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To,

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Subject: Request to investigate and take immediate action against offender for brutal killing of a pregnant female Elephant viz. "Saumya" -reg.

Sir,

It has been come to the notice of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) through various media regarding a brutal killing of pregnant Elephant "Saumya" by feeding her pineapple packed with firecracker inside. This is a gruesome act of cruelty and torture been inflicted on National Heritage Animal. This heart breaking incidence has stunned the common people. The people are showing the anger against the culprits.

3. The female Elephant "Saumya" belonged to the Silent Valley National Park and she neither displayed any aggression nor caused damaged to human life or property. Some local hooligan performed this gruesome act which resulted in her death at Veliyar River, Malappuram, in a standing position while she was still in the water.

4. According to **Section 11(1)(l)** of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, "it is a cognizable offence, if any person mutilates any animal or kills any animal (including stray dogs) by using the method of strychnine injections, in the heart or in any other unnecessarily cruel manner and it is also a punishable offence under **Section 11(3)(c) of The PCA Act**, " if any person the extermination or destruction of any animal under the authority of any law for the time being in force".

5. The **Section 428 of the IPC** deals with the punishment for committing mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless any animal or animals of the value of ten rupees or upwards and the person shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

6. In view of the above complain of cruelty to animal and violation of various sections of Prevention to Cruelty to Animals Act 1960, Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and The Indian Penal Code 1860, it is requested to initiate an enquiry and the culprit should get the exemplary punishment so that such kind of crime does not happen in future.

Kindly treat this as **MOST URGENT**

Yours Sincerely,

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