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Message from Chairman



Dear readers,

On behalf of Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) I would like to offer my apology for the inordinate delay in bringing out our regular monthly news letter. Several regular readers of our monthly news letter have written to me to revive the AWBI publications as they play an important role in contributing to our "Humane Education" programme besides keeping them informed about important developments in safeguarding the welfare of our animal friends.

The prime responsibility of bringing out AWBI publications is that of the editor of the Board whose incompetence has been the main reason for our inability to bring out our timely publications including the newsletter. I would like to place on record my appreciation for our Board Member Mr. N.G. Jayasimha who came forward to provide the services of Ms. Kavya Chimalgi as our Honorary Editor to revive our much needed publications.

I do hope from now onwards we shall be able to provide you our monthly News Letter on regular basis.

With best wishes and regards,

**MAJ. GEN.(Dr.) R.M. KHARB,
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First meeting of the Executive Committee of Pashu Bhalai Board, Punjab

The first meeting of State Animal Welfare Board (Pashu Bhalai Board, Punjab) was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry (AH), Government of Punjab, S. Gulzar Singh Ranike, on 3rd June, 2015 in his office at Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Also present were the Financial Commissioner, Director (Member Secretary), apart from other members of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) was represented by the undersigned, Dr. Sandeep K Jain (Member).

Regarding the functioning of SPCAs the undersigned, (Dr.Sandeep K Jain) suggested that police officials may be involved in district- level committees of SPCAs, which the Hon. Minister agreed to. It was also suggested that all SPCAs in the state must be governed by uniform bye- laws (Memorandum of Association) and pattern. It was also suggested that SPCAs must be registered and these may apply to AWBI for recognition.

It was also discussed that the state government may initiate registration of pet and breeding dogs to check uncontrolled breeding of dogs. Additionally, it was suggested that measures to check the stray dog population may be adopted and that the concerned departments i.e. Local Government and Rural Development & Panchayats, may coordinate to ensure its success. The issue regarding some anomalies in the formation of State Animal Welfare Board was also brought before Financial Commissioner, AH, Punjab and it is hoped that this issue will be resolved soon.

It is worth mentioning that state has chalked out a plan to construct Gaushalas in all districts of the state and, 25 acres of land is being allotted for this purpose.

It was also discussed and agreed that Department Animal Husbandry will write to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, which organizes cattle fairs to implement the laws relating to transport of animals/cattle. Issues of slaughter houses, humane education and awareness were also taken up in the meeting.

The Hon. Minister advised that more interaction may be done to streamline animal welfare work and checking cruelty to animals.

Dr. Sandeep K Jain



Management of Goshala- Guidelines books, Printed by State Animal Welfare Board AP/ Telangana, Released by Sri Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry Govt of Telangana on 30.05.2015 in the presence of Sri S.P Singh IAS, Principal secretary to Govt,AH DD& F Govt of Telangana, Dr D Venkateswarlu Director AH, Telangana, Sri Swamy Swayam Bhagvan Das Member AWBI, Shri Ritish Jagirdar, Shri Jasmath Patel and Shri Jasraj Sri Srimal, Vikaram Chandak Members of State AWB, Telangana

40 abused animals saved, circus loses all permits

MUMBAI: Nearly 40 animals, including elephants, horses and exotic birds, were rescued from a circus camped in Nanded in a major joint operation carried out by government agencies and six animal rights groups on Tuesday.

The abused animals were relocated after the Central Zoo Authority and the Animal Welfare Board of India withdrew the regulatory clearances of Moonlight Circus.

The local chief judicial magistrate's court dismissed the circus's plea to retain custody of the animals as an investigation found that the four elephants were kept chained and the five horses, one camel, 16 exotic birds such as African parrots and Macaws, and 13 dogs housed in cramped and filthy cages. The rescue operation was conducted after Prashanth V, campaign manager of the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations, and Manoj Oswal of People For Animals Pune, filed an FIR against the circus with the local police. "Animal groups, like People For Animals, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Thane SPCA, Wildlife SOS and Resquink Association of Wildlife Welfare pitched in," said activist Arpan Sharma of the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations.

The rescued elephants are being relocated to the Wildlife SOS Elephant Centre. Kartick Satyanarayan, co-founder of Wildlife SOS, said: "We have also offered employment to the mahouts so that they are not deprived of a job."

Source: Times of India
Date : April 8, 2015

Birds have 'fundamental right to fly', they can't be caged: Delhi HC

Birds have a "fundamental right to fly" and cannot be caged, the Delhi high court has said, issuing notice to an alleged bird trader and holding the trade as a "violation of the rights of birds". A notice was also issued to the Delhi Police.

"Birds have fundamental rights, including the right to live with dignity and they cannot be subjected to cruelty by anyone... They deserve sympathy," said Justice Manmohan Singh.

Justice Singh's ruling — which came on a plea by People for Animals (PFA) — overturned a trial court order which allowed the release of birds back to Md Mohazzim from whom they were rescued. The alleged bird trader faces criminal prosecution under the Prevention of Cruelty Act.

In its plea, the NGO claimed the trial court released the birds into Mohazzim's custody despite concluding that he wasn't the owner. It submitted photographs to the judge that purportedly show that Mohazzim kept the birds in small cages. The pictures did not make it clear whether their wings and tails were clipped.

Justice Singh expressed anguish that instead of being allowed to fly free, birds were "exported illegally to foreign countries without proper food, water or medical aid".

"Running the trade of birds is in violation of the rights of the birds. They deserve sympathy," the judge noted. He posted the matter for further hearing on May 28.

Source: Hindustan Times
Date : May 18, 2015

Bombay HC bans horse-drawn carriages calling them illegal

Mumbai: Observing that the horse-drawn carriages plying in the city were "illegal and violative of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act", the Bombay High Court on Monday directed the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to completely ban them after a year.

A division bench of Justices AS Oka and AK Menon was hearing a public interest litigation filed by city-based NGO 'Animals and Birds Charitable Trust' alleging cruelty to horses by using them for joyrides.

The petitioners, including NGOs- People for Animals and People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), sought a direction to ban plying of Victoria horse carriages.

The high court directed all authorities to ensure that use of horse-drawn carriages in Mumbai shall be completely stopped after a year.

"We hold that the use of horse-driven carriages in Mumbai for joyrides is completely illegal. The activity of using horse-driven carriages only for joyrides solely for human pleasure is an avoidable activity. Horse-driven carriages only for joyrides is violative of Section 3 and 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act," the bench said.

The court has also directed that all stables meant for horses in the city be closed down after a year. Taking into account the fact that around 700 families are dependent of this business of Victoria carriages, the court has asked the state government to formulate a scheme for rehabilitation of these families.

Source: IBN live
Date : June 8, 2015

AWBI warns against dog-culling

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has warned the State government that its decision to cull aggressive street dogs would amount to contempt of Supreme Court.

Urging Chief Minister Oommen Chandy to put on hold the decision, R.M. Kharb, AWBI chairman, asked the Mr. Chandy to await the outcome of the cases related to stray dogs that were pending before the apex court. The Supreme Court was considering the issue of street dogs, and several petitions were posted before it for final disposal in the 3rd week of June, he said in a letter to the Chief Minister.

Incidentally, a posting on the website of the State government said it had plans to widely implement the Animal Birth control programmes across the State following an all-party meeting held on Thursday. It further stated that there were no legal hurdles to kill dangerous and rabid dogs.

Mr. Kharb pointed out that while deciding on to cull all aggressive street dogs in Kerala, "reliance has erroneously been placed on a 2006 Kerala High Court judgment permitting culling." The State's decision was unlawful and in violation of restraint orders passed by the Supreme Court against all such orders passed by High Courts after December, 2008, he pointed out.

While arriving at the decision to cull the dangerous dogs, he argued, the State government had "failed to consider the detailed and specific opinion in this regard, together with Supreme Court orders and other supporting documents," that were forwarded by the Board.

The Board chairman also forwarded copies of the relevant Supreme Court orders which stayed various High Court orders in this relation to the Chief Minister.

In sanctioning the proposed cull, the letter said, the Chief Minister was "in fact be acting in the face of, and in violation of the Supreme Court view. We at the Animal Welfare Board of India trust that it is not your intention to do so," the letter said.

Source: The Hindu
Date : July 11, 2015

Elephants in Palakkad's temples face cruelty: Animal Welfare Board of India

Marvelous arrangement of colors, people, and decorated elephants make Kerala temple festival very attractive, but the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) reports suggest otherwise. Their report reveals that elephants with injuries were paraded and were forced to stand for hours in hot and humid climate without any protection by the organisers of temple festivals in Kerala, recently.

The organiser has violated the Supreme Court's directions which had stated all the organisers, owners of the elephants and the festival co-ordination committee to ensure that no elephant was engaged in the performance of any festival activities or meted out with cruelty.

Three separate reports, which dna has the access, mentioned that the elephants with abscesses, wounds, foot ailments, cataract, impaired vision of dermatitis were used during the festivals.

The reports were prepared by the AWBI after it carried out spot inspections in Mudappallur, Kannambra and Anjumoorthy of Palakkad district in May this year.

"If it is established before this court that an elephant has been meted out with cruelty, the organisers, the committee members and any one involved with it shall be impleaded in the case and be proceeded for contempt," a

Supreme Court bench had said while hearing a PIL filed by an NGO Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center highlighting the cruelty meted out to these animals.

Source: DNA
Date : July 20, 2015

Cruelty in pet shops: Plea to law panel for rules

NEW DELHI: Animal welfare organizations have written to the chairman of the Law Commission, Justice A P Shah, for recommending promulgation of the pet shop rules.

Drawing his attention to cruel practices that are rampant in pet shops, organizations like the Humane Society International, People for Animals (PFA), Blue Cross and Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO) have urged Shah to recommend notifying of the draft rules which were framed by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) in 2010.

De-beaking birds, docking tails of dogs, plucking feathers and de-clawing of kittens are common at pet shops. So are malpractices in breeding. Many animals don't survive the trauma of being transported in small cages without adequate water or food - 40% don't survive the shock of captivity and transportation - unweaned pups are put up for sale and many animals are caught from the wild in complete violation of the Wildlife Protection Act. Exotic birds are bred in massive numbers and kept in tiny cages, PFA has found.

Source: Times of India
Date : July 3, 2015

Saturday, 27 June 2015: 110 principals and teachers were honoured at a special Felicitation Programme organized by Karuna International at Shree Jawanthraj Tejraj Surana Jain Vidyalaya & Junior College, 2, Badrian Garden Lane, Park Town. The indoor auditorium was packed to capacity with dedicated teachers & principals, all exuding positive energy and enthusiasm. Karuna International Office Bearers graced the occasion to motivate the teachers.

The programme commenced with the Karuna Prayer rendered melodiously by the students of SJT Surana Jain School. National President, Sri Kailasmull Dugar, welcomed the audience, expressing his deep appreciation for their untiring work to inculcate humane values in their students through Karuna Club activities. Chairman, Sri Dulichand Jain introduced the Chief Guest, Sri. M. Meenakshi Sundaram, Secretary, Vivekananda Educational Trust outlining his long years of committed service to education.

Sri Padam Kumar J. Tatia, President, KI, Chennai Kendra presented a report (Power Point Presentation) of the various activities conducted by the Kendra and karuna Clubs. He highlighted the special programmes: Say No to Leather, Ban Meat Export, Ahimsa Rallies, Drawing Competition to promote Vegetarianism, etc.

The motivational talk, 'Humane Values in Education' by the Chief Guest was truly inspiring. He said that teachers are "Power Generators" chosen by God for their noble work. The audience sat in rapt attention devouring every word with awe and admiration. He reiterated the importance of our culture which gave us all the humane values essential for life. He said that schools and teachers are the only hope to bring about the required change.

The Guest of Honour, Smt Uma Murthy, delivered a short talk, positive that we, the teacher fraternity will make a difference. She asked the teachers to use every opportunity available to inculcate humane values, not wait for the Value Education period alone.

The Principals and Teachers were honoured with a memento, a silver coin, to show our gratitude and appreciation for their services to the cause of Karuna. The resource persons, who make our training programmes successful, were also honoured.

Smt. Lakshmi Neelakantan, CEO, Karuna International gave a brief introduction to the Kendra activities planned for this academic year. The audience was asked to share their experiences and give suggestions. This interactive session had the teachers speaking with pride about their activities and the effect on their students. Next was a session of Spot Prizes, where in prizes were given to the teachers who truly practiced the Karuna Values that we teach. Sri Suresh Kankariya, Genl. Secretary, KI proposed the Vote of Thanks, thanking the Chief Guest, the host school, members and every person in the audience.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem sung by the students of SJT Surana Jain School. The participants left with renewed dedication to serve the cause of Karuna after a sumptuous lunch.



Photo Credit: Karuna International

सादर प्रकाशनाथ

करुणा अंतरराष्ट्रीय वेबई केन्द्र
करुणा क्लब शिक्षक समुदाय हुआ सम्मानित

दिनांक 27 जून 2015 को एसजेटी जैन सुराणा जैन विद्यालय पार्क टाउन चेन्नई-3 में हुए इस समारोह में 51 विद्यालयों के 110 प्रिंसिपलों/शिक्षिकाओं/शिक्षकों को उनकी करुणा क्लब के माध्यम से बच्चों में अहिंसा, करुणा एवं मानवीय मूल्यों के प्रसार में की गई सेवाओं के लिए सम्मानित किया गया।

करुणा प्रार्थना के साथ प्रारंभ हुए इस कार्यक्रम में सर्वप्रथम राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष श्री कैलाशमल दुग्ड ने सभी का स्वागत किया एवं समस्त शिक्षकगणों का हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि विद्यार्थियों में करुणा, अहिंसा एवं मानवीय मूल्यों को प्रचारित कर उन्हें सुसंस्कृत करने हेतु आप द्वारा किया गया कार्य सराहनीय है।

चेयरमेन श्री दुलीचंद जैन ने मुख्य अतिथि श्री एम. मीनाक्षीसुंदरम, सचिव, विवेकानंद एजुकेशनल ट्रस्ट का संक्षिप्त परिचय देते हुए उनके शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में समर्पित सेवा कार्यों के बारे में बताया।

चेन्नई केन्द्राध्यक्ष श्री पदमकुमार टाटिया ने पॉवर पॉइंट प्रजेंटेशन के माध्यम से केन्द्र एवं करुणा क्लबों की गतिविधियों पर विस्तार से चर्चा करते हुए शिक्षक समुदाय का और अधिक करुणा कार्यक्रम एवं गतिविधियां करने के लिए प्रेरित किया।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री सुंदरम ने अपने प्रेरणात्मक व्याख्यान में कहा कि आप सब प्रशंसनीय हैं क्योंकि ईश्वर ने नेक कार्य के लिए आप सब लोगों को शिक्षक कार्य के लिए चुना है। आपने भारतीय संस्कृति के महत्व को उल्लेखित करते हुए कहा कि आज के युग में अनेक कारणों से अनेक तरह के नकारात्मक घटनाएं देखने को मिलती हैं, मात्र विद्यालयों-शिक्षकों-विद्यार्थियों के माध्यम से ही सकारात्मक बदलाव लाया जा सकता है।

विशिष्ट अतिथि श्रीमती उमा मूर्ति ने संक्षिप्त में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत करते हुए शिक्षकों से अपील की कि मानवीय मूल्यों के कार्यों के लिए मात्र कालांश विशेष का इंतजार न करें, जब भी अवसर मिले बच्चों को नैतिकता की ओर बढ़ाते चलें।

इसके बाद सीइओ श्रीमती लक्ष्मीनीलकंठन ने शिक्षक/शिक्षिकाओं से बातचीत करते हुए खुले मंच का नेतृत्व किया। जिसमें सभी ने उत्साह के साथ भाग लेते हुए विद्यार्थियों के साथ हुए करुणा विषयक अनुभवों से अवगत कराया। महासचिव श्री सुरेश कांकरिया ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापित करते हुए कार्यक्रम का समापन किया। इस अवसर पर अनेक पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यकर्ताओं सहित 140 करुणा सदस्य उपस्थित थे।

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Press Release

**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA,
CHENNAI 15.06.2015**

On 5.6.2015, the Animal Welfare Board of India received an email complaint regarding a person named Surendar Dagar of Gurgaon posting in facebook about his dog used in a dog fight and forwarded it to the Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon for investigation and punishment for the culprit. It has been brought to the notice of the Board that the culprit, Surendar Dagar has been arrested by the Jhajjar Police after an investigation.

The Board wants to thank all the authorities involved in the investigation which resulted in the arrest of the offender. It is hoped that the investigators could achieve a breakthrough and get the necessary information for smashing the animal fight ring.

The Animal Welfare Board of India is established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 for the promotion of animal welfare generally for the purpose of protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular.

Section 3 of PCA Act, 1960 has prescribed the Duties of persons having Charge of animals as "It shall be the duty of every person having the care or charge of any animal to take all reasonable

measures to ensure the well-being of such animal and to prevent the infliction upon such animal of unnecessary pain or suffering."

Under Section 11(1)(m)(ii) of the PCA Act, 1960 it is prohibited to incite an animal to fight another animal.

The Supreme Court of India in its judgement dt.7.5.14 in the SLP (C) 11686 of 2007 AWBI Vs A.Nagaraja & Ors has directed that 'AWBI is also directed to ensure that the provisions of Section 11(1)(m)(ii) scrupulously followed, meaning thereby, that the person-in-charge or care of the animal shall not incite any animal to fight against a human being or another animal.'

AWBI has advised all the State Governments to enforce the PCA Act 1960 and the Rules made thereunder effectively and has also forwarded the landmark Supreme Court judgement dt.7.5.2014 to all State Governments.

This direction could be achieved only if the law is enforced effectively. Unless law enforcement authorities crack down hard on such illegal animal fights and prosecute the offenders resulting in conviction and imprisonment, such illegal animal fights which perpetrates cruelty on the animals would continue.

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नई दिल्ली, 8 जुलाई, 2015

सा.सा.नि. 546(अ).—केन्द्रीय मोटर वाहन नियम, 1989 की धारा 212 की उपधारा (1) के अधीन अनेकालुका केन्द्रीय मोटर वाहन नियम, 1989 का और संशोधन करने के लिए, भारत सरकार के सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग संचालन की भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उपखंड (i) में प्रकाशित अधिसूचना सा.सा.नि. संख्यांक 745 (अ) तारी 27 अक्टूबर, 2014 द्वारा शासक नियम प्रकाशित किए गए थे, उन सभी व्यक्तियों से, जिनके उनसे प्रभावित होने व संभावना थी, उस तारीख से जिसको उक्त अधिसूचना से कुछ राजपत्र की प्रतियां जनता को उपलब्ध करा दी गई थी की दिन की अवधि के अवधान से पूर्व आपत्तियों और सुझाव आर्पित किए गए थे;

और राजपत्र की प्रतियां जिसमें उक्त अधिसूचना प्रकाशित की गई थी, जनता को 27 अक्टूबर, 2014 को उपलब्ध करा दी गई थी;

और उक्त शासक नियमों की बाबत जनता से प्राप्त आपत्तियों और सुझावों पर केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा विचार कर लिए गए हैं;

अतः अब केन्द्रीय सरकार उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 110 की उपधारा (1) के खंड (ख) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों व प्रयोग करते हुए, केन्द्रीय मोटर वाहन नियम, 1989 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात्:-

- (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम केन्द्रीय मोटर वाहन (स्यारड्यूबो संशोधन) नियम, 2015 है;
 - ये नियम 1 जनवरी, 2016 को प्रवृत्त होंगे;
- केन्द्रीय मोटर वाहन नियम, 1989 (जिसमें इनमें इसके परन्तत मूल नियम कहा गया है) के नियम 125ए के परन्तत निम्नलिखित नियम अंतःस्थापित किया जाएगा, अर्थात् :-

"125ए. पशुधन का परिवहन करने वाले मोटरवाहनों के लिए विशेष अपेक्षाएं—(1) जनवरी, 2016 को और उसके परन्तत सड़क द्वारा पशुधन का परिवहन करने के लिए उपयोग किए जा रहे मोटरवाहन, स्थायित्वित कवच-समय पर संशोधित भारतीय मानक स्टूटो की आईएस 14904: 2007; या आईएस 5238:2001; या आई एस 5238:1982 में प्रस्तावित विनियमों के अनुसार होंगे और पशुधन का परिवहनकर्ता या परिवहनकर्ता संबंधित विनियमों में पशु धन के परिवहन की बाह्य अधिकतम व्यवहार संहिता का अनुसरण करेगा।

(2) उपनियम (1) के अधीन रहते हुए जालघरों को ले जाने वाले मोटर वाहन में जाल की बाड़ी में स्वामी विभाजन होंगे जिससे प्रत्येक विभाजन में जानवरों को व्यक्ति रूप से ले जाया जाए, जिसमें विभाजन का अकार निम्नलिखित से कम नहीं होगा, अर्थात् :-

- गाय और बैक=2 वर्गमीटर
- बैक और बॉडी= 2.25 वर्गमीटर
- पेट और बॉडी=0.3 वर्गमीटर
- कुत्ता =0.6 वर्गमीटर; और
- मुकुट =40 वर्ग सेंटीमीटर

- जानवरों को ले जाने के लिए आवधिक किसी मोटर वाहन को अन्य वाहन को ले जाने के लिए अनुमत नहीं किया जाएगा।
- पर्यटन परिवहन अधिकारी उपनियम (2) के उपखंडों के अनुसार उपरोक्त मोटर वाहन के अकार का जांच करी को ले जाने के लिए आवधिक मोटर वाहन को विशेष अनुमति नहीं देगा।

[स. सं. आरटी-11036/24/2014-मवल]

संयोजक सचिव, सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग संचालन, भारत सरकार, भाग II, खंड 3, उपखंड (i) में अधिसूचना सं. सा.सा.नि. 590(अ), तारीख 2 नवंबर, 1989 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और अंतिम संशोधन सा.सा.नि. सं. 498(अ), तारीख 16-06-2015 द्वारा किया गया।

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th July, 2015

G.S.R. 546(E).—Whereas, the draft rules further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, were published, as required under sub-section (1) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), vide notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways number G.S.R. 745 (E), dated the 27th October, 2014 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (i) inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the said notification containing the draft rules were made available to the public;

And whereas, copies of the said Gazette notification were made available to the public on the 27th October, 2014;

And whereas, the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft rules have been considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, namely:—

- (1) These rules may be called the Central Motor Vehicles (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2015.
 - They shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2016.
- In the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the principal rules), after rule 125D the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"125E. Special requirements of motor vehicles transporting livestock. - (1) On and after, the 1st January, 2016, motor vehicles used for transportation of livestock by road shall be in accordance with the specifications of the Bureau of Indian Standards as provided in IS-14904:2007; or IS-5238:2001; or IS-5238:1982, as the case may be, as amended from time to time and the transporter or consignor of the livestock shall follow the code of practice laid down in the respective specification regarding the transport of the livestock.

- (2) Subject to sub-rule (1), the motor vehicles for carrying animals shall have permanent partitions in the body of the vehicle so that the animals are carried individually in each partition where the size of the partition shall not be less than the following namely:—
- Cows and buffaloes = 2 sq. mts.
 - Horses and mares = 2.25 sq. mts.
 - Sheep and goat = 0.3 sq. mts.
 - Pig = 0.6 sq. mts; and
 - Poultry = 40 cm sq.

- No motor vehicles meant for carrying animals shall be permitted to carry any other goods.
- The Regional Transport Officer shall issue special licences for the motor vehicles meant for carrying animals on the basis of vehicles modified in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (2)."

[F. No. RT-11036/24/2014-MVL]

SANJAY BANDOPADHYAYA, Jr. Secy.

Note:- The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (i) vide notification number G.S.R. 590(E), dated the 2nd June, 1989 and lastly amended vide notification number 498(E), dated 16-06-2015.

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