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Dear Chief Secretary

In recent times, there has been some news reports of various incidents of attack of stray dogs to toddlers, minors, senior citizens and Physically Disabled persons. Specifically the children those who accompany their parents at construction sites engaged in labour works or where labourers reside. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has taken the matter seriously. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has issued recommendations to be followed by all the States/UTs in accordance with the existing Rules and Regulations.

2. The matter has been reviewed and it has been observed that the Animal Birth Control Programme along with the Anti Rabies vaccination programme are not being implemented scientifically and structured manner. The Central Government has framed the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, however, there has been violation of the Rules by the State Local Bodies.

3. Therefore, the Local Bodies at your State shall ensure that Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme and other related activities for control of dog population should be implemented to ensure safety and security of children from such incidents and occurrences.

4. An advisory is enclosed at annexure which need to be followed while implementing the programme by the Local bodies.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: as above

The Chief Secretary/ Administrator
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ADVISORIES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR CONTROL OF DOG POPULATION AND REDUCING THE DOG BITE CASES

- i) Municipal bodies should ensure that dogs within their jurisdiction, especially in areas such as Anganwadi's and schools, hospitals are mandatorily sterilized.
- ii) Advisories should be issued to all local bodies to follow the protocol mentioned in the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, in response to all reported dog bite cases.
- iii) Effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme should be vigorously promoted and monitored as per the ABC Rules, 2023. This includes community outreach regarding the ABC Rules, 2023, and sensitization of residents regarding the dos and don'ts of dog bites.
- iv) To minimize the risk of dog bites among children, it is recommended to enforce regulations i.e., Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 prohibiting dog feeding within close proximity of playgrounds.
- v) To minimize the risk of dog bites among children, it is recommended that the pet ownership policies should be formulated and implemented, including mandatory registration, sterilization, and maintenance of vaccination records for all pet animals.
- vi) To ensure immediate medical assistance for children, hospitals and healthcare facilities must be equipped with necessary vaccines. District hospitals and zonal healthcare centers should maintain comprehensive records of animal bites reported at public health centers, community health centers, district hospitals, and tertiary care facilities. These records should include specific details on dog bites, distinguishing between provoked and unprovoked incidents involving pet dogs or stray/community dogs. Additionally, facilities should ensure the availability of Anti- Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Anti-Rabies Serum (ARS), promptly reporting any shortages. Regular sharing of this data among authorities enables collaborative efforts to manage stray dog populations effectively and implement targeted vaccination programs. This approach aims to create safer residential areas and public spaces, thereby safeguarding children's rights to live in a healthy and secure environment.
- vii) The mandatory registration of all dog breeding institutions be implemented in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017. Additionally, regulation of all pet shops within their jurisdiction should comply with the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018. Furthermore, regular Action Taken Reports should be submitted by all State Boards regarding the closure of unregistered/illegal Dog Breeding Institutions & Pet Shops in their Jurisdiction.
- viii) Schools and Anganwadi's are required to establish safe environments for children in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023. Municipal bodies are obligated to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of children in their immediate vicinity.