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To

1.The Commissioner of Police,
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Email: cp.snsrivastava@delhipolice.gov.in

2.The Director,
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Sub: Complaint regarding relocation of stray dog and repeatedly harassment of the compassionate citizen in Vikaspuri, Delhi - Reg.

Ref.: E-mail dated 20.04.2021 received from Ms. Pratima Virmani.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is brought to the notice of the Board by Ms. Pratima Virmani from Vikaspuri, Delhi, she has stated that a five month old dog who is under treatment and is having a broken arm sits at the Community Centre in M-Block, Vikaspuri, Opposite PVR Cinemas. The dog is silent and sits in one corner, she takes care of her and visit her five times a day for feeding. However, The security guard with the help of fruit vendor to remove this dog at any other place and to breach his official duty and repeatedly harassed me for feeding. A copy of the e-mail and letter is enclosed which is self-explanatory.

2. In this regard, it is stated that it is fundamental duty given under Article 51 A(g) of the Constitution of India and it states that *"It shall be duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures"*. Further, the removal of dogs from its natural habitat or from the owner is a punishable offense under Section 3, Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and violation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

3. It is submitted that the relocation of stray dogs is not allowed as per the provisions of the law and is illegal. This is violation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001. The Board has already issued an advisory dt.12th July 2018 to all the State Governments/UTs to take steps to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering stray animals which is the responsibility of the Local Bodies.

4. It is stated that as per Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, the sterilized dogs to be re-released in the same area from where the stray dogs were caught for ABC/AR Programme. Releasing in the new area may contribute to Man and dog conflicts which will ultimately create hostile environment for both Man and dog. The matter is also pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also directed all the State Governments to take action against the erring officials as per the order dated 7.5.2014, AWBI Vs A. Nagaraja & others. A copy of the extract of Para 77 of the order is attached for ready reference.

5. Therefore, in view of the above, it is requested to investigate the above complaint and take appropriate action against the persons as per the provision of law and forward your action taken report to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr.S.K.Dutta)
Secretary

Encl. as above.

Copy to :

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