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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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Chairman, AWBI

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

To,

The Chief Secretary  
All the State Governments/Union Territories.

**Subject: Adoption of Revised ABC Module as Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is submitted that the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) had submitted a revised ABC Module on 14.09.2016 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 691 of 2009, in compliance with the Court's order dated 20.07.2016. A copy of the same was circulated to all concerned parties.

2. This revised module outlined, in detail, the infrastructure requirements for Animal Birth Control (ABC) Centres, humane methods for dog catching and release, surgical procedures, minimum equipment required for surgeries, regulation of dog breeding and pet shops, transportation of dogs, and maintenance of kennels, among other key components. It was developed as a comprehensive technical document to guide proper implementation of the ABC Programme in accordance with the ABC Rules, 2001.

3. Following the notification of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 by the Central Government, the earlier module was comprehensively reviewed and updated. The revised ABC Module was published on 27.02.2025 to reflect the latest regulatory requirements and best practices. The Module is available at:

[https://awbi.gov.in/uploads/regulations/174073561494ABC\\_HandBook.pdf](https://awbi.gov.in/uploads/regulations/174073561494ABC_HandBook.pdf)

4. In order to ensure uniformity, transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the execution of the ABC Programme, it is hereby requested that the revised ABC Module be adopted as the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by all implementing departments and agencies.

5. All concerned authorities, including State Animal Welfare Boards, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) such as Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats, and other implementing agencies at the local level, shall circulate and implement the SOP with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely,

(Abhijit Mitra)

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1. The Principal Secretary / Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs of all States/UTs
2. The Principal Secretary / Secretary / Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service, of all States/UTs
3. The Director, Department of Animal Husbandry of all State Governments/ UTs.
4. The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Board of all States/ UTs
5. The Commission(s), Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats
6. The Members and Co-opted Members of the Board
7. All the Implementing Agencies i.e. AWBI Recognized Animal Welfare Organizations