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The Honourable Jagat Prakash Nadda  
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Dear Mr Minister,

It's an honour to be in Jodhpur shooting *Viceroy's House*, a film set in 1947, a sad and momentous year in India's history.

India holds a special place in my heart for many reasons, but especially for its cultural reverence for animals. I was so pleased to hear from my friends at PETA that the Drugs Technical Advisory Board operating under your Ministry agrees that animals should not have to undergo cruel tests for new drug registrations when complete data from earlier toxicity experiments already exist for drugs that have been approved abroad.

As you know, rats, rabbits, primates, dogs and other animals used for drug testing are confined to barren cages. They are forced to ingest or inhale drugs or have them smeared on their skin or put in their eyes. These animals often endure seizures, breathing difficulties, blindness, vomiting and other agonising symptoms of poisoning as well as a slow death. They live lonely lives in fear of the next terrifying and painful procedure that will be performed on them.

I therefore respectfully request that you move this process along by amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, immediately in order to stop redundant drug testing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I have every faith in the Indian government to do the right thing for animals.

Yours sincerely,



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