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To,

1. All the Chief Secretaries of States and UT's.
2. All the Animal Owners and Care takers.

Subject: Request to avoid exposure of direct heat to draught and pack animal and to take care of animals during extreme hot weather during transportation on foot-regarding.

Sir,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a Statutory Body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (PCA) Act, 1960 for the promotion of animal welfare, in general and for the purpose of protecting animals being subjected to any unnecessary pain or suffering. The Board is the advisory body to the Government in the matters pertaining to the protection and amelioration of animals in India, hence issuing of circulars and guidelines which are advisory in nature are within the scope of their statutory powers as prescribed under applicable law.

2. In this regard, it is stated that as per the Section 3 of the PCA Act, 1960 it is the duty of the person having charge of the animal to take all reasonable measures to ensure the well-being of such animal and to prevent the infliction upon such animals of unnecessary pain or suffering. Also, under various provision of the Section 11 (1) failure to take care of the animal under one supervision or custody amounts to the cruelty which is also punishable offence.

3. It is pertinent to note that, as per Sub-Rule 3 of Rule 6 of the Prevention of Cruelty to draught and pack animal Rules, 1965 " *No person shall use or cause to be used any animal for drawing any vehicle or carrying any in any load **where the temperature exceeds 37C during the period between 12 noon and 3:00 pm.***"

4. Further as per the Rule 12 of the Prevention of Cruelty to animals (Transportation of Animal on Foot) Rules 2001, no animal shall be **transported on foot if the temperature is beyond 30C or before sunrise or after sunset.**

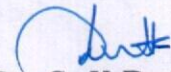
5. Therefore, in view of the above, it is requested that all the animal owner and caretaker to kindly ensure the compliance of the above statutory provision. Also, the concern departments are requested to

issue necessary direction and ensure proper implementation of the Rules so that there is no unnecessary pain or suffering to the animals due extreme weather conditions.

6. In addition to the above, it is informed that all the advisories and circular of the AWBI are available on the website of AWBI (www.awbi.gov.in). Your Co-operation and Co-ordination are highly solicited for the welfare of the Animals.

7. This advisory is issued under section 9(l) of Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960.

Yours Sincerely



(Dr. S. K Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to for information and necessary actions:

1. All the District Collector of all the States /UT's
2. All the Director General of Police of all the States/UT's.
3. All the Municipal Corporation of all the States/UTs
4. The Chairman, AWBI.