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Date: 28.05.2021

To

The Director General
Border Security Force,
Block No.10, Lodhi rd, CGO Complex,
Pragati Vihar, New Delhi-110003, Email: edpdte@bsf.nic.in

Subject: Alleged complaint regarding the relocation and cruelty inflicted to stray dogs in Humahama, Budgam district – Regarding

Ref.: Email dated 27.05.21 received from Shri Jatin Solanki (Pukar Animal Care Society/Jodhpur).

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received a complaint by Shri Jatin Solanki stated that the incident is of STC BSF Kashmir, Humhama, Budgam district where the IG has ordered all the Boys (700-800) under training to take lathis in their hands to hit and chase away all the dogs from the campus which is in a stretch of at least 5 kms and is a residence of around 500 dogs since many years. Many females who have given birth lately have been separated from their litter, who are not able to survive without their mother. Many dogs have been traumatised and injured and are left to starve and die outside the gate in the chilling weather and also hit some physically challenged dogs. A copy of the complaint is attached here with for your reference.

2. The cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 3 and Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

3. It is informed that as per Indian law, stray dogs cannot be displaced and relocated to shelters (or beaten or driven away). They can merely be sterilized in the manner envisaged in the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, vaccinated, and then returned back to their original locations - Rule 7(6). For the area-wise sterilization program that the law mandates shall be followed, dogs have to be returned back to their original habitat after sterilization and immunization. *The rationale behind the same is that dogs, being territorial in nature, tend to fight off other dogs, and keep them from entering their territories; and in this manner, the dog population in each territory / within each locale, stabilizes, and then reduces.* In any event, dogs cannot be displaced or relocated, and have to be returned back to the very localities that they are picked up from, after sterilization and immunization

3. It is stated that Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed to take action against the erring officials as per the Para 77 of the S.L.P.No.(C) 11686 of 2007, Animal Welfare Board of India Vs A.Nagaraja & Others and the department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension had issued guidelines vide F.No.30/9/2006-Welfare dated 26.5.2006 to take action against such personnel violating the laws. The copies of the same is attached herewith for your information.

4. In view of the above, it is requested to conduct an enquiry on the above complaint and take appropriate action as per law and forward a detailed report within 15 days from the receipt of this letter.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr.S.K.Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

1. The Inspector General of Police, Jammu E-mail: igjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
2. Shri Jatin Solanki, Email: pukaar.connect@gmail.com