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To

1) The District Collector of all the
States /UTs
(as per list enclosed)

Subject: Request for closure of slaughter house(s) on the auspicious occasion of Paryushan being celebrated in the country from 15-08-2020 to 24-08-2020 - Regarding.

Ref. : The directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in C.A. No.5469 of 2005, Hinsa Virodhak Sangh Vs Mirzapur Moti Kuresh Jamat & Ors dated 14.3.2008 (Copy enclosed)

Sir / Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is informed that the Paryushan Parva will be celebrated from 15-08-2020 to 24-08-2020 in the Country. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also issued directions in C.A. No.5469 of 2005, Hinsa Virodhak Sangh Vs Mirzapur Moti Kuresh Jamat & Ors dated 14.3.2008, wherein matter was discussed in a detailed manner by the Hon'ble Court and it was directed that the slaughter house(s) and meat shops be closed for the above period. A copy of the judgment is attached herewith for your ready reference.

The Govt.of India has enacted Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001 and it is stated that the animals to be slaughtered in a humane manner. The law enforcement is carried out by the departments of the State Governments and UTs. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also considered the five freedoms given to the animals in its judgment dated 7.5.2014. The animals are to be slaughtered only in the licensed slaughter houses. The State Authorities are empowered to initiate appropriate action against the offenders meting out cruelty to animals and to take action as per the law. The Board had also already brought the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 7.5.2014 for compliance of law enforcement authorities for taking necessary action in the matter to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals. A copy of the extract of Para 77 is enclosed for ready reference.

In view of the above, it is requested to issue the directions to the concerned authorities immediately like municipal corporation / local bodies /Panchayat to close the slaughter house(s) / meat shops /chicken shops on the auspicious occasion of the celebrations of Paryushan Parva from 15-08-2020 to 24-08-2020 in the Country and to take appropriate action. It is requested to kindly forward a copy of the action taken report to the Board for information and record.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to : 1) The Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of all States / UTs for information and necessary action.

2) The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/UTs for information and necessary action.

3) The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development for information and necessary action.

4) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad of all the Districts of all States/UTs for information and necessary action.

5) Chairman, AWBI for information.