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To,

All the recognised Animal Welfare Organization(s)

Subject: Implementation of Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the aforesaid subject, it is stated that the Central Government has notified the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 in March, 2023. As per Rule 3 of the said Rules, (1) the local authority may conduct the Animal Birth Control program through their own veterinary officers, or if required, local authority may engage the services of an Animal Welfare Organisation which is duly recognised by the Board for Animal Birth Control and which has the requisite training, expertise and human resources, for conducting the Animal Birth Control program as per the extant policy of the Board. (2) Under both conditions referred to in sub-rule (1), obtaining a Certificate Project Recognition from the Board shall be mandatory. This step ensures the proper execution of the ABC program in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the ABC Rules, 2023.

2. In this regard, it is submitted that it has been brought to the notice of the Board that certain recognised Animal Welfare Organizations (AWO's) are not actively participating in the tenders floated by the Local Bodies or Municipal Corporations for conducting the Animal Birth Control Programme.

3. It is pertinent to noted that the ABC program plays a critical role in controlling the population of street dogs and ensuring animal welfare. As such, the Board emphasizes the importance of the participation of all duly recognized animal welfare organizations in this essential public service.

4. In view of the forgoing, it is hereby requested to all animal welfare organizations that are duly recognized by the Board to actively participate in the tenders floated for Animal Birth Control by the respective Municipal Corporations/local bodies and to undertake the necessary work for the Animal Birth Control program as per the ABC Rules, 2023. Your participation is vital to the success of these programs, which aim to balance public health, safety, and the welfare of animals.

Yours Sincerely

(Dr. S. K Dutta)
Secretary

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