



# भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड

## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India

(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

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Animal Husbandry Commissioner and  
Chairman, AWBI

No.: AC-02003/4/2024-AWBI

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

To,

**The Chief Secretary**

**All State Governments and Union Territories**

**Subject: Mandatory Certificate of Project Recognition under Rule 3 of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is submitted that the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has notified the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, vide G.S.R 193(E) dated 10th March 2023, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, superseding the ABC (Dog) Rules, 2001. These Rules aim to ensure humane and effective implementation of stray dog sterilization and vaccination programmes.

2. As per Rule 3(1) of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, ABC programmes are to be implemented by the respective local authorities, either through their own veterinary officers or, where necessary, by engaging Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI). In both cases, it is mandatory to obtain a **Certificate of Project Recognition** from AWBI prior to initiating any ABC activity. This ensures that the implementing entity has the required infrastructure, trained personnel, and adheres to the provisions laid down under the ABC Rules, 2023.

3. Rule 3(4) allows eligible AWOs to apply for Project Recognition online with a non-refundable fee of ₹5,000/- per project.

4. An online portal has been launched for receiving these applications via [www.awbi.gov.in](http://www.awbi.gov.in). A separate application and fee are required for each ABC Centre.

5. You are requested to issue necessary instructions to all local bodies/municipalities/panchayats under your jurisdiction to comply with the ABC Rules, 2023, and ensure that no ABC programme is carried out without the mandatory Project Recognition from AWBI.

6. Your cooperation is solicited in ensuring lawful and welfare-oriented implementation of ABC programmes.

Yours sincerely,

(Abhijit Mitra)

Copy to: for information and further necessary action please.

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2. The Principal Secretary / Secretary / Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service, of all States/UTs

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