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As per communication received from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), manufacture, sale and use of gestation and farrowing crates for pig farming are in violation of Section 11(1)(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and as further confirmed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's National Research Centre on Pig. Gestation and farrowing crates are cruel, controversial features of intensive pig farming.

Section 11(1)(e) of the PCA Act, 1960, states that it is cruelty and a punishable offence if anyone "keeps or confines any animal in any cage or other receptacle which does not measure sufficiently in height, length and breadth to permit the animal a reasonable opportunity for movement". Both gestation and farrowing crates fail to allow a sow to make reasonable movements and are, thus, illegal.

In view of the above, all Assistant Directors / Veterinary Officers of the Department are required to immediately comply on the above matter and prohibit the use of both gestation and farrowing crates in Goa.

This is for strict compliance.

o/c  
R. Pinto  
08/09/2021

  
(Dr. Agostinho Misquita)  
Director

To,  
All Asst. Directors / Veterinary Officers

Incharge of :-

Veterinary Hospitals – Mapusa, Sonsodo-Raia Margao, Ponda, Tonca, Honda

Veterinary Dispensaries - Calangute, Shiroda, Usgao, Pirna, Bicholim, Gawane, Mandrem, Dharbandora, Mollem, Siolim, Pernem, Valpoi, Netravali, Sanguem, Vasco, Quepem, Majorda, Navelim, Canacona, Poinguinim, Cuncolim, Varca, Chandel, Savoi Verem, Sal

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Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary, DSPCA North & South Goa
2. The Director of Education (India), Mission Rabies, WVS, Flat #B-C2, Veterianary Hospital Complex, Tonca, Miramar, Panaji – Goa.
3. The Director, Worldwide Veterinary Services, Near Assagao Panchayat, Madungo Vaddo, Assagao, Bardez – Goa.
4. People For Animals, Near Goa Dairy, Curti, Ponda - Goa.
5. People For Animals, Shantinagar Road, Maimollem, Mormugao, Goa.
6. Noah's Animal Care Shelter, H. No. 4/99B, Porba Vaddo, Calangute - Goa
7. The Hon. Secretary, Panjim Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), Tambdi Mati, Electricity Colony, St. Inez, Panaji – Goa.