



# भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड

## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार  
(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India  
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

No.9-3/2018-19/PCA

Date: 1st June, 2020

To

The Principal Secretary,  
Animal Husbandry Department of all States /UTs

Sir / Madam,

**Subject: Request to activate the functioning of State Animal Welfare Board – regarding.**

Ref. : 1) Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forest and Climate Change letter D. O. No. 27/1/2016/AWD dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of the concerned States / UTs

2) This office letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 05<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Kindly refer to our letters on the above cited subject.

It is my immense pleasure to inform you that the Animal Welfare Board of India has been shifted to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a statutory body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The functions of the Board include the promotion of animal welfare generally and for the purpose of protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C) No.440 of 2000, Geetha Seshmani Versus Union of India & Others dated 6.8.2008 and in W.P(C) No.881 of 2014, Gauri Maulekhi Vs Union of India & Ors dated 13.7.2015 has directed all the State Governments to make the State Animal Welfare Board functional at the State level and District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) at District level to address animal cruelty matters, to promote animal welfare programmes at the grass root level and to assist AWBI in implementation of the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the rules made there-under.

In this regard, it is requested to ensure that State Animal Welfare Boards are made functional so that the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules are implemented effectively to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and also to follow the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's judgment.

It is understood that State Animal Welfare Board has been made functional. Therefore, it is requested to kindly provide the following details in respect of the State Animal Welfare Board constituted in the State/ UTs:

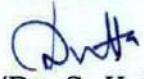
- i. Bye-laws of the State Animal Welfare Board,
- ii. copy of the latest Gazette Notification of the reconstitution of the State Animal Welfare Board,
- iii. Name, address, email ID and contact number of the Chairman and Member Secretary of the State Animal Welfare Board
- iv. Annual Report of the State Animal Welfare Board

You are requested to provide the above details at the earliest addressed to the Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, National Institute of Animal Welfare Campus, 42 KM Milestone, Delhi-Agra Highway, N.H-2, Ballabgarh, Haryana 121004 by e-mail at [animalwelfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:animalwelfareboard@gmail.com) positively.

Kindly treat this matter as most urgent.

Encl.: as above.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr. S. K. Dutta)  
Secretary

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The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of the State Governments / UTs