

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
DIRECTORATE OF VETERINARY & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
HYDERABAD**

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**Dated: 24 .11.2018**

Sub: Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)- Request to impose ban on spiked and thorn bits to control Equines in India-Communicated for strict implementation- Regarding.

Ref: Letter from CEO, PETA, India, Dated: 15 .10. 2018.

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Inviting the kind attention of the Officers to the subject cited, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), India has requested and urged to impose a ban on manufacturing, trading, possessing and using spiked and thorn bits in India frequently used to control Equines in market places, to carry grooms at weddings and to dance at ceremonies which is inhumane and illegal.

The use of spiked bits causes terror, pain and lot of suffering to the animals which are sold openly in markets that sell saddle parts, at equine fairs and even online (Amazon India).

It is further informed that the use of spiked and thorn bits is illegal and prohibited as per the Section 8 of The Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animal Rules, 1965 that,

*"No person shall, for the purpose of driving or riding an animal or causing it to draw any vehicle or the otherwise controlling it, use any spiked stick or bit, harness or yoke with spikes, knobs or projections or any other sharp tackle or equipment which causes or is likely to cause bruises, swelling, abrasions or severe pain to the animal".*

Hence, all the officers are requested take necessary action immediately and strictly implement the above rules in the districts concerned to prevent unnecessary suffering of animals especially equines.

Encl: The Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animal Rules, 1965.

Sd/- Dr. D. Venkateswarlu,  
Director.

To:

To all the District Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Officers.

Copy to Director General of Police, Hyderabad for taking necessary action and favor of information

Copy to CEO, PETA, India.

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Assistant Director,  
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