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To

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**Subject: Alleged complaint regarding cruelty inflicted to animals, relocation and repeatedly harassment of compassionate -Regarding**

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

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received an email by Ms. Divanchi Arora stating that in Basant Nagar Unit, 31 MCU Unit, 27 ED Unit, 13 BRD Unit, 16 BRD Unit and 3 Wing Unit all 6 units relocate & kill dogs. They called air force campus only for humans not for dogs or any animals teach their children same hit by stick, throw stones on dogs. They relocate all dogs & puppies from office units & pinto park campus. Mr. Mota Ram H.No-89/2, Old Pinto Park, Palam and Coupal Jitendra kumar sah 3 wing fire station in same area were regularly harassed animals and molested her and her sisters. A copy of the complaint is attached, 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 429 of IPC.

3. The Supreme Court has in the case of AWBI v/s Nagaraja & Ors inter alia held the following: We declare that the five freedoms [viz. i) freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition; ii) freedom from fear and distress iii) freedom from physical and thermal discomfort iv) freedom from pain, injury and disease; and v) freedom to express normal patterns of behavior], referred to earlier be read into section 3 and 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, be protected and safe guarded by the State and Central Government, Union Territories (in short "Governments"), MoEF and AWBI. The copies of the same is attached herewith for your information.

4. Further, it is informed that as per Indian law, stray dogs cannot be displaced and relocated to shelters (or beaten or driven away). They can merely be sterilized in the manner envisaged in the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, vaccinated, and then returned back to their original locations - Rule 7(6). For the area-wise sterilization program that the law mandates shall be followed, dogs have to be returned back to their original habitat after sterilization and immunization. *The rationale behind the same is that dogs, being territorial in nature, tend to fight off other dogs, and keep them from entering their territories; and in this manner, the dog population in each territory / within each locale, stabilizes, and then reduces.* In any event, dogs cannot be displaced or relocated, and have to be returned back to the very localities that they are picked up from, after sterilization and immunization.

5. In furtherance of the spirit of co-existence and compassion for all living creatures endorsed by the constitution of india, and particularly by Article 51A(g) and 51A(h) thereof, Article 21 of the Constitution of India gives every citizen the right to decide how they choose to live, which includes the choice to live with companion animal.

6. In view of the above, it is requested to issue necessary directions to the local officials to ensure that no harassment is caused to the dog lovers or feeders and to take appropriate action as per the law and Forward action taken report to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr.S.K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

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