



भारतीय जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

(पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India

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सचिव / Secretary

No-9-3/2018-19/PCA

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

1. The Chairman,  
State Animal Welfare Board of  
All the concerned States / UTs
2. The Director / Member Secretary,  
Animal Husbandry Department  
of the State Governments / UTs

Sir / Madam,

Subject.: **Request to activate the functioning of State Animal Welfare Board – Regarding.**

- Ref. : Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forest and Climate Change letter D. O. No. 27/1/2016/AWD dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of the concerned States / UTs
- 2) This office letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 05<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

Kindly refer to our letters on the above cited subject.

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a statutory body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The functions of the Board include the promotion of animal welfare generally and for the purpose of protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C) No.440 of 2000, Geetha Seshmani Versus Union of India & Others dated 6.8.2008 and in W.P(C) No.881 of 2014, Gauri Maulekhi Vs Union of India & Ors dated 13.7.2015 has directed all the State Governments to make the State Animal Welfare Board functional at the State level and District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) at District level to address animal cruelty matters, to promote animal welfare programmes at the grass root level and to assist AWBI in implementation of the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the rules made there-under.

In this regard, it is requested to ensure that State Animal Welfare Boards are made functional so that the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules are implemented effectively to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly provide the details of bye-laws of the State Animal Welfare Board and other relevant information at the earliest addressed to the Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, National Institute of Animal Welfare Campus, 42 KM Milestone, Delhi-Agra Highway, N.H-2, Ballabgarh, Haryana 121004 by e-mail: [secretaryawbi2018@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryawbi2018@gmail.com) / [animalwelfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:animalwelfareboard@gmail.com) positively.

Kindly treat this matter as most urgent.

Yours sincerely,

*Neelam*  
(Dr. Neelam Bala) 19/03/19  
Secretary

Copy to: 1. The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry  
Department of the State Governments / UTs