



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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To

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt of Punjab,  
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Email: [cs-punjab@nic.in](mailto:cs-punjab@nic.in)
2. The Director,  
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**Sub: Illegal conduct of Dog races and formulation of guideline for Dog race in violation of judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India- Reg**  
**Ref: Email Dated 15.02.2021 from Ms. Suman Virwani.**

Sir,

The Animal Welfare Board of India has received a complaint from Ms Suman Virwani about illegal conduct of Grey Hound dog race are still continuing in Punjab. Grey Hound races were held in Faridkot District of Punjab, on 13 Feb 2021. It is stated that Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries of Punjab Government has formulated guidelines for Dog Races dated 05.06.2020. A copy of the complaint is attached herewith, which is self explanatory.

In this regard it is stated that Section 3 and Section 11(1)(a) & (m)(ii) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Rules prohibits any person from beating, kicking, overriding, over-loading, torturing or otherwise treating any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering or causing or being the owner permitting any animal so treated.

The exhaustive directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the Central and State governments, and all agencies and instrumentalities of the state, vide para 77 of the judgement, inter alia, very clearly states that it is the duty of the Governments to enforce the PCA Act, 1960 and that the Governments would see that if the provisions of the Act and the directions and declarations of the Supreme Court are not properly and effectively complied with, disciplinary action be taken against the erring officials so that the object and purpose of the PCA Act, 1960 could be achieved and that if any violations are noticed then Governments shall take steps to remedy the same including appropriate follow up action. It is also hereby informed that any interpretation/appreciation of the judgment, perceiving that there is no ban for conducting bullock cart races and all such events is incorrect.

In fact, the ban is very wide, and is absolute. Races and other events involving bulls, bullocks, cattle, etc. cannot be conducted. The judgment passed by the Court is also available in our website [www.awbi.in](http://www.awbi.in). The directions of the Supreme Court in Para No.77 of the Order may be seen. The permission granted and the conducting of this race is in clear violation of the Supreme Court judgment, and in fact, will be tantamount to contempt of court.

It is therefore requested that immediate action be taken against the offenders and to ensure that such illegal events are not allowed to take place anywhere or at any time in future. The action taken report may be sent to the Board immediately.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr. Sujit K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Encl: as above

Copy to: for information and further necessary action please.

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3. Chairman, AWBI