



**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA**

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To

The Additional Commissioner,  
Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry,  
Maharashtra, Opposite Spicer College Rd, Aundh Pune-411067  
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**Subject : Complaint regarding restriction of pets in the Society and repeatedly harassment of compassionate citizens - Reg**

**Ref: Email Received dated 02.02.21 from Shri Prathamesh Malvankar at Aashirwad Housing Society, Mumbai.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is brought to the notice of the Board by Shri. Prathamesh Malvankar 02.02.2021 from Aashirwad Co-operative Housing Society Mumbai City, stated that the society members trying to move his pets (Rabbits) out of the society and harassed the compassionate citizens by threatening and abusing him. Harassed the compassionate citizens by threatening and abusing them. 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." 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. A copy of the complaint letter is attached herewith for your ready reference.

Cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 3, Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and Section 428 & 429 of the IPC.

The 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.

In view of the above it is requested to conduct an enquiry into the matter and take action against the offenders as per law and forward a copy of the action taken report to the Board at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to:

1. Chairman, AWBI information
2. Shri Prathamesh Malvankar, Email: [prathameshmalvankar300@gmail.com](mailto:prathameshmalvankar300@gmail.com)