



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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To,

The Chief Secretary,  
Chief Secretary's office,  
Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, New Delhi -110002

**Subject: Request to issue appropriate direction to investigate into the violation of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960- Reg.**

**Ref: The AWBI Letter dated 28.04.2021, 26.04.2021 and 15.04.2021.**

Sir,

With reference to the above mention subject, it has been brought to the knowledge of the Animal Welfare Board of India through several emails from Ms. Ritu Herbert that the animals sheltered and treated at Sanjay Gandhi Animal Hospital and Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre(SGACC) have been subjected to immense cruelty and is made to live in highly unhygienic conditions where other dead animals are laying, no proper arrangement for food as well water have been made and even cannibalism can be observed among the animals. Both the Sanjay Gandhi Animal Hospital and Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre(SGACC) is run by AWO namely People for Animal, India on the same premises. A copy of recent complaints forwarded by PMO Office is attached along with the videos which is self-explanatory.

2. In this regard, the Board have recently issued letter dated 26.04.2021 and 15.04.2021 requesting Animal Husbandry Department, New Delhi to investigate into the gruesome cruelty being caused to innocent animals and violation of various sections of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,1960, and take immediate necessary action against the offenders as per the law. Also, the Board further requested to send the action taken report, however the same has not been yet.

3. It is stated that the Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Tiz hazari vide its order dated 13.04.2021(copy enclosed) while deciding on the matter pertaining to the case property animals handed over to Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre made some serious observation and stated that *"the conduct of the SGACC in keeping the interim custody of the animals has been dubious to say the least despite orders of this Court dated 01.04.2021, SGACC did not release the animals, and evaded the execution of order of this Court on one pretext or other despite IO and the applicant frequenting the organization, which is not specifically denied by the SGACC. After keeping quiet for a long period 12 days, and evading the court orders successively, in-charge Dr. Ambika Shukla has come forward with a completely new set of facts, apparently full of lies and concoction. This open flouting of the law and of the orders of this Court while handing over the animals to any unauthorized person, non-maintenances of proper record, unnecessary buying of time by SGACC officials before this Court, the high suspicious circumstanced regarding the silence of the SGACC officials concerning the present case and the way in which cremation receipts are alleged to have received, pursuant to the possible pressure felt by this court orders, point out clearly towards the involvement of Dr. Ambika Shukla and other official concerned with the preservation of case property animals. In misappropriation of these animals, and it is quite possible that the such modus operandi may have been adopted by this organization and its employee in several other cases which record may reveal."*

4. Further, the Court also stated that “ *the very law designed to protect the animals has been misused by a few in the present case, to cause their disappearance and death, it is expected of the Animal Welfare Board and the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Wildlife that they shall view it seriously, so that such blatant disregard of the life of innocent animals, and the abuse of legal provisions in the grab of animal’s protection can be nipped in the bud. It is further expected that the necessary instructions by the Animal Welfare Board shall also be given to the SPCA concerned as per rules 5(3) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment & regulation of Societies of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Rules, 2001 as it is the duty of SPCA concerned to supervise the overall function of animals shelter under its jurisdiction pertain their health upkeep daily record etc.*” Accordingly, the AWBI issued a letter dated 28.04.2021 to SPCA, Delhi for taking the cognizance of the matter and initiate appropriate action against offenders as per the provisions of the law.

5. Therefore, in view of the above, you are requested to act upon it with extreme urgency and pass down necessary direction to the erring official to take cognizance of the matter as well as investigate into the complaint to ensure that is no unnecessary pain or suffering caused to the animals. Also, to take necessary action against all the offenders as per the provision of the law.

**“Please treat this as most urgent”.**

Your Sincerely



(Dr. S. K Dutta)  
Secretary

Enclosed: As above

CC to:

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4. State Animal Welfare Board, New Delhi