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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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No. AC-02003/1/2025-AWBI

Date: 4th August, 2025

To

The Chief Secretary

All State Governments and Union Territories

Subject: Advisory to Prevent and Prohibit the Illegal Conduct of Greyhound Races in various Parts of the Country - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has received several complaints regarding illegal greyhound racing in certain parts of the country, particularly Punjab and Maharashtra. These races are reportedly organized under the guise of dog shows or rural gatherings, without any registration or authorization from competent authorities.

2. The Board underscores that greyhound racing—when conducted without proper oversight—often leads to cruelty, injury, and stress to the animals, violating Sections 3 and 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(n) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Section 11(1)(n) specifically prohibits organizing or inciting animal fights or events that subject animals to unnecessary suffering.

3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *AWBI vs. A. Nagaraja* (2014) 7 SCC 547 affirmed that animals are entitled to the Five Freedoms and directed State authorities to prevent cruelty and ensure enforcement of animal welfare laws. At **Paragraph 77** of the judgment, the Hon'ble Court also held that dereliction of such duty must attract disciplinary action.

4. In view of the above, it is requested to take immediate and appropriate measures to:

- Investigate and stop greyhound racing and associated activities in your jurisdiction.
- Issue clear instructions to law enforcement, veterinary officers, and local bodies to remain vigilant.
- Initiate legal action under the PCA Act against those organizing or abetting such races.
- Issue necessary directions to law enforcement agencies, district administrations, local bodies, and veterinary departments to ensure compliance with the law and the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives.

5. An Action Taken Report may kindly be submitted to the Board at the earliest. Your cooperation in this regard is solicited.

Yours sincerely,


(Abhijit Mitra)

Encl: as above.

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