

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AWBI  
HELD ON 30.07.2018 AT NIAW CAMPUS, BALLABHGARH, DIST. FARIDABAD**

**PRESENT**

1. Shri S.P. Gupta, IAS (Retd.)	- Chairman
2. Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.)	- Member
3. Shri Girish J. Shah	- Member
4. Dr. Rajni Kaul	- Member
5. Shri Sunil Mansinghka	- Member
6. Shri Ram Krishan Raghuvanshi	- Member
7. Shri Dhan Pal Singh	- Member
8. Ms. Anjali Gopalan	- Member
Shri Dr. S. Bharat Kumar	- HEO & AS, AWBI

The Hon'ble Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting at such a short notice. Shri Hitesh Jani, Member, AWBI, Shri Ajit Sharad Kelkar, Member, AWBI, Shri Suresh S.Honnappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner & Member, AWBI and Shri R. S. Chauhan, Member AWBI has been granted leave of absence because of pre-engagement. Dr. Rajni Kaul, the representative of ICMR has attended the meeting on behalf of the Director, ICMR without any valid representative authority in her favour since Director, ICMR is not authorised to nominate his representative to attend the Board meeting.

The Chairman informed about calling the urgency of the meeting which was in view of the serious allegations made against the Chairman and Members of the Board and continuous level of interference in the Board matters *inter alia vide* letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 of Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Minister of Women and Child Development addressed to Hon'ble Minister, Dr. Harshvardhan and of letter dated 17.07.2017 of Ms. Gauri Maulekhi, both the letters also circulated to all the members of the Board.

The Chairman also informed that this Special Meeting has been called in view of the persistent written demand of members of the Board *i.e.* Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Shri Rakesh Gupta, Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Dr. Hitesh Jani, Shri Ajit Sharad Kelkar.

The members present discussed the matter and criticized and condemned both the above letters in one voice maligning the image / prestige of the Board apart from demotivating and demoralizing the morals of the members of the Board. Unanimously, the members suggested to draft a unanimous resolution showing their resentment against such unwarranted interference and unsubstantiated allegations against the Chairman and the members of the Board and for its placement before the Dr. Harshvardhan, Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC.

The members drafted the unanimous resolution in the meeting itself with all their remarks and suggestions. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith for ready reference.

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.