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To,
1. Chief Secretaries of all State / Union Territories Governments.

2. Directorate General of Foreign Trade
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   New Delhi-110011

3. Indian Pest Control Association
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Subject: Request to issue strictly directions to ban the use of Glue Traps – regarding.

Ref: AWBI’s Circular dated 04.08.2011 (copy enclosed).

Sir,

With reference to the above-cited subject, it is stated that the AWBI vide it’s circular dated 04.08.2011 requested you all to issue appropriate directions to stop the use of Glue trap method which inflicts unnecessary pain and suffering to the rodents and is against the spirit of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 specifically section 11 that deals with cruelty to animals generally, while there are many humane methods available to control the population of rats.

2. Further, it is stated that it has come to the knowledge of the AWBI that the Glue traps are still widely manufactured and sold across India. As requested in our circular dated 04.08.2011 no strict action has been taken to ban the import or stop the manufactures of this Glue traps and neither any such strong directions have been issued to restraints its manufacturing, use and sell.

3. In addition, it is stated that the use of Glue traps is a cruel reoccurring practice which is a continuing act by its user as they mostly use multiple traps and keep using them within a very short period for controlling rats/rodents which is in direct violation of Section 11(1) of PCA Act, 1960 for which a person is liable to the punishment which may extend to one hundred rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both for the second or subsequent offence, which in this case is almost always happening.
4. Therefore, in the view of the above facts, we humbly request all Chief Secretary of State/UT to issue appropriate directions to prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of Glue traps. The Director-General of Foreign Trade is requested to issue strict appropriate directions to impose the ban on the import of glue traps. The Indian Pest Control Association may also issue appropriate advisories to its members.

5. This may be treated as MOST URGENT.

Yours sincerely,

(S.K. Dutta)
Secretary