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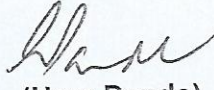
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Dear

This is regarding use of Chinese string made of nylon commonly called 'Chinese Dor' and other thread gummed and coated with powdered and finely crushed glass, used for kite flying. Kite fliers who use such strings endanger life of flying birds, namely, pigeons, crows, owls, kites, vultures and also rare and threatened species of birds.

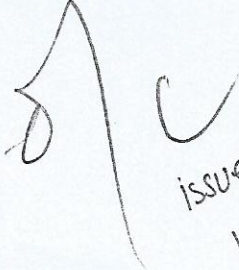
2. A number of incidences of killing of birds and injury, death or electrocution take place because of use of Chinese Dor and glass coated *manja* for flying kites. In W.P. (PIL) number 15793/2011, the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan has directed the concerned authorities to ensure that pucca thread made of plastic or any such synthetic material of Chinese make or other toxic materials like iron powder, glass powder etc. is not used in kite flying.
3. Killing wildlife is illegal under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and causing injury to animals is a violation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Article 51 A (g) of the Indian constitution also states that "It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures".
4. I shall be grateful, if you would look into the issue and take appropriate action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Hem Pande)

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