meeting.

Hon. Chairman welcomed all the Executive Committee Members of the Board for the 116<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.

Chairman informed the EC that the SIU team of the Ministry of Finance has submitted the report on the assessment of the office man power workload of the Animal Welfare Board of India and has recommended total 38 posts for the Board. Chairman had an interaction with the CEO of WSPA and informed the Board that he has requested the organizations such as WSPA, RSPCA, and HSI to join hands with AWBI to start a pilot project on the ABC / Rabies Immunization programme. He expressed that for the Animal Birth Control programme to become a success the Animal Husbandry Department has to become one of the key stakeholders. Also those local bodies which are having adequate funds should be asked to carryout the ABC/Rabies Immunization programme with their own funds so that the budget is made available for funding new organizations and local bodies having limited funds.

Chairman also informed the EC that a batch of Master Trainers was sent to Andhra Pradesh to train the local body persons in humane method of catching stray dogs.

Chairman informed the EC that the cost of Rs.445/- per ABC was fixed a long time back by the Ministry and the rate is required to be revised. He also informed that the ABC programme needs to be expanded by looking at the possibility of including fast track techniques like CNVR method with adequately trained personnel performing the operations since lack of adequate infrastructure such as kennels for keeping dogs post surgery is a major constraint for expanding the scope in the conventional method of

ABC. A workshop on ABC is required to be convened to discuss about the conventional method of ABC, CNVR and Endoscopic method.

**Item No.1: Latest financial position/Budget allocation for the year 2011-12 and Grant-in-aid released to AWOs.**

The EC noted the budget figures and expressed the hope that the Ministry would release the grant-in-aid to the Board immediately so that the AWOs could be released financial assistance at the earliest. The EC also requested the Ministry to increase the budget allocation in the AWBI Plan, ABC as well as Shelter and Ambulance schemes for current financial year.

**Item No.2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of the Board held at New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011.**

The Minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 22.3.2011 was confirmed.

**Item No.3: Report on action taken on the minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held at New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011.**

The action taken report on the 115<sup>th</sup> ECM was noted.

**Item No.4: Consideration of the matter relating to ratification of grant-in-aid sanctioned/released under Regular Grant and CSS Schemes to AWOs after the 115<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 22.3.2011.**

The EC ratified the sanction and release made under Regular Grant and CSS schemes to AWOs after the 115<sup>th</sup> ECM as per the list enclosed as **Annexure – I**.

**Item No.5: Consideration of Approval/Ratification of recommendations in respect of Plan and other CSS proposals considered in the Grants Sub-Committee Meetings (21-4-2011 & 7-7-2011) held after the 114<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 22.3.2011.**

The EC ratified the approval of Chairman on the recommendations of the GSC in respect of proposals considered in the meeting held on 21.4.2011 & 7.7.2011 as given in the list enclosed as **Annexure – II**.

**Item No.6: Consideration of matter relating to latest status report of pending utilization certificates under Regular grant and CSS from AWOs.**

The EC noted the list of UC pendency from AWOs and directed that action should be taken to write to the AWOs for obtaining the pending UCs. The Co-opted Members shall also be informed about the pendency details for arranging to obtain the pending UCs.

**Item No.7: Consideration of taking a policy decision regarding the income being received by Lord Shiva Gaushala Samiti, Panipat, Haryana (other AWOs in general) through sale of animals.**

The EC did not accept the explanation given by the organization regarding the sale of animals and directed that organizations which are taking grant from AWBI should not earn income through sale of animals. The decision of the Board should be informed to the organizations.

**Item No.8: Consideration of taking a policy decision regarding processing and obtaining required documents in respect of proposals for grant-in-aid submitted by non-recognised organizations under CSS.**

The EC considered the proposal and directed that the proposals which are received from organizations which are not recognized by the Board need not be processed until they are recognized by the Board. The concerned organizations may be informed of the Board's decision. The EC also decided that organizations which are applying to the Board for recognition as an animal welfare organization should have animal welfare as its primary objective. Those organizations for which animal welfare is not a primary objective need not be considered for recognition and such organizations shall be informed of the Board's decision as and when application for recognition is received from them.

The EC discussed about the present parameter of releasing grant in-aid to organizations only after they are registered for a minimum period of three years and decided that this will be revised on a case to case basis for deserving organizations for giving grants earlier than three years.

**Item No.9: Consideration of taking a policy decision in the matter relating to representation of 'Sambhava', an AWO regarding the undertaking to be furnished by an AWO while applying for recognition.**

The representation of the organization for clarification was considered and it was decided by the EC that if an animal welfare organization closes or ceases to exist then only the unused/misused grants should be refunded back to the AWBI. The undertaking to be obtained from the organizations be modified accordingly.

**Item No.10:            Consideration of matter regarding disbursement of arrears of VI Pay Commission to AWBI staff and filling of the additional posts consequent to the report of SIU, Ministry of Finance.**

The EC noted that the SIU Ministry of Finance after thorough study has assessed the staff requirement in the AWBI and that 38 posts were assessed and recommended for the Board. It was also noted that the pay scales recommended by the SIU in their report is the same/more than what the Board had given to the staff members in 2007 through upgradation and also that the number of posts recommended is also more than the total number of sanctioned posts and the temporary posts created by the Board over a period of time.

Considering the same the EC decided that the Ministry should be requested to favourably consider to give post-facto approval of the upgradations and temporary appointments made earlier and for the approval for release of the second installment arrears of VI Pay Commission.

The Joint Secretary informed the Chairman that the Ministry has sent a letter to the Board seeking some clarification for the implementation of the SIU report and the Board is to reply to that on receipt of the same.

**Item No.11:            Consideration of the issue of large scale killing of stray dogs in Andhra Pradesh and cruelty being faced by street dogs all over the country.**

The EC noted the various efforts taken in respect of the matter of killing of stray dogs and condemned the killing of stray dogs in various States.

**Item No.12:            Consideration of the matter of undue delay in release of grants-in-aid to AWBI from Ministry.**

The EC noted the delay in the sanction and release of grants for the year 2011-12 and the Joint Secretary (AW) informed that the first installment for the schemes of AWBI Plan, ABC, Ambulance is being sanctioned by the Ministry and the shelter house grant will be done at the earliest.

**Item No.13:            Consideration of the matter related to the Legal Notice for de-recognition served on Circle of Animal Lovers by AWBI.**

The EC decided that the reply given by Circle of Animal Lover will be studied in detail and directed the office to send the details to Ms. Anjali Sharma, Member, AWBI and copy of the inspection report shall be forwarded to Circle of Animal Lovers as requested by them.

**Item No.14: Consideration of matter regarding conducting of Training Programmes of Dog Catchers / Paravets / Vets etc. at NIAW.**

The EC decided that the training programmes should be co-ordinated for being held in NIAW wherever possible.

**Item No.15: Brief overview of the ongoing legal cases in various courts in India.**

The EC noted the matter.

**Additional Item No.1: Consideration of matter regarding banning and prohibiting of manufacturing sales and use of glue traps or glue boards.**

The EC took note of the matter and authorized the Chairman to send a letter to the State Government and other concerned authorities.

**Additional Item No. 2: Formulation of guidelines for co-opted members and HAWOs for their help in providing of Animal welfare related issues.**

The guidelines for the mandate of Co-opted Members and duties of HAWOs were approved by the EC and the same is enclosed as **Annexure III**.

**Additional Item No.3: Consideration of the matter related to activation of State Animal Welfare Board and SPCAs in each State (factual position).**

The EC took note of the SAWBs and District SPCAs established in various States and directed that periodical reminders be sent to the State Governments for effective activation of the SAWBs and District SPCAs.

**Additional Item No.4: Printing and distribution of booklet written by Ms. Shamalatha Rao to all NGOs/AWOs.**

The EC ratified the decision taken to acquire the booklet "Chutki's experiences" and for the payments to be made.

**Additional Item No.5: Identification of nominee of AWBI to attend the meeting of working group on Wildlife, Ecotourism and Animal Welfare.**

The EC nominated Ms. Anjali Sharma, Member, AWBI to represent AWBI and to attend the meetings of working group on Wildlife, Ecotourism and Animal Welfare convened by the Planning Commission.

The EC took note of the fact that the organization People for Animals Haryana was given grant for construction of shelter house by the Ministry and about the complaint that it is not being used for animal welfare purposes. The EC therefore, decided that an inspection must be carried out to ascertain the facts of the matter.

It was decided by the EC that those organizations to whom the Board is not able to release the grant by means of ECS (Transfer through RTGS/NEFT) should be informed to open bank account in ECS compliant banks and furnish the particulars of bank account etc to the Board within six months without fail.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

-----