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His Excellency Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India
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Your Excellency,

My head started spinning when my friends at PETA India told me that the largest penalty for abusing – or even for killing – an animal is a mere Rs 50 for a first offence under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960. These days, a cup of coffee often costs more than that.

Sadly, reports indicate cows, dogs, and other animals across the country are enduring routine abuse, such as being beaten, poisoned, attacked with acid, and even sexually assaulted. Just recently, a pregnant goat was raped by eight men in Haryana. She died from her injuries.

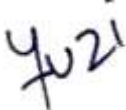
This situation is dangerous for humans, too. Research shows that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals are often repeat offenders who move on to hurting other animals or humans.

If those guilty of cruelty to animals received significant fines, jail time, and counselling – and were forbidden from having contact with animals – it would better ensure that living, feeling beings are protected and hopefully treated with the compassion and respect they deserve.

I therefore respectfully request that your good office consider strengthening penalties for those who abuse animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. You can reach me via Sachin Bangera of PETA India at SachinB@petaindia.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuzi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Yuzvendra Chahal