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## 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  
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No. AC-02003/1/2025-AWBI

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

To,

**The Chief Secretary  
All State Governments and Union Territories**

**Subject: Request for Strict Compliance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001 (as amended in 2010), and Mandatory Stunning of Animals Prior to Slaughter - regarding.**

Ref. : This office letter no.9-2/2018-19/IC dated 30.05.2022 (copy enclosed)

Sir/Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) continues to receive reports of non-compliance with the mandatory requirement of pre-slaughter stunning, leading to avoidable pain and suffering of animals in violation of animal welfare laws.

2. Your attention is drawn to the Board's advisory (No. 9-2/2018-19/IC dated 30.05.2022) urging all States/UTs to enforce relevant slaughterhouse regulations, including mandatory stunning.

3. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001, as amended in 2010 under the PCA Act, 1960, mandate humane and scientifically validated slaughter methods. These include pre-slaughter stunning to minimize animal suffering and ensure hygienic, safe operations.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in *AWBI vs. A. Nagaraja & Ors.* [(2014) 7 SCC 547], reaffirmed the constitutional duty to prevent cruelty to animals and called for strict enforcement of the PCA Act. In *Laxmi Narain Modi vs. Union of India* [W.P.(C) No. 309/2003], the Court directed States to form Slaughter House Monitoring Committees, chaired by the Secretary, Urban Development, to oversee legal compliance.

5. Further, as per Section 11(3)(e) of the PCA Act, slaughter is exempted from cruelty provisions only if it does not cause unnecessary pain. Additionally, FSSAI regulations [Regulations 2.1.2(1)(5) and 4.1 of 2011] mandate stunning as part of humane and safe slaughter practices.

6. In view of the above, the Board advises all States/UTs to:

- Ensure strict compliance with PCA (Slaughter House) Rules and FSSAI regulations regarding pre-slaughter stunning;
- Ensure all slaughterhouses operate in accordance with applicable laws;
- Activate and monitor the functioning of State-level Slaughter House Monitoring Committees;
- Sensitize and train municipal authorities, veterinary officers, slaughterhouse staff, and enforcement agencies accordingly.

7. As humane slaughter is a legal imperative and a measure of ethical governance, you are urged to submit the Action Taken Report to the Board without delay.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Abhijit Mitra)

Copy for information and necessary follow-up action to:

The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Boards of all States and Union Territories

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