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Uttarakhand Animal Welfare Board had represented to the Board that the State Animal Welfare Board and District SPCAs should be forwarded a copy of the Permission and Registration given by AWBI for use of Performing Animals under Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001 to enable them to oversee the use of Performing Animals. The Board in its Meeting held on 16-5-2015 considered the representation and accepted it and decided to forward the same to the SAWBs of the concerned States and District SPCAs for overseeing the use of Performing animals.

Hence it is requested that the State Animal Welfare Boards and District SPCAs/District Collector of the concerned place where shooting with performing animals are going to take place, take necessary action to oversee the use of Performing Animals.

The Applicants have been directed to inform the SAWBs/Director, Animal Husbandry and District SPCA/District Collector also about the intimation of shooting dates and details, so that they can take necessary action to oversee the use of performing animals and forward the report to AWBI. The PCA Act 1960, Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001 are available in AWB's Website www.awbi.org. The provisions for inspection in Section 25 of PCA Act, 1960 and Rule 14 and 15 of Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001 is reproduced below for reference.

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- 1) All SAWBs/Director of Animal Husbandry Departments/Dist. SPCAs/District Collectors for necessary action.
- 2) For information and compliance by all Applicants

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT, 1960
CHAPTER – V PERFORMING ANIMALS
SECTION 25 - Power to enter premises

25. (1) Any person authorized in writing by the prescribed authority referred to in section 23 and any police officer not below the rank of a sub-inspector may (a) enter at all reasonable times and inspect any premises in which any performing animals are being trained or exhibited or kept for training or exhibition, and any such animals found therein; and (b) require any person who, he has reason to believe is a trainer or exhibitor of performing animals to produce his certificate of registration, (2) No person or police officer referred to in sub section (1) shall be entitled under this section to go on or behind the stage during a public performance of performing animals.

PERFORMING ANIMALS (REGISTRATION) RULES, 2001
-RULE – 14 & 15 - Power to inspect

14. - (1) The prescribed authority may depute an officer or authorise any other person, to inspect the mode of transport, care and upkeep of the animals, or to be present at the time of training or exhibition of the performing animals or during making of a film to ensure that the conditions of registration are being complied with.

(2) The owner shall not obstruct the entry of such officer or authorised person and extend all possible assistance to enable him to discharge his duty.

15. Report of inspection - The officer deputed or person authorised under rule 14 shall after inspection submit a report to the prescribed authority about the compliance of the rules and the conditions as specified by the prescribed authority