



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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Dt. 26.04.2021

To

1.The Director,  
Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,  
LB2, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700106  
Email : [dahvs.ard-wb@nic.in](mailto:dahvs.ard-wb@nic.in)

2.The District Magistrate,  
Office of the District Magistrate,  
Chowk Bazaar, Darjeeling, West Bengal-734101  
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**Subject: Complaint regarding cruelty inflicted to stray animals, relocation, restriction and repeatedly harassment of compassionate citizens – Reg**

**Ref: Refer to our letter even number dated 25.08.2015, 28.10.2015 and 14.08.20 on the above subject. (Copy enclosed).**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is brought to the notice of the Board by Mrs. Avantika Paul dated 26.04.21 from Devi Chaudharani Road, Milan Pally, Ward No. 26, Siliguri, Darjeeling stating that she resides alone with 30/35 Pet/Street dogs within a three storied building and also feed 250-260 street dogs every night, being an aged lady, it is not possible to feed all the dogs alone, therefore she has hired 2 boys who carry the food to places and feed the street dogs in and around Siliguri. However, a recent incident resulted in a fracture on her arm and a dog whose eye almost got plunged out. On 17<sup>th</sup> April while she was feeding the stray dogs near her house, a group of people from locality gathered around and threatened her for feeding the dogs. On 24<sup>th</sup> April these group of peoples lead by Ex-Councillor (Dipayan Roy and his wife Papiya Roy) and two his followers (Bitan Sinha & Sujoy Sinha) has started to verbally abuse me and turned violent, kicking the food buckets and even bating the puppies with bamboo sticks. A copy of the complaint letter is attached herewith for your ready reference.

2. In this regard, it is brought to your notice that it is a fundament duties as per the Article 51 A(g) of the Constitution of India and it has been brought to the notice of the Board that complaints about animal cruelty and harassment of individuals indulging in ill treatment of animals is an seriously offence.

3. The board has issued advisory requesting Chief Secretaries and Director general of police of all States/UT's to issue directing all their police station and officials to enforce the provisions of The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules effectively and also register the FIRs wherever necessary on priority basis so that such enforcement become a deterrent to infliction of cruelty on the helpless animals

4. Further, According to the most recent Judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) 2556/2021 & CM APPL.7535/2021

dated 24.02.2021 in the Matter of Urvashi Vashist & Ors Vs. RWA & Ors, it was directed that the RWA and the feeders with the help of AWBI representatives will identify the spot for feeding of the street dogs in the colony; no hindrance, whatsoever, shall be caused to the persons in carrying out any activities in respect of the street dogs at the said spot. Also, it shall be the duty of the SHO concerned to ensure that peace and harmony is maintained amongst the residents of the area so that no harassment is caused to the petitioners by RWA and vice versa. (Copy enclosed)

5. In view of the above, it is requested to ensure the proper enforcement of the prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules and to provide justice and protection against to the ill-treatment and harassment of the citizen showing compassion towards the animals. Further, it is requested that an inquiry on the above complaint may be initiated and an action taken report may be forwarded to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

**“Please treat this as most urgent”.**

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. S.K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

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