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To

Shri. Surendra Kumar, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife)
& Head of Forest, Forest Department, Govt. of Kerala
Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014.
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Sub: Alleged complaint regarding the practice of using elephants for festival at Angadipuram, Kerala-reg.

Ref: Email dated 29.04.21 from various persons.

Sir,

With reference to the above mention subject, it has been brought to the knowledge of the Board through an email along with pictures by various persons about the elephant known as Kuzhur Swaminathan who is residing at Kunnukara in Paravur talik, Ernakulam district has been observed it be critically ill and close to collapse. He has been no food, shelter and medical treatment. A copy of the email compliant is attached here with which is self-explanatory.

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

3. 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.

4. In view of the above it is requested to conduct an enquiry into the matter and take necessary action against the offenders as per law. Also, to provide urgent veterinary care to Kuzhur Swaminathan and forward a copy of the action taken report to the Board at the earliest.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours Sincerely


(Dr. S. k Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.
1.The Chairman, AWBI

