

DIRECTORATE OF  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, ASSAM  
CHENIKUTHI, GUWAHATI-03

No. LC/Misc./2020-21/137

Dated: Guwahati the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

**From :-** Dr. Pulin Ch Das  
Director, A.H. & Veterinary Deptt., Assam  
Chenikuthi, Guwahati-03

**To:** All Poultry Hatchers in Assam

**Subject:** Advisory on ban on cruel and illegal methods for killing of unwanted chicks by poultry hatcheries in Assam and the implementation of method prescribed by the AWBI and other bodies.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice that millions of male chicks (since they can't lay eggs) and chicks who are deformed, sick, or "low grade" are considered useless by the poultry industries and killed via various illegal and cruel methods, which include drowning, burning, crushing, grinding, or suffocating them or even transporting them to be eaten alive at fish farms. Some chicks who have been dyed with chemicals and distributed or sold in villages to children also typically die soon from the paint, neglect, or other reasons.

It should be noted that such illegal and cruel methods of killing unwanted chicks violate Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA Act), and are punishable under this Act. (A copy of Section 11 of the PCA Act is appended as Annexure 1.)

You are, therefore, directed to:

1. Stop immediately all illegal and cruel methods of killing of male/unwanted chicks in your hatchery/hatcheries and
2. Practice use of nitrogen and inert gas method of controlled atmospheric killing to euthanize male/unwanted chicks because they cause the least amount of pain and result in less overall suffering.  
(A copy of the AWBI Advisory is appended as Annexure 2 and Article 7.6.14 of the OIE guidelines as recommended by the AWBI and the LCI is appended as Annexure 3)
3. Prohibit the practice of killing day-old male chicks and adopt in ovo sex-determination technology once it's commercially available.

Sd/ Dr P. C. Das  
Director  
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Copy to:-

1. Dr. Manilal Valliyate, CEO, Peoples for Ethical Treatment of Animals, India. This has reference to his E-mail dated 15/04/2020.
2. The Secretary, AWBI, MFAHD, GOI, DAHD, NAIW campus, 42 Mile stone, Delhi Agra Highway NH-2, Ballabhgarh, Haryana-121004 for kind information.
3. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, A.H. & Veterinary Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information.
4. The Director General of Police, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for information and necessary action
5. The Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt., BTC, Kokrajhar/Additional Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt., ..... for information and necessary action. He is requested to communicate to all the hatchers in BTC
6. The Deputy Commissioner, All Districts for information and necessary action.
7. The Commissioner of Police, Guwahati for information and necessary action.
8. The Superintendent of Police, All Districts for information and necessary action.
9. The Joint Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt., All Zone for information and necessary action
10. The District A.H. & Veterinary Officer, All Districts for information and necessary action. He is requested to communicate to all Hatchers in the District.
11. The Registrar/Superintendent, Estt. Branch of the Directorate for information.

Director

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