

**MINUTES OF THE 124TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AWBI HELD ON
15.07.2022 AT ROOM NO. 112, KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The 124th Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 15.07.2022 at 11.00 AM at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and the following were present in the meeting: -

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| 1. | Sh. O. P. Chaudhary, IFS | Chairman, AWBI |
| 2. | Shri Girish J. Shah | Member, AWBI |
| 3. | Shri Sunil Mansinghka | Member, AWBI |
| 4. | Sh. Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.) | Member, AWBI – (<i>attended virtually</i>) |
| 5. | Sh. Vaidya Hitesh Jani | Member, AWBI |
| 6. | Sh. Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi | Member, AWBI |
| 7. | Dr. S.K. Dutta, | Secretary, AWBI |
| 8. | Mrs. Prachi Jain | Asst. Secretary, AWBI |

Shri Rakesh Gupta, Member AWBI and Representative of the Ministry of Finance did not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all the Members and then Secretary, AWBI started the meeting with the permission of the Chairman. The following agenda items were discussed as under :-

Item No.1: Consideration of matter pertaining to Status of Utilization Certificates of the grants released to the AWOs by the Board and derecognition / blacklisting of the AWOs whose UCs are pending from long time.

The Members of the Executive of the Board deliberated on the issue pertaining to the UC pendency from the AWOs for long time and discussed the matter of de-recognition of these AWOs and blacklisting of these defaulter AWOs as per the Annexure – A and B.

Chairman, AWBI and members of the Executive Committee enquired whether these AWOs have been served upon the legal notices / letters seeking Utilization

Certificates and the same was confirmed by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. After discussions the following were decided: -

- a) The AWOs need to be served a final legal notice / letter from the office with warning that the AWOs have to submit the UCs against the grant released to them within a period of two months from the issue of the legal notice else the Board will initiate action for derecognition and blacklisting of the AWOs.
- b) Shri Girish J. Shah, Hon'ble Member took the responsibility of collecting the UCs within the stipulated time of two months from all the Gaushalas / AWOs totaling to 153 (140 + 13) as per Annexure A & B by sending his own representatives at his own cost failing which the Board can initiate action for derecognition / blacklisting of the AWOs.

Item No.2: Consideration of matter regarding distribution of Prani Mitra Award and JeevDaya Award during the Two Days Global Summit on Animal Welfare in the present scenario proposed to be held on 2nd & 3rd September, 2022 at New Delhi.

The matter pertaining to distribution of Prani Mitra and JeevDaya Awards and organizing of Global Summit on "Animal Welfare in the present scenario" proposed to be held on 2nd & 3rd September, 2022 at New Delhi in collaboration with Vasantha Lakshmi Charitable Trust was discussed and deliberated upon during the Executive Committee. After due deliberation, the following was decided: -

Chairman AWBI suggested that the both the programmes need to be separated and the distribution of Prani Mitra and JeevDaya Awards to be planned on a large scale and the awards to be conferred by His Excellency the President of India. The Board should organize all the programme under its banner alone without collaboration with any other organization / authority.

He further advised that organizing the programme of Global Summit can be done by the Board in collaboration with Vasantha Lakshmi Charitable Trust as proposed following the payment plan of 70:30 by the AWBI and the AWO respectively.

Shri Sunil Mansinghka suggested that the Board should organize an international level programme alone and call the international speakers for the programme. He further, suggested that the programme should be organized at National level only and should invite the speakers within the country only as we are capable of telling the masses about the Animal Welfare.

Dr. Hitesh Jani also supported the idea of Shri Sunil Mansinghka and stressed upon the matter and told that the programme should be of national level only.

Secretary AWBI informed that the OIE standards and other latest information and guidelines / policies need to be followed globally and there should be interactions on such issues as and when needed.

Chairman AWBI then elaborated the subject on the need of international guidelines and ethical standards of OIE on Animal Welfare for international market places pertaining to pharmaceutical items / animal-based products etc. If these international ethical standards / guidelines of OIE etc. which are recognized globally for experimentation on animals etc. not followed then there shall be some problems at international levels. The communication gap through such international seminars / workshops etc. is minimized.

Shri Sunil Mansinghka requested for the details about candidates for Prani Mitra and JeevDaya awards of AWBI. Chairman, AWBI directed that all these details to be shared with Shri Sunil Mansinghka and Shri Ram Krishna Raghuvanshi as there are possibilities of having some more good Animal Welfare workers / activists not listed for the awards or there are also possibilities of more good workers in view of the other committee members. He further told that to maintain the transparency and genuineness of the sort-listed candidates, the details to be shared with these members.

Shri Ramkrishna Raghuvanshi suggested that the Board should have the data of the funds received by the Animal Welfare Organizations through FCRA / Foreign Funding for Animal Welfare. He further suggested that a letter to the FCRA authorities need to be written from the AWBI seeking information of foreign AWOs working for Animal Welfare.

Chairman AWBI directed that the Award Committee of the Board to be requested to look into the matter awarding 75 Gaushalas of the country for their outstanding performance for Animal Welfare and moving towards self-sustainability of the Gaushalas in the contest to completion of 75 years of Independence and to celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Secretary also informed that the programme will be organized through event management team to whom the Board has to provide the script and contents and rest the team of the event management will take care.

Item No.3: Consideration of the matter pertaining to the complaints received against Acharya Jaimal Jain Gaushala, Village Gill Patti, Bathinda by Shri Satnarain Jain and Shri Bimal Prakash Jain and letter dated 23.06.2022 received from the General Secretary of S.S. Jain Sabha (Regd.) Bathinda stating that the complaints are fictitious, false and made in avenge of defeat in election of the President (S.S. Jain Sabha) and to malign the fair image of Gaushala and Jain Sabha.

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has not proved at any level except for the change of the site plan / blue print of the gaushala without approval of the Board and moreover, the AWO has spent much more amount on the construction of the Gaushala as was evident from the various reports received from various Govt. Departments / Agencies. In view of the above, the Chairman and the Executive Committee was of the opinion that the matter needs to be closed and decided that this case will be placed in the next Board Meeting for approval for acceptance of the Utilization Certificate submitted by the organization.

Item No.4: Consideration of matter regarding Celebration of Amrit Mahotsav of Indian Independence – “Children Education programme” to create compassion and kindness and sensitize about sentient beings

The Executive Committee discussed the matter pertaining to the interactive and educative programme for children to create compassion and kindness and sensitize about sentient beings. Smt. Prachi Jain, Assistant Secretary, AWBI briefed the EC Members about the 10 Modules prepared by the Board to encourage the children to show love and affection and respect our fellow beings. Chairman suggested that these modules should be shared with the Board Members to get their suggestions to make these much more practical and useful.

Shri Girish J. Shah and Shri Sunil Mansinghka advised that the Members may provide their inputs as per the requirements of their respective States so that these modules could be more successful to achieve the goals for which these modules are prepared within a week time.

Chairman further suggested that these modules shall be issued to the Central Board of Secondary Education and other educational Boards / Institutions after its finalization / upgradations. The members of the Committee were by and large in agreement with the content of the module.

Additional Agenda Points discussed during the Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 15.07.2022 raised by Shri Girish J. Shah, Member of the Board

The following additional agenda points were also discussed by the Executive Committee for consideration in the meeting:

Additional Item No. 1: Consideration of matter regarding effective functioning of various committees formed to monitor the animal welfare activities throughout the country as per aims and objective of the Board

- Chairman directed the Assistant Secretary to upload the list of all Committee constituted / reconstituted by the Board on the website of AWBI for effective functioning of these committees and the Board shall evaluate the performance of these committees.
- Chairman directed that the work charter for all the committees to be prepared within 15 days' time and Secretary AWBI / Assistant Secretary of the Board to be nominated Member Secretary in all the Committees. The Chairman of the Board shall be the Chairman of the all the Committees. Secretary, AWBI suggested that the charter to be prepared and circulated to the Executive Committee Members for their approval and then it will be finalized.

Additional Item No. 2: Consideration of matter regarding functioning of State Animal Welfare Boards and District SPCA for better implementation of PCA Act and Rules as per directions of the Honorable Supreme Court (Meeting of all State Animal Husbandry Commissioner in NIAW campus for 2 days to discuss various issues arising from Animal Welfare)

- The matter pertaining to the inspection of the slaughter houses to be done on prior approval / directions of the Board. The area / zone / states to be decided by the Board to authorize for visit / inspection of the slaughter houses.
- Secretary, AWBI informed the EC Members that the functioning of the SAWBs / SPCAs etc. are covered under the revised PCA Act which is likely to be finalized soon and the maximum duties and roles etc. have been defined in the revised Act.
- It was decided that the meeting of the all State Animal Husbandry Commissioner / Director, AHD to be held on 18.08.2022 for States / UTs. Shri Girish J. Shah also suggested that the State authorities need to be invited and a separate session for them to be organized.
- Shri Ramkrishna Raghuvanshi submitted that there is no SPCA constituted in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Additional Item No. 3: Consideration of matter to ensure the effective functioning of AWBI Chennai as regional office towards monitor the AWOs of South Indian states as well as monitoring of the educational and awareness programs for non-Hindi speakers.

- The matter pertaining to effective functioning of the Regional Office of the Board at Chennai was discussed by Shri Girish J. Shah and Secretary, AWBI told that the Mobile Animal Clinic is functioning at Regional Office of AWBI at Chennai and the large infrastructure is not put to proper use. Assistant Secretary suggested that a training centre may be set up at R.O. Chennai.

Shri Girish Shah suggested that the Chennai office need to be made more effective.

Additional Item No. 4: Consideration of matter regarding use of infrastructure and facilities of NIAW in relation to training, education and animal health care purpose to utilize and maintain in better way (Humane Education Activities of the Board).

- Assistant Secretary informed the EC Members that the Board will write a letter to the CPWD for evaluation of infrastructure available at NIAW.
- Asst. Secretary informed that from the letter received from PAT, it seems that the Board has to bear the expenses for running the hospital. Shri Girish J. Shah informed that the PAT has to bear the expenses and Board need not to spent any money for this purpose and the infrastructure shall be used and the treatment and basic facilities to the animals shall be started by the trust. The Trust need not to run the ABC center at the campus. Secretary informed that there are good centers for ABC training for the purpose of training on hands for ABC. Secretary AWBI to talk to the trustees of the PAT for execution of their request.

Additional Item No. 5: Consideration of matter regarding widening the animal welfare activities throughout country by using their free services of animal welfare volunteer animal activist to appoint as CAC Taker and HAWO as AWBI to reach at each and every nook and corner in the country to create on animal welfare without keeping much more directions for the appointment and training as per past practice of the Board.

- Assistant Secretary requested to the Board Members to suggest more no. of Animal Lovers to be nominated as HAWO and CACT who are working in the field of Animal Welfare as per the knowledge of the Board members.

Additional Item No. 6: Consideration of matter regarding resuming the publication activities of the Board either pointing the temporary editor or arrangement through outsourcing for improvement of better in the field covering latest activities of the Board to prevent the animal cruelties (Effective Functioning of Publication / PR & Media Unit of The Animal Welfare Board with Help of Committee Concerned to Connect the Public).

- Assistant Secretary, AWBI informed the EC Members that the post of the Editor of Publications of the Board is lying vacant and a Media Consultant has been appointed but somehow the output is not proper. Shri Girish J. Shah suggested that the work of Press & PR to be taken care by Shri Mital Khetani who is also a member of Central Animal Welfare Committee constituted by the Ministry.

Additional Item No. 7: Consideration of matter regarding uploading of more information on Animal Welfare under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on AWBI Website animal welfare Activists.

- Assistant Secretary informed the EC Members that the Board is in process of the making the things online and the AWBI online portal will be active soon and got inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister during the upcoming programme. There is lot of information available on the AWBI website. Shri Shah suggested that the activities of the AWOs, HAWOs and other animal welfare workers need to be put on the website of the Board.

Additional Item No. 8: Consideration of matter regarding a team of the AWBI representatives /members to meet the Hon'ble Minister AHD, Shri Parshottam Rupala Ji to increase the Annual Pan Budget at least Rs.100 Crores.

- Secretary informed that the scheme for “Cow Protection” is under process of formulation and Rs.100 crores have been allocated by the Ministry for this purpose and the scheme may be handed over to the AWBI for its implementation.

Additional Item No. 9: Consideration of matter regarding new Animal Welfare Act to be put up before the coming parliament for approval.

- Secretary, AWBI informed the EC members that the Act is already under active consideration of the Ministry.

Additional Item No. 10: Consideration of matter to work on new source of Animal Welfare Funds and Funding from India and Abroad as per practice in support of the AWOs and the field workers (Section-Wise Core / Crucial Issues, Field Problems, New Initiatives, Implementation of Ongoing Projects/Any Scheme(s) & the Functions of the Board as Per Aims and Objective of The Board.

- The matter was already discussed by the EC in earlier items.

Additional Item No. 11: Consideration of matter to schedule the next Animal Welfare Award function in grand manner at Vigyan Bhavan.

- The matter was already discussed and decided by the EC.

Additional Item No. 12: Consideration of matter regarding visiting of AWBI Member's to various State to assess the animal welfare activities and interact them move forward (To visit different States for Animal Welfare activity, meet State Animal Husbandry Ministers / CM).

- Secretary AWBI requested the EC Members to give a plan for visiting the states / places by the Members and the same shall be considered. Shri Raghuvanshi told that there is a committee constituted in the state of MP with Rs.900 crores and the committee is visiting various places and giving suggestions for implementation of the Animal Welfare schemes etc.

Additional Item No. 13: Consideration of matter regarding one national animal seminar to be scheduled to highlight the work, activities and achievements and face the future challenges of animal welfare.

- The matter was already discussed and decided by the EC.

Additional Item No. 14: The Matter Relating to Regular Meeting (at least Bi-monthly) and its Expenses Required, if Any.

- Shri Rajeev Gupta suggested that the frequency of the meetings of the ECM to be decided on monthly basis as was discussed and decided earlier. Chairman told that the Executive Committee to meet on bi-monthly basis.
- Shri Sunil Mansinghka suggested to hold the next Annual General / General Meeting of the Board at Deolapar, Nagpur, Maharashtra. Chairman agreed for the same and it was decided that the next meeting of the Board shall be conducted at

Deoplapar, Nagpur, Maharashtra. The meeting shall be kept on Friday preferably.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.
