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To

1. The Director General of Police,
Office of the Director General of Police,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Mangalagiri – 522 502.
Email: dgp@appolice.gov.in

Sub: Conduct of cock fight in Andhra Pradesh – Request to take immediate action against the offenders for holding illegal events and stop such events in future and report compliance - Reg


Sir,

The Animal Welfare Board has received complaint from Ms. Kushboo Gupta, PeTA stating that illegal cock fights has been proposed to be held from 14-17, January, 2022 at various places in Andhra Pradesh. The conduct of such events are against Section 3 and Section 11(1)(a) & (m)(ii) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Rules. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the Supreme Court of India had ordered on 7.5.2014 that all such events is against the law and has banned the same. A copy of the email complaint is attached, which is self-explanatory.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that exhaustive directions have been issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the Central and State governments in the matter of SLP (C)11686 of 2007, Animal Welfare Board of India Vs A Nagaraja & Ors, in the Judgement dated 7.5.2014 directing all agencies and instrumentalities of the state. Para 77 of the said Judgement, inter alia, clearly states that it is the duty of the Governments to enforce the PCA Act, 1960 and that the Governments would see that if the provisions of the Act. If the directions and declarations of the Supreme Court are not properly and effectively complied with, disciplinary action may be taken against the erring officials and organizers so that the object and purpose of the PCA Act, 1960 could be achieved and that if any violations are noticed then Governments shall take steps remedial measure including appropriate follow up action. The directions of the Supreme Court in Para No.77 of the Order may kindly be seen. The permission granted and the conducting of such events is in violation of the Supreme Court judgment, and in fact, **will be tantamount to contempt of court.**

It is, therefore, requested that immediate action be taken against the offenders and organizers to ensure that such illegal events are not allowed to take place anywhere or at any time. The action taken report may be sent to the Board immediately.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl: as above

Copy to: for information and further necessary action please.

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh 1st Block, 1st Floor, A.P Secretariat Office, Velagapudi-522023 Phone: 0863-2441024 Fax: 0863-2441029 – The Board had requested your office to issue directions to all the enforcement authorities to take action against such offenders and organizers since Para 77 of the Supreme Court order specifically holds that Jallikattu, Bullock cart race and such events per se violate sections 3, 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(m)(ii) of PCA Act and to implement the Animal Protection Laws and ensure compliance of directions of Supreme Court's Order dated 7.5.2014. Specific mention was made with respect to Para 77 (10) of the Supreme Court's Order dated 7.5.2014 wherein it was directed that the Governments would see that if the provisions of the PCA Act and declarations and the directions issued by the Supreme Court are not properly and effectively complied with, disciplinary action be taken against the erring officials so that the purpose and object of PCA Act could be achieved. Para 77 (12) also directed that if any violation was noticed, Governments should take steps to remedy the same including appropriate follow up action. You are requested to enquire in to the matter and take action against the erring officials immediately and issue directions to all the concerned officials to comply with the directions of the Supreme Court. email: cs@ap.gov.in
3. The Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Labbipet, Vijayawada, A.P – for appropriate action to create adequate awareness amongst the people and law enforcing authorities.
4. The applicant – with a request to liaise with the concerned departments about the action taken in the said regard, and inform the Board about the follow up action.