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ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

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To All the Chief Secretaries of all states and UTs

Sir/ Madam

As you may be aware due to ongoing control and containment of COVID 19 pandemic many States have gone for complete locked down to stop spreading of virus.

2. I would like to draw your kind attention that feed and fodder for large animals and food for companion and stray animals is an essential service and may be kept operational during lockdowns. District Administration may, if need be, allot specific time during the morning and evening hours for individuals/ volunteers to provide food and water for street animals and birds. This is a valuable service consistently provided by compassionate individuals and the absence of it may cause a large number of animals and birds to suffer and die and carcasses of the dead animals and birds may further spread different diseases amongst community which will be difficult to control.

3. It is requested to kindly issue necessary direction to all concerned authorities to create awareness amongst the public to take care of stray animals during the lock down due to COVID-19. The law enforcement authorities may also be directed to see that the animals and birds do not suffer due to hunger. A copy of the direction issued in this regard may also be forwarded to the board for information.

Kindly treat the matter as MOST URGENT

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. O.P. Chaudhary)

Chairman

To all the Municipal Corporations