

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

Minutes of the 52nd General Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 17.05.2024 at AWBI Hqs. Sikri, Ballabgarh, Haryana

The following members of the Board attended the meeting on 17.05.2024 at 02.00 p.m. physically at AWBI Hqs., Sikri, Ballabgarh, Haryana: -

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| 1. | Dr. O.P. Chaudhary, IFS
Joint Secretary, (AWD) MoFAH&D | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.) | - | Member |
| 3. | Shri Sunil Mansinghka | - | Member |
| 4. | Shri Girish J. Shah | - | Member |
| 5. | Shri S.P. Gupta, IAS (Retd.) | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. R.S. Chauhan | - | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Hitesh Jani | - | Member |
| 8. | Shri Ram K. Raghuvanshi | - | Member |
| 9. | Dr. Manilal Valliyate | - | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Director, NAR-FBR
Hyderabad– Rep. of ICMR | - | Member |
| 11. | Dr. S.K. Dutta, Joint Commissioner (AWD)
MoFAH&D | - | Secretary In-charge, AWBI |
| 12. | Smt. Prachi Jain | - | Assistant Secretary, AWBI |

Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member, AWBI has requested for leave from the meeting due to her pre-occupation and foreign tour and the same was noted by the Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Board in the 52nd General Meeting of the Board present in the meeting. Thereafter, the Chairman requested the Secretary AWBI to present the agenda items.

The following agenda items were placed before the Board during the meeting held on 17.05.2024 and deliberations on the agenda items are as under:-

Item No.1: Budget Estimate allocated by the Ministry to the Animal Welfare Board of India for the current financial year 2024-25

The allocated BE of Rs.1000.00 lakhs for the financial year 2024-25 by the Ministry was placed before the Board for perusal and approval of the budget allocated under the following heads. The details of budget allocation under BE for the financial year 2024-25 and its internal allotment for schemes etc. is tabulated below for consideration and approval of the Board: -

Budget Allocation for the year 2024-25

(Rupees in lakhs)					
S. No.	Schemes	BE Allocation 2024-25	Funds received during 2023-24	Expenditure during 2023-24	Remarks / Reason
1	Grant in Aid Salary	300.00	300.00	315.74	Pay & allowances of AWBI staff and Salary of outsourced staff
2	Grant in Aid General (Admin & Office Expenses)	200.00	200.00	163.97	Meetings and other expenses

3	Regular Grant and Rescue Cattle Grant	500.00	450.00	408.20	To provide financial assistance to the recognised AWOs/ Gaushalas under various schemes for welfare of stray animals
4	Provision of Shelter House	00	73.25	42.22	
5	Provision of Ambulance Services	00	-	-	
6	Animal Birth Control (ABC) Scheme	00	-	-	
7	Natural Calamity Relief to Animals	00	-	-	
Total Budget		1000.00	1023.25	930.14	

It was suggested by some Board members that the awareness program to educate people about the welfare concerns of the animals needs to be incorporated as one of the head under the budget and at least an amount of Rs.1.00 crore needs to be allocated for the training purposes.

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta suggested that such training programs should be incorporated by the AWBI through public institutes to educate and sensitized the public in general on animal welfare issues.

Secretary, AWBI suggested that initially, the Board may allocate the fund of Rs. 50.00 lakhs for training and education. The AWBI needs to send its request to the Ministry for seeking extra budget in the Revised Estimate for the purpose.

Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI suggested that there should be one separate head for Research and Development with at least an amount of Rs.1.00 crore.

After the deliberations Chairman, AWBI concluded that there is no such head for the AWBI. The Board to start with the budget allocation of Rs.50.00 lakhs initially and the additional budget required to be sought during the month of July / August upto Rs.1.00 crore. He further decided that Shri Girish J. Shah and Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Members of the Board to provide detailed proposal for such training programs. It was further suggested by him that the Board to create Humane Education and Awareness Head for allocation of the budget conducting such training programs.

Shri S. P. Gupta suggested that more budgets need to be sought from the Ministry to address all the issues and to relieve the ongoing constraints faced by the Board.

Chairman, AWBI informed the Board that the matter for enhancement of budget for AWBI is under consideration in the Ministry.

Shri Rajeev Gupta suggested the Board may provide Rs.1.00 crore to each States / UTs to bring them under the umbrella of the AWBI and to cater the animal welfare concerns at their level with such funds instead of disbursing funds only.

The Chairman, AWBI suggested that the AWBI need to make the schemes more effective and efficient on ground level which are more practical to encourage individuals/ AWOs seeking financial assistance. Also, the Board may work on creating a mechanism for monitoring the funds disbursed to the recognized AWOs under various schemes for its effective utilization. Accordingly, the schemes are to be revised and forwarded to the Ministry for its approval.

Further he deliberated upon the matter pertaining to renovation of the various buildings at the campus and requested the Secretary AWBI to follow the same with the Ministry.

Item No.2: Ratifications of the minutes of the various Committee meetings

The Minutes of the meetings of the various committees of the Board conducted after 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Board held on 22.11.2023 till 14.05.2024 were placed before the Board for ratification by the Board.

i) Ratification of the Minutes of 02 Executive Committee Meetings of the Board held on 22.11.2023 and 26.03.2024

The minutes of the 127th and 128th Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 22.11.2023 and 26.03.2024 respectively were ratified by the Board.

ii) Ratification of the Minutes of 03R&GC Meetings of the Board held on 22.11.2023, 24.01.2024 and 11.03.2024.

The Minutes of the 03 meetings of the R&GC Committee of the Board held on 22.11.2023, 24.01.2024 and 11.03.2024 were ratified by the Board.

iii) Ratification of the Minutes of the Honorary Animal Welfare Representative Committee (HAWR) Meeting of the Board held on 22.11.2023

The minutes of the Honorary Animal Welfare Representative Committee of the Board held on 22.11.2023 were ratified by the Board.

iv) Ratification of the Minutes of the Performing Animals Committee held from 14.11.2023 to 14.05.2024

The Board ratified the 365 Pre-shoot Permissions and 592 No Objection Certificates issued to the concerned after approval of the Chairman, AWBI during the 49 Performing Animals Committee meetings held from 14.11.2023 to 14.05.2024.

v) Ratification of the Minutes of the ABC Project Recognition Committee held on 23.11.2023, 09.02.2024, 28.03.2024 and 14.05.2024

The Board ratified minutes of 4 meetings of ABC Project Recognition Committee of the Board held on 23.11.2023, 09.02.2024, 28.03.2024 and 14.05.2024.

Item No.3: Consideration of the matter pertaining to review of Criteria for Treated and Rescued animals under Regular and Rescued Cattle Grant by the Board

The matter pertaining to review of existing criteria for providing Regular & Rescued Cattle and Treated and Rescued animals was placed before the Board for consideration.

Shri Girish J. Shah informed the Board that the State Governments are providing funds for Rescued Cattle at their level, therefore, the Rescued Cattle Grant may be stopped by the Board.

Shri S. P. Gupta also stated that the AWOs are getting paid the amount for maintenance of the case property animals as per the direction of judicial magistrate/ various courts as per the Provision of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of Case Property) Rules, 2017.

Shri Sunil Mansinghka stated that Rescued Cattle grant must be continued as the AWOs are putting extra efforts for maintaining such rescued cattle.

Chairman AWBI informed that the Rescued Cattle grant to be provided to the AWBI recognized AWOs need to be continued for supporting the organizations for maintenance of the Rescued Cattle received through FIRs from the illegal transportation.

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta informed the Board that the minimum maintenance charges are Rs.82.47 per day per animal as per NitiAayog Report.

The Board after due deliberation on the matter, unanimously decided that the Rescued Cattle Grant to be fixed @ Rs.80/- per day per animal upto maximum of two years from the date of rescue / receiving the cattle in the organization. It was further decided that the maximum ceiling for the Rescued Cattle shall be remained same of Rs.5.00 lakhs in a financial year.

The Board further decided that the Category-2 in the existing criteria of the Regular and Rescued Cattle Grant in the name of Treated Animals Grant for Rescued / Treated animals to be discontinued as no applications are being received under this category and the definition of the treated animals is also ambiguous. Therefore, only following two categories will be effective under the Regular and Rescued Cattle Grant: -

Category 1- Regular Grant

AWBI provide Regular & Rescued Cattle Grant to Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) registered under the Indian Societies Act.1860 or Indian Trust Act, Co-operative Societies Act, Gaushala Act, Gauseva Aayog Act as charitable organizations recognized by AWBI. The Board decided that the Board can provide Financial Assistance to the AWOs who are having valid recognition from the Board as per the following criteria from the financial year 2024-25: -

The criteria for sanction of Regular Grant for both large and small animals as approved by the Board during its 52ndGM held on 17.05.2024 is as under: -

Number of animals sheltered	Approved Criteria	
	Grant for Small animals in rupees	Grant for large animals in rupees
Up to 25	Nil	Rs.1300 per animal
26 to 50	10000/-	40000/-
51 to 100	18000/-	60000/-
101 to 200	30000/-	75000/-
201 to 300	45000/-	90000/-
301 to 400	60000/-	105000/-
401 to 500 (and above for small animals)	75000/-	120000/-
501 to 750	-do-	150000/-
751 to 1000	-do-	180000/-
1001 to 1250	-do-	210000/-
1251 to 1500	-do-	240000/-
1501 to 1750	-do-	270000/-
1751 to 2000	-do-	300000/-
2001 to 2500	-do-	370000/-
2501 to 3000	-do-	440000/-
3001 to 3500	-do-	510000/-
3501 to 4000	-do-	580000/-

4001 to 4500	-do-	650000/-
4501 to 5000 and above	-do-	720000/-

The category of small and large animals is as under: -

- 1) Small animals - Cats, dogs, sheep, goat and others
- 2) Large animals - Cows, Calves, Buffaloes, Bull and Horses

Category 2 – Rescued Cattle Grant

The Board is providing financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) recognized by the Board for rescued cattle from illegal transportation etc. and handed over to the Gaushalas / AWOs based on the FIRs lodged / court directions through Police. Those rescued animals are sheltered by the Gaushalas / AWOs. The Board is supporting these Gaushalas / AWOs by providing financial assistance for maintenance of the rescued animals handed over to them through court directions or by the police as per the FIRs. The Board was earlier providing the financial assistance to the such AWOs under Rescued Cattle Grant at the rate of Rs.25/- per animal per day which has now been revised to Rs. 80/- per animal per day for a period of maximum two years with a ceiling of Rs.5,00,000/- annually.

The grant under above two categories shall be released, subject to furnishing the bonds and other requisite documents by the respective organizations, as per details given below:

Grant amount upto Rs.3,60,000/-	- in one installment
Grant amount above Rs.3,60,000/-	- in two equal installments

Item No.4: Consideration of the matter pertaining to Revised Guidelines of the CSS Schemes being implemented by the Board

The matter pertaining to the revised guidelines of the all schemes being implemented by the AWBI were placed before the R&GC of the Board held on 17.05.2024 and the committed after due deliberation on the matter recommended that the Board to keep only two schemes in effect i.e. Regular and Rescued Cattle Grant and the Provision of Shelter House for looking after the animals, remaining 3 schemes i.e. (i) Provision of Ambulance Services/Animal Helpline to Animals in Distress (ii) Relief to Animals during the Natural Calamities and Unforeseen Circumstances and (iii) Animal Birth Control & Immunization of Stray Dogs are either being implemented by the States / UTs or have become infructuous.

The Chairman of the Board suggested that the schemes need to be revised which are more practical to encourage individuals/ AWOs seeking financial assistance. The proposed schemes are to be forwarded to the Ministry for its consideration and approval. The Board needs to constitute a committee for this specific purpose.

Item No.5: Consideration of the matter pertaining to Review of Committees constituted by the Board.

The matter pertaining to review of its various committees constituted during its 51st GM held on 04.07.2023 are deliberated upon by the Board. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Director, NAR-FBR (representative of ICMR) has been included in the ABC Project Recognition Committee in place of Dr. P. K. Atul and he has also inclined to be the member of Animal Act & Rules Reviewing and Legal Committee and Slaughter House Inspection Committee. Accordingly, it was decided to include Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta in place of Dr.

S. K. Mittal in Slaughter House Inspection Committee as well as to include him in Animal Act & Rules Reviewing and Legal Committee. Thus, the revised committees are as follows: -

ABC PROJECT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE	
(i)	Chairman AWBI
(ii)	Prof. R. S. Chauhan, Member, AWBI
(iii)	Sh. Ram K. Raghuvanshi, Member AWBI
(iv)	Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member, AWBI
(v)	Dr. Manilal Valliyate, Member AWBI
(vi)	Dr. H. R. Khanna, Joint Commissioner, DAHD
(vii)	Dr. Abdul Vakil, Chief Veterinary Officer, GHMC
(viii)	Dr. Sreenivasan, Additional Director, AHD, Karnataka
(ix)	Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Director, NARFBR
(x)	Dr. Ansari, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
(xi)	Secretary, AWBI/ Asst. Secy., AWBI
The Committee may co-opt one or more members as and when required.	

ANIMAL ACT & RULES REVIEWING & LEGAL COMMITTEE	
(i)	Chairman AWBI
(ii)	Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI
(iii)	Prof. R.S. Chauhan, Member AWBI
(iv)	Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member AWBI
(v)	Shri S. P. Gupta, Member, AWBI
(vi)	Dr. Manilal Valliyate, Member AWBI
(vii)	Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Director, NARFBR
(viii)	Smt. Manisha T. Karia, AoR, Supreme Court
(ix)	Dr. Harsh Surana, AoR, Supreme Court
(x)	Adv. Rajesh K. Gonga, CGSC Delhi High Court
(xi)	Shri Kamlesh Shah, Mumbai
(xii)	Shri Abhay S. Shah, Advocate Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
(xiii)	Shri S. R. Sundaram, Advocate, Chennai
(xiv)	Shri S. N. Kapoor, Advocate, Nagpur
(xv)	Secretary, AWBI/ Asst. Secy., AWBI
The Board may co-opt more members as and when required.	
COMMITTEE FOR INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES	

- (i) Shri Ram Krishan Raghuvanshi, Member AWBI - Chairman of Committee
- (ii) Dr. Manilal Valliyate, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Sudhir Kumar Srivastava, Inspector General (Retd.), BSF, New Delhi
- (iv) Dr. Sandeep Jain, Ludhiana
- (v) Dr. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Director, NARFBR
- (vi) Shri Kamlesh Shah, Mumbai
- (vii) Shri J.P. Saxena
- (viii) Representative from the State Animal Husbandry Department of the concerned State
- (ix) Representative of the local bodies
- (x) Representative from FSSAI dealing with the subject
- (xi) Representative from APEDA in respect of inspection of APEDA registered slaughter houses

The Board may co-opt more members as and when required.

Item No.6: Consideration of the matter pertaining to the unused accounts of the Board out of which one account may be earmarked for receiving rent of the 1st Floor of AWBI Regional Office at Chennai

The matter pertaining to the 3 non-operating bank accounts in the name of Animal Welfare Board of India which were being utilized for the following purpose was placed before the Board: -

S. No.	Name of the Account	Bank Account No.	Balance as on 31.03.2024
1.	Shifting Account	37586505079	Rs.0.00
2.	Training Programme Account	37877677753	Rs.0.60
3.	Tax Account	62461870464	Rs.11.30 (will be deposited in Bharat Kosh)

The Board decided that the two accounts at serial number 1 & 3 of the above table may be closed and one account at S.No.2 in the above table bearing No.37877677753 may be utilized for collection of revenue through assets such as rent of first floor of AWBI Regional Office, Chennai etc. and the account details may also be conveyed to the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board for depositing the rent.

Item No. 7: Consideration of the matter pertaining to Regulations on the Recruitment Rules for the employees of the Board.

The matter pertaining to Regulations for the recruitment of the officers and employees of the Board along with the final copy of Recruitment Regulations for regulating various posts of AWBI duly vetted by Ministry of Law and Justice vide letter dated 09.05.2024 for its publication in the Gazette of India was placed before the Board for the approval of the same before notification. The matter was unanimously approved by the Board for notification of the AWBI Recruitment Regulations.

Item No.8: Consideration of matter pertaining to implementation of Gaushala Training Module prepared by Prof. R. S. Chauhan.

As decided during the 50th Annual General Meeting held on 03.09.2020, the training module prepared by Prof. R. S. Chauhan for training of the gaushala personnel were placed before the Board for consideration and for directions on few other issues related to the training module.

After due deliberation on the matter, it was decided that the training module prepared by Prof. R. S. Chauhan for training of the gaushala personnel to be circulated to the Board Members for their comments within a month's period.

It was further decided that Prof. R. S. Chauhan to return the assets like computer, printer etc. procured out of the funds provided by the Board for preparation of the training module by following the proper procedure like making the reverse entries of the assets etc. The Board may write a letter to the University in this regard.

Item No.9: Consideration of matter regarding Judicial Academy Training (module) to make them aware and updated on Animal Welfare Laws.

The specialized training module on animal welfare laws for the Judicial Academy prepared by the office was placed before the Board for implementation of training to judiciary personnel to make them familiar with the Animal Welfare laws exist in India. The training program will aim to equip the future judicial officers with comprehensive knowledge of animal welfare laws.

The Board after due deliberation on the matter approved the training module.

Item No.10: Consideration of the matter pertaining to pending payment of M/s. S. H. Khan & Co., New Delhi for providing the security services at NIAW Campus

The matter pertaining to the pending payment of M/s. S. H. Khan & Co. was placed before the Board with the brief of the services provided by the outsourcing agency i.e. security services at the NIAW campus during COVID and the bills raised for making necessary payment against the services provided. Later the Ministry after closer of NIAW has directed the Board to take care of the campus for its future operations and the bills were forwarded to the Board. The discrepancies on the part of the service provider were highlighted and it was also brought to the notice of the Board that the service provider failed to rectify the issues, however, the service provider sent legal notice to the Board and the same was replied by the Board and the service provider had not replied for the same.

It was further brought to the notice of the Board that the matter was then referred to the Ministry which was further forwarded to the Vigilance Department of the Ministry. The matter was examined by Administrative Vigilance Unit of the Department and observed that the allegations of forgery and financial irregularity are against a private vendor i.e. M/s. S.H. Khan & Co. for providing security services at NIAW, Ballabgarh campus and it is evident that the aforesaid entity is not covered under CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and hence this matter does not fall under the ambit/purview of Vigilance Unit, DAHD. The file was returned to the Board for taking further action by the Board.

The Board after due deliberation on the matter, opined that matter is administrative in nature and the matter needs to be dealt by the Board Secretariat. It was further submitted before the Board that the firm was issued show cause notice. Thereafter, a legal Notice was received from the service provider which was relied and several legal queries were issued. The reply is yet to receive.

The Members of the Board recommended that the payment to the service provider could not be made by the AWBI office keeping in view of the irregularities in the bills submitted by the service provider. It was further clarified by the Board that the office needs not to entertain any further request of the erring service provider till such time satisfactory reply is received from the firm.

Item No.11: Consideration of matter pertaining to Dr. S. K. Mittal in connection with the upgradations provided to AWBI employees as per the letter received from the Ministry and who is also claiming to be the Member of the Board at various occasions.

The letter received from the Ministry dated 22.12.2023 seeking clarification in the matter of waiving off the recoveries of the employees of the AWBI due to excess payment resulted by upgradations provided by the Staff Welfare Committee constituted by the Board in the year 2007 which were withdrawn later on post observations by the Audit and directions issued by the then Ministry, was placed before the Board. In this matter the Ministry sought clarification from the AWBI that what are the provisions under para -49 of GFR under which the present case had been examined need to be clarified and what were the steps had been devised, so that such wrong fixation of pay does not recur and responsibility can be fixed.

The Board after deliberation on the matter decided that the office may write a letter to the then member of the Board in compliance of the requirement of the Ministry's letter as part of the administrative matter of the office.

Further with regard to the claiming of member of the Board by Dr. S. K. Mittal, it was decided that the AWBI office to issue letter to him not to represent him as the Member of the Board in future to avoid such activities failing which the Board shall initiate necessary action against Dr. S. K. Mittal. The Board has also decided that he may not continue as co-opted member of the Board.

Item No.12: Consideration of the matter pertaining review of the AWOs to whom the Shelter and Ambulance Grant is released as well as review of Terms and Conditions of the Bond for release of grant-in-aid under various schemes of the Board / CSS Schemes

The matter pertaining to the review of the current status of the shelter houses / ambulance vehicles provided by the Ministry / Board for checking the status of the utilization of the grants by the AWOs was placed before the Board as decided by the Recognition and Grants Committee meetings and Board meetings earlier. The office of AWBI had issued letters to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the States / UTs and few reports have been received which were placed before the R&GC of the Board for consideration and it was decided that wherever, the number of sheltered animals by the AWOs is less than 300 in the shelter house constructed out of the fund of AWBI/Ministry, a Show Cause Notices to be issued to such AWOs in compliance to the decision of the Board.

It was also brought to the notice of the Board that the Bond signed with the AWOs before releasing the grant is valid only for 5 years and does not have any legal standing beyond that period. Moreover, the criteria for sheltering the minimum number of animals in the shelter house constructed out of the fund received from the Board is not mentioned in the scheme guidelines. Hence, it would not be appropriate to issue show cause notice to these AWOs.

The Board after due deliberation on the matter decided that the Show Cause Notices need not to be issued to the AWOs where the number of animals is found less than 300 as per the review inspection report. It was further decided that the AWOs need to shelter minimum 100 animals with minimum 50% of them should be non-milching/sick/injured.

Further, the matter related to the terms and conditions of the Bond for providing financial assistance to the Animal Welfare Organizations and Gaushalas under various schemes being implemented by the Board was also deliberated upon and it was decided that the Bond to be reviewed and a revised surety Bond to be prepared by the office and to be circulated to the Board Members for their inputs / comments.

The Board also deliberated upon the inspection proforma / checklist for review inspection so that the information related to the sheltered animals, capacity of the shelter, manpower engaged in the shelter, activities of the Organization, condition of the shelter etc. for assessing the shelter constructed out of the funds provided by the Board / Ministry. The Board decided that the inspection proforma / checklist to be reviewed by the office and to be circulated to the Board members for their inputs / comments.

Item No.13: Consideration of the matter pertaining to Stray Cattle Management and review of the responses received from few States / UTs and replication of the same in rest of the States / UTs

In compliance of the decisions of the meeting convened on 03.11.2023 by the Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, MoFAHD, Govt. of India with the States / UTs for management of Stray Cattle there, all the States/UTs were requested to furnish their inputs as well as steps taken to address the issue of the management of stray cattle. In response, few State Governments have intimated the Board that they are managing stray cattle in a planned manner as well as providing grant to the Gaushala or Pinjrapole run by the government or private societies which was brought to the notice of the Board that the Biomass of the cattle is used for organic farming, biogas, various bio-products etc. for self-sustainability of the Gaushala. The responses received from the States / UTs of Meghalaya, Manipur, Himachal Pradesh and Goa were also placed before the Board.

The Board after due deliberation of the matter decided that the office to issue another reminder letter to the States / UTs for sending their response.

Item No.14: Matter pertaining to the Structural Assessment of the NIAW Buildings for appraising the Board Members

The Board was appraised on the letters issued to the few IITs, NITs and NCBM for carrying out the structural assessment of the various buildings in the campus and response of the NIT Delhi with estimate of Rs.17.11 lakhs for carrying out the structural assessment work of the buildings. The matter was referred to the Ministry for their approval and allotment of budget for the purpose of carrying out the structural audit for renovation of the buildings. The Ministry had not so far approved the proposal and had not allocated any specific budget for the same nor have issued any directions that the renovation work will be carried out by the Ministry itself.

The matter was deliberated under the point No.1 of the agenda and it was decided that the matter pertaining to renovation of the various buildings at the campus is to be taken up by the Secretary AWBI with the Ministry.

Item No.15: Discussion on the points submitted by Shri Rajeev Gupta, Member AWBI pertaining to need of liaisoning with various Ministries for Conservation of Cow

The points pertaining to need of liaisoning with various Ministries for Conservation of Cow keeping in view the present scenario raised by Shri Rajeev Gupta were placed before the Board for consideration.

The Board after due deliberation on the matter decided that the points pertaining to need of liaisoning with various Ministries for Conservation of Cow keeping in view the present scenario raised by Shri Rajeev Gupta, need to be forwarded to the Ministry.

Item No.16: Discussion on the points submitted by Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI

The points raised by Shri Girish J. Shah, Member AWBI briefed to the Board and after due deliberation on the matter, the Board decided the following: -

1. Proposal for the Increase of the Annual Budget/Additional Budget: The matter was noted and Chairman informed the Member and the Board, the matter will be taken care by the Government.

2. Registration Process for Recognition of AWOs: It was decided that the IT personnel engaged by AWBI shall coordinate with Shri Girish J. Shah to resolve the issues being faced by the organizations in the online process of recognition of AWOs.

3. Functioning of SAWB/DSPCA: The matter was noted and the member was informed that the Board is writing to the concerned authorities of the States / UTs to make the SAWBs & SPCAs functional.

4. Regulation and Control of ABC/AR Programmes: The matter pertaining to supporting and facilitating the AWOs to improve the quality of ABC/AR program and to develop a system/ mechanism to support the AWOs in the field was deliberated upon by the Board. The Secretary, AWBI informed that there are few model ABC/AR centers working in the country, which may be contacted. However, the Veterinary Surgeons of the Board shall help in such issues.

Dr. Manilal Valliyate suggested that there are few challenges in the field of ABC/AR for which the ABC Module need to be reviewed accordingly the ABC Rules 2023 need to be reviewed.

Chairman, AWBI informed the Board that the Board requires to amend few clauses of the ABC Module and ABC Rules 2023.

5. Resuming of AWBI Publications: The AWBI has three publications viz. Animal Citizen, Jeev Sarathi and AWBI Newsletter which impact the field workers by creating awareness and update the knowledge on animal welfare. This matter pertaining to resuming the publications to sensitize and connect the field workers was deliberated upon and it was decided that two co-opted members of the Board Shri Mital Khetani and Smt. Monica Arora will bring out the AWBI Newsletter and two quarterly magazines of the Board on pro-bono basis.

6. Refresher Course for HAWR: The matter pertaining to activating the functioning / activities of HAWR requires refresher course/advanced training/or workshop to make them more efficient, able and result oriented was discussed and it was decided that Shri Girish J. Shah will organize monthly / quarterly online meeting in coordination with the personnel dealing with the subject in the office.

7. AWBI had written letters to all States asking their GR and Notification regarding Animal Welfare activity policy: The member of the Board was informed that all such information is available on the website of the Board.

Item No.17: Discussion on the points submitted by Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member AWBI

The points raised by Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member AWBI pertaining to Grant for running Gobar & Gomutra based syllabus for sustainability of the Gaushalas was deliberated upon and it was decided that it is the part of the training and should be covered under the training part already discussed by the Board under agenda point No. 1.

Item No.18: Discussion on the points submitted by Dr. Manilal Valliyate, Member AWBI

Dr. Manilal Valliate gave his presentation before the Board on the points raised by him and suggested that the training part of the performing animals need to be watched whether these are being done through tricks or tips. The natural instinct of the animals should not be suppressed or should not involve any cruelty to animals. The inspection part of the performing animals required some modifications to stop the actual cruelty.

Chairman informed that necessary efforts may be made to ensure that training and performance of animals are done in a cruel free manner.

As regard to the comments of Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member AWBI on the point raised by Dr. Manilal Valliyate and expanded discussion requested on elephants matter, Secretary AWBI apprised the Board that the matter falls under the purview of Wild Life Protection Act.

Item No.19: Consideration of matter pertaining to request of Madhya Pradesh State Animal Welfare Advisory Board seeking fund for procuring two vehicles for their official use

The matter pertaining to the request of the Animal Welfare Board of India to provide the funds of Rs.56,98,000/- for purchasing of two vehicles for its official use alongwith the quotation for purchasing the vehicles.

The matter was deliberated upon and the Board decided that there is no such provision in the Board, therefore, the request of the MPSAWB could not be considered.

The meeting ended with the thanks to all the members and Chairman.
