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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Subject: Draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, (Amendment) Bill, 2022 for amendment of Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the Government of India intends to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960. In this regard, the draft Amendment Bill has been prepared and hereby placed in the website of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying ([www.dahd.nic.in](http://www.dahd.nic.in)) and also in the website of the Animal Welfare Board of India ([www.awbi.nic.in](http://www.awbi.nic.in)).

2. All the interested stakeholders/general public may submit their comments on the draft PCA (Amendment) Bill, 2022 latest by 07.12.2022 by 5.30 PM. The comments may be sent by email/ post to the following:

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## Draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Amendment) Bill. 2022

	The Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Amendment) Bill. 2022
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	BILL
	<i>further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,</i>
	Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy Third Year of the Republic of India as follows:
	1(1) The Act may be called as Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Amendment) Act,2022
	(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, in the Official Gazette, appoint:
	<b>CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY</b>
<b>Insertion of new sub section (j) of section 2.</b>	In the principal Act, under Section 2 after sub-section (i), the following definitions shall be inserted:  1. "Bestiality" means any kind of sexual activity or intercourse between human being and animal
<b>Insertion of sub section (k) of section 2.</b>	2. "Gruesome cruelty" means any act involving animals which led to extreme pain and suffering to the animals which is mostly likely to leave the animal in life long disability which Includes mutilation or killing of animal by the use of strychnine injection in the heart or any other cruel manner that is known to cause permanent physical damage to the animal or render animal useless or cause any injury which is likely to cause death including bestiality, animal fighting for the purpose of bating or promote or take part in any shooting match or competition wherein animals are released from the captivity for the purpose of such shooting.
<b>Insertion of sub section (l) of section 2.</b>	2. "Jurisdictional veterinarian" means a person within the local jurisdiction of the area employed by State Government who holds a degree of a recognized veterinary college and is registered with the State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India.
<b>Insertion of sub section (m) of section 2.</b>	4. "State Animal Welfare Board (SAWB)": means the Board constituted by the State Government under the provision of the Chapter VII of this Act.
<b>Insertion of sub section (n) of section 2.</b>	5."Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (SPCA)": Society for prevention of cruelty to animals means a society established under the Rules farmed under this Act.
<b>Insertion of sub section (O) of section 2.</b>	6. " <b>Community Animals</b> ": means any animal born in a community for which no ownership has been claimed by any individual or an organization, excluding wild animals as defined under the wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (53 of 1972)
<b>Insertion of sub section (p) of section 2.</b>	7. "Poultry facilities": means any establishment wherein poultry birds as defined by the World Organization for Animal Health are reared or housed for commercial poultry production intended for human

	consumption or for maintained for breeding purpose.
<b>Insertion of sub section (q ) of section 2.</b>	8. "Livestock farm": Means any establishment where the economically important animals are kept for the production of food for the mankind
<b>Insertion of new section 3A</b>	<p>9. Five freedoms of animals: It shall be the duty of every person having charge of an animal to ensure that the animal in his care or under his charge has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition</li> <li>2. Freedom from discomfort due to environment,</li> <li>3. Freedom from pain, injury and diseases,</li> <li>4. Freedom to express normal behavior for the species.</li> <li>5 Freedom from fear and distress.</li> </ol> <p>Provided that in case of a community animal, the local government such as municipality or panchayets shall be responsible for taking care of the community animals in a manner developed by the State Government or by the Board.</p>
	<b>Chapter II ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA</b>
<b>Amendment to sub clause (ba) of Sub section (1) of section 5</b>	10. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (ba) of sub section (1) of section 5, in the long lines, for the words "two persons to represent respectively the Ministries of the Central Government dealing with home affairs and education, to be appointed by the Central Government" the words "four persons to represent respectively the Ministries of the Central Government dealing with home affairs, education, Urban development and health and family welfare to be appointed by the Central Government" shall be substituted.
<b>Insertion of sub clause (bd) of sub section (1) of section 5.</b>	11. one person from each from ICAR dealing with the animal science and Veterinary Council of India to represent in the Board, to be nominated by the said organization.
<b>Amendment to sub clause (c) of sub section (1) of section 5</b>	12. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (c) of sub section (1) of section 5, in the long lines, for the words "one person to represent such association of veterinary practitioners as in the opinion of the Central Government ought to be represented on the Board, to be elected by that association in the prescribed manner" the words "two veterinarians working in the field of Animal Welfare with diploma or degree in animal welfare to be nominated by the Central Government " shall be substituted
<b>Amendment to sub clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 5.</b>	13. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 5, in the long lines, for the words "two persons" the words "one person" shall be substituted.
<b>Amendment to sub clause (e) of sub section (1) of section 5.</b>	14. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (e) of sub section (1) of section 5, in the long lines, for the words "one person to represent each of such two municipal corporations as in the opinion of the Central Government ought to be represented on the Board, to be elected by each of the said corporations in the prescribed manner " the words "three person to be nominated by the Central Government from such State Board which in the opinion of Board is actively involved in the

	work of resolving the difficulties at the local level and has done an extraordinary work in the field of animal welfare “shall be substituted
<b>Amendment to sub clause (f) of sub section (1) of section 5.</b>	15. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (f) of sub section (1) of section 5, in the long lines, for the words “one person” the words “three persons” shall be substituted.
<b>Amendment to sub clause (g) of Sub section (1) of section 5.</b>	16. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (g) of sub section (1) of section 5 shall be omitted.
<b>Amendment to subsection (2) of section 7</b>	17. The subsection (2) of the Section 7 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 may be amended as: Subject to the approval of the Central Government on this behalf, the Board may appoint a such number of other officers and employees as may be necessary for the exercise of its power and discharge of its functions and may determine the terms and conditions of service of such officers and other employees by regulations to issued by the Board with prior approval of the Central Government.”
<b>Insertion of new section 7A</b>	<b>18. COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD</b> (i) The Board may constitute as many Committees or sub-committees including the Executive Committee, as it may think fit, for discharging its duty. Such committees or sub-committees will advise the Board on the matter which Board may refer to them from time to time. (ii) A committee or sub-committees shall consist of Members from the existing Board members and also co-opt the members into the sub-committee. The sub-committee may also co-opt other members if required.
<b>Amendment to Section 8</b>	19. In section 8 of the principal Act, in long line after the word “gift” the words “processing fees, penalties, fines, levy or any other amount directly paid to the board by any person” shall be inserted
<b>Insertion of new section 8A Accounts and Audit</b>	20. In the existing Act, after Section 8 the following shall be inserted as new Section 8A Accounts and Audit: - 1) The Board shall maintain appropriate accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts including the balance sheet, in accordance with such general directions as may be issued and in such form as may be specified by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India. (2) The accounts of the Board shall be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any person appointed by him on this behalf and any expenditure incurred by him or any person so appointed in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Council to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India. (3) The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Board shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India has in connection with the audit of Government accounts, and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books of

	<p>accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the office(s) of the Board.</p> <p>(4) The accounts of the Board as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any person appointed by him on this behalf, together with the audit report thereon, shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government duly approved by the Board in the Annual General Meeting and Central Government shall cause the same to be laid before each House of Parliament.</p>
<b>Amendment to section 9 (h)</b>	<p>21. In the existing Act the sub-section (h) of Section 9 the existing provisions shall be substituted with the following provisions          “To coordinate, cooperate, and supervise the general working of the SPCA, State Board and local bodies established for the purpose of preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to the animals or for the protection of animals and birds”.</p>
<b>Amendment to Section 9(k)</b>	<p>22. In sub section (K) of section 9 of the principal Act, after the words “to impart education.” the words “ and capacity building ” shall be inserted</p>
<b>Insertion of new sub section 9 (m)</b>	<p>23. In the existing Act after sub-section (l) of Section 9, the new sub-section (m) shall be inserted as under:          “To recognize any organization registered in India working in animal welfare in more than one state and seeking assistance from Central Government.”</p>
<b>Insertion of new sub section 9 (n)</b>	<p>24. In the existing Act after new sub-section (m) of Section 9, the new sub-section (n) shall be inserted as under</p> <p>“To review the record, annual reports or any other report and information which shall be submitted to the Board by</p> <p>(i) organisation working for animal welfare recognized by the Board under section 9(m)</p> <p>(ii) State Animal Welfare Board</p> <p>(iii) Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals</p>
<b>Insertion of new sub section 9 (o)</b>	<p>25. In the existing Act after new sub-section (n) of Section 9, the new sub-section (o) shall be inserted as under          To expeditiously work for the proper implementation of the Act and Rules made under the Act and to prevent the unnecessary pain and suffering of the animals.</p>
<b>Insertion of new sub section 9 (p)</b>	<p>26. In the existing Act after new sub-section (o) of Section 9, the new sub-section (p) shall be inserted as under          To ensure coordination amongst local bodies including police departments or any other public or private authority to take appropriate action to prevent the cruelty to animals.</p>
<b>Amendment to Section 10</b>	<p>27. In section 10 of the principal Act, under the heading “Power of the Board to make regulation”, the words “Powers of the Board” shall be substituted, and the following provisio shall be inserted.          (1)The Board shall take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act; as it may deem</p>

	<p>fit and also take up the issues arising out of any such matters with the appropriate authorities.</p> <p>(2) <b>power to entry and inspect:</b> the Board may authorize any government officials or any other person on its behalf, as the case may be, to inspect places or premises where animals are being kept or used for any other purposes, where there is reason to believe that offense against this act and rules made under this act;</p> <p>(i) enter such place and inspect the premises or places in which the animals are being kept or sheltered for any purpose on report of animal cruelty or violation of provision(s) of this Act or Rules and Regulations framed under this Act</p> <p>(ii) to call any person to produce any or all records kept by them which are mandated under this Act or Rules made thereunder;</p> <p>(3) Power to issue advisory: The Board may, as and when require issue advisories in respect of any incident of cruelty to mitigate unnecessary suffering of animals or where cruelty to animal is involved.</p> <p>(4) Power to make regulations: The Board may, subject to the previous approval of the Central Government make such regulations as it may deem fit for the administration of its affairs and for carrying out its function.</p>
	<p><b>Chapter III</b> <b>CRULETY TO ANIMALS GENERALLY</b></p>
<b>Amendment of section 11.</b>	<p>28. In the principal Act, 1960, in section 11, in sub-section (1), in the long line,—</p> <p>(i) For the words “shall not be less than ten rupees but which may extend to fifty rupees”, the words “shall not be less than one thousand rupees per animal but which may extend to two thousand five hundred rupees per animal” shall be substituted;</p> <p>(ii) For the words “shall not be less than twenty-five rupees but which may extend to one hundred rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both”, the words “shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees per animal but which may extend to five thousand rupees with imprisonment for the minimum term of 6 months which may be extended to 1 year, or with both” shall be substituted.</p>
<b>Insertion of new subsection (4) of Section 11</b>	<p>After the subsection (3) new subsection (4) at section 11 may be inserted namely: The investigating officer shall report each case registered under this act to the district police headquarters where due records shall be maintained in the district police headquarter which shall be shared with the State Animal Welfare Board. Also, such information is to be provided to the Animal Welfare Board of India by the State Board on</p>

	request.
<b>Omission of sub clause (l) of sub section (1) of section 11</b>	29. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (l) of sub section (1) of section 11 shall be omitted.
<b>Omission of sub clause m (ii) of sub section (1) of section 11</b>	30. In the principal Act, 1960, sub-section (m) shall be omitted.
<b>Omission of sub clause (n) of sub section (1) of section 11</b>	31. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (n) of sub section (1) of section 11 shall be omitted.
<b>Omission of sub clause (o) of sub section (1) of section 11</b>	32. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (o) of sub section (1) of section 11 shall be omitted.
<b>Insertion of new Section 11(A)</b>	<p>33. Gruesome Cruelty: Whoever, whether an individual or group of individuals or an organization-</p> <p>(i) has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any animal</p> <p>(ii) causes permanent damage to any part of the body of an animal or commits an act of mutilation that causes permanent or lifelong damage to the animal or renders the animal useless</p> <p>(iii) causes any injury which is likely to cause death or lifelong physical deformity to the animal</p> <p>(iv) incites any animal to fight or bait any other animal</p> <p>(v) organises, keeps, uses or acts in the management of, any place for animal fighting or for the purpose of baiting any animal or permits or offers any place to be so used or receives money for the admission of any other person to any place kept or used for any such purposes;</p> <p>(vi) promotes or takes part in any shooting match or competition wherein animals are released from the captivity for the purpose of such shooting.</p> <p>Shall be punishable with a minimum fine of fifty thousand rupees which may be extended up to seventy-five thousand rupees or the cost of the animal as may be decided by judicial magistrate in consultation with the jurisdictional veterinarians whichever is more or with the imprisonment of one year which may extend up to three years or with both.</p>
<b>Insertion of new Section 11(B) Killing of an animal: -</b>	34. If any individual or group of individuals or organization commits any act with the intention to harm any animal leading to its death, kills an animal by use of strychnine injection or any other cruel manner he or

	she or they shall be punishable with a minimum fine of seventy-five thousand which may extend up to one lakh rupees per animal or three times to the cost of the animal as determined by a judicial magistrate in consultation with the jurisdictional veterinarian, whichever is more or with imprisonment of three years which may extend up to five years or with both”.
<b>Insertion of new section 11 C Offence by poultry Farm or livestock Industries:</b>	35. Offence by poultry facilities and livestock farms: Where an offence against this Act or rules framed or order passed thereunder has been committed by establishment by poultry facility or livestock farms under this act,  (i) Offense Committed under supervision of the owner or in charge of the poultry facility or livestock farm, shall be deemed to be guilty and punishable with an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the total market value of all birds housed in such a facility in case of first offence and with a forty percent of the total market value in case of subsequent and subsequent offences. Provided that the market value will be decided by the judicial magistrate in consultation with the jurisdictional veterinary officer.
<b>Section 11 (3) (b)</b>	36. In the principal Act, 1960, in section 11, in sub section (3), of the sub clause (b) in the long line for the words “the destruction of stray dogs in the lethal chamber or by such other methods as may be prescribed” shall be deleted
<b>Amendment of section 12</b>	37. In section 12 of the principal Act, for the words “one thousand rupees, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years”, the words “for first offence seventy-five thousand rupees or with imprisonment for a term of two years and for a second offence the one lakh rupee or imprisonment for a term of three years or both” shall be substituted.
	<b>CHAPTER IV</b>
<b>Amendment of section 20</b>	38. In section 20 of the principal Act, after sub-clause (b) the existing provision shall be substituted with the following provision namely.-  “He shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, when the contravention or breach of condition has taken place in any institution, the person in charge of the institution shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be punishable accordingly, the line “person or institution shall be punishable with fine which shall up to five times the amount of registration fees as per the ongoing fee structure of CPCSEA in the case of a first offence and in case of a second or subsequent offence, with fine which shall not be less than five times the amount of registration fees as per the ongoing fee structure of CPCSEA which may extend, upto ten times or with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to two years or with both”.
	<b>CHAPTER V</b>
<b>Amendment of Section 26</b>	39. In section 26 of the principal Act, after the sub-clause (g), the existing provision shall be substituted with the following provision namely.-  “he shall be punishable on conviction with fine which may extend to



	five hundred rupees, or with imprisonment which may extend to three months, or with both” the words “he shall be punishable on conviction with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees, or with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with both”.
	<b>Chapter VI MISCELLANEOUS</b>
<b>Amendment of 28</b>	40 In the existing Act, in Section 28 in the long line after the word “any community” the following provisio shall be inserted:  “provided that such killing of the animals is carried out in a slaughterhouse licensed in accordance with the laws in force”
<b>Amendment of 29 (4)</b>	Section 29 (4) and sub-clause (a), b) & (c) to be omitted.
<b>Amendment of section 29</b>	41. In the principal Act, in sub-section (5) of Section 29 after the word “extend the line “one hundred rupees, or with imprisonment which may extend to three months”, shall be substituted with the words “five thousand rupees, or with imprisonment which may extend to six months”.
<b>Amendment of Section 30</b>	42. In Section 30 of the Act, the following provisio shall be inserted after the existing paragraph: “If any person is charged under the provisions of section 11B for an offence of killing an animal and if the body or any part of the body of such animal is found in his possession, then it shall be presumed that such person has committed the offence with which he has been charged until the contrary is proven, the burden for which shall lie on the accused.
<b>Amendment of Section 31</b>	43. The existing provision in principal Act in Section 31 under the heading “Congeniality of offences” the following shall be substituted:  Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), an offence punishable under clause (c), clause(i), clause(j), clause(k) or clause(m), of subsection (1) of section 11, Section 11A, Section 11 B, 11 C, section 12 and Section 38(1) of this Act shall be cognizable and no person accused of any offence under those sections shall be released on bail or on his own bond unless the Public Prosecutor has been given an opportunity to oppose the application for such release.
<b>Amendment of Section 32</b>	44. In Section 32 of the principal Act, in the long line,—  (1) the words “clause (l) of sub-section (1) of section 11 in respect of any such animal as is referred to in section 30” the words “section 11B” shall be substituted.  (2) Provided the animals so seized shall be kept in the custody of the local SPCA or recognised animal welfare organisation as per the order of the jurisdictional Magistrate in accordance with the Rules under this Act.
<b>Amendment in Section 34</b>	45. In Section 34 of the principal Act, after the word “State Government”, the word “or Animal Welfare Board of India or State

	<p>Animal Welfare Board in his behalf” shall be inserted.</p> <p>Also in the aforementioned section after the existing paragraph the following provision shall be inserted after the word “examination” namely.-</p> <p>“Provided the animals so seized shall be kept in the custody of the local SPCA or recognised animal welfare organisation, except the complaint, as per the order of the Jurisdictional Magistrate in accordance with the Rules under this Act.”</p>
<b>Amendment of sub-section (2) of Section 35</b>	<p>46. In the Principal Act in sub-section (2) of Section 35, the existing provisions shall be substituted with the following provision:</p> <p>“The magistrate before whom a prosecution for an offence against this Act has been instituted shall direct that the animal concerned shall be treated and cared for in an infirmary until it is fit to perform its usual work or is otherwise fit for discharge, or that it shall be sent to a <i>pinjrapole</i>, or, if the veterinary officer in charge of the area in which the animal is found or such other veterinary officer as may be authorised in this behalf by rules made under this Act certifies that it is incurable or cannot be removed without cruelty, that it shall be destroyed. The record of such destruction shall be maintained by the infirmary which shall be produced as and when required for the purpose of investigation”</p>
<b>Amendment of Section 36</b>	<p>47. In Section 36 of the principal Act, in the long lines for the words, “three months” shall be substituted with the words “twelve months”</p>
<b>Omission of sub clause (aa) of sub section (2) of section 38</b>	<p>48. In the principal Act, 1960, in sub clause (aa) of sub section (2) of section 38 shall be omitted.</p>
<b>Insertion of new sub clause (ia) under sub-section 2 of section 38</b>	<p>49. In section 38 of the principal Act, in sub-section 2, the new sub-clause (ia) shall be inserted, namely:</p> <p>(ia) to recognise organisation working for animal welfare and seeking assistance from the Central Government, which shall work under the general supervision and guidance of the Board.</p>
<b>Amendment of Section 38</b>	<p>50. In section 38 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), in the long lines for the words “one hundred rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months” shall be substituted with the words “fifty thousand rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years”.</p>
<b>Insertion of new section 38 B</b>	<p>51. In the principal Act after Section 38, the new Section 38 A shall be inserted namely.-</p> <p>Power of Central Government to give directions. — For the purposes of this Act, the Central Government may, from time to time, give</p>

	directions to the Board or State Board general or specific directions as may be required from time to time, and the Board and State Board shall, in the discharging of its functions under this Act, shall comply with such directions.
<b>Amendment to Section 41</b>  <b>Power to remove difficulty</b>	52. In the principal Act, in section the existing provision shall be substituted with the following provision:  If a difficulty arises in giving effect to the provision of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the official Gazette make such provision, not consistent with the provision of this Act as appears to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty. Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of enactment.
<b>Inclusion of New Chapter after Chapter VI</b>	53. After, Section 41 of the Principal Act, the Following Chapter` shall be Inserted, namely:
	<b>CHAPTER VII</b> <b>STATE ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD</b>
<b>Insertion of section 42</b> <b>Establishment of State Board</b>	54. (1) For the promotion of animal welfare generally in coordination with the Board and for the purpose of protecting animals from being subject to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular, there shall be established by the State Government and Union Territory, as soon as may be after the commencement of this Rules, a State Board to be called the 'State Animal Welfare Board'.  (2) The State Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provision of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property and may by its name sue and be sued.
<b>Insertion of section 43</b> <b>Constitution of State Animal Welfare Board</b>	55. (1) The State Board shall consist of the following persons shall be nominated by the State Government or Union Territories, namely –  (a) Minister, Animal Husbandry Department who shall be the Chairman. (b) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department. (c) Chief Wildlife Warden of the State; (d) Director, Animal Husbandry Department, who shall be the Member Secretary. (e) Commissioner Transport; (f) Director-General or Director, Health Department (g) Director Panchayat Department (h) Director General of Police or his representative. (i) Director, Urban Development Department. (j) Minimum of three members of three SPCAs constituted in each district to be nominated by the State Government constituted in each District as per the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulations of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Rules, 2001;

	<p>(k) One Member from registered Gaushalas / Pinjarapoles to be nominated by the State Government.</p> <p>(l) One Member to be nominated by the GausevaAyog / State Government.</p> <p>(m) Five eminent persons involved in animal welfare within the State to be nominated by the State Government;</p> <p>(n) Registrar of the State Veterinary Council and a representative of the State Veterinary Doctors' Association; and</p> <p>(o) One MLA of State Assembly to be nominated by the State Assembly; and</p> <p>(p) One member representative of the Animal Welfare Board of India, to be nominated by the Board.</p> <p>(2) The State Board shall be constituted or reconstituted in terms of this Section if already in existence, not later than three months after this act come into force.</p> <p>(3) The members of the State Board shall be nominated on a purely honorary basis and will not draw salaries from the State Board or by virtue of their appointment to the State Board. However, the State Board may provide Travelling and other incidental charges of the member for attending the meeting of the State Board as per State Government norms;</p>
<p><b>Insertion of section 44</b></p> <p><b>Functions of the State Animal Welfare Board</b></p>	<p>56.(1) The State Board shall ensure that the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed hereunder are given widespread publicity, and duly implemented in the State, and take all necessary steps to create adequate awareness of animal welfare may be created.</p> <p>(2) The State Board shall provide assistance and guidance for the functioning of the SPCAs, the animal shelters, gaushalas, pinjrapoles, rescue homes, sanctuaries and the likes within the State, to ensure implementation of the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder.</p> <p>(3) The State Board shall also exercise such functions as may be delegated to it by the State Government or Union Territories or by the Central Government for furthering the objectives of these Act.</p> <p>(4) The State Board shall advise the State Government or any local authority or other people on any matter related to the welfare of animals.</p> <p>(5) The State Board shall undertake capacity-building efforts with concerned departments, other institutions and persons as needed, to</p>

	<p>ensure proper enforcement of the Act.</p> <p>(6) The State Board may extend financial assistance and support to animal welfare organizations that obtain recognition from the state board after following due process as prescribed by the state board</p>
<p><b>Insertion of new section 45</b></p> <p><b>Terms of the State Board</b></p>	<p>57. (1) The term of the State Board shall be three years from the date of the constitution or reconstitution and the Chairman and other Members of the State Board shall hold office till the expiry of the State Board.</p> <p>(2) Any casual vacancy(ies) arising shall be filled up as per the constitution of the State Board</p> <p>(3) A member nominated to fill up a casual vacancy shall hold office till the normal expiry of the State Board from the date of his or her nomination.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of new section 46</b></p> <p><b>Removal of Member(s) from the State Board</b></p>	<p>58. The State Government may remove any member of the State Board who:</p> <p>(a) absents from three consecutive meetings of the State Board without intimation to State Board: or</p> <p>(b) has been adjudged an insolvent or;</p> <p>(c) has been convicted of an offence under this Act or any other law pertaining to Cruelty to Animals or involving moral turpitude or;</p> <p>(d) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as such Member or,</p> <p>(e) has submitted his or her resignation as a member of the State Board,</p> <p>(f) any charge of corruption.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of section 47</b></p> <p><b>Fund for the State Board</b></p>	<p>59. The funds of the State Board shall consist of grants made to it from time to time by the State Government and off contribution, donation, subscription, bequests, gifts, fees and levy the like made to it by any local authority or any other person.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of section 48</b></p> <p><b>Reports</b></p>	<p>60. Every State Board shall submit its activity report to the Board incorporating therein the activities undertaken by it for the welfare of animals and the steps or measures taken by it to implement various provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder at the end of the first quarter of the proceeding financial year.</p>
<p><b>Insertion of section 49</b></p> <p><b>Power to make Regulations</b></p>	<p>61. The State Board may, subject to prior approval of the State Government, make such regulations as it may think fit for the financial and administrative affairs of the State Board and for carrying out its functions.</p>

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