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To

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab,
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2. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department and Member Secretary,
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Subject: Conduct of Dog races and formulation of guideline for Dog race in violation of judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received complaints from Ms. Suman Virwani and various others regarding conduct of dog races in the District of Muktsar Sahib on 17.11.2020 with the permission of district Magistrate of Muktsar. Further, it is also stated that Dept. of Animal Husbandary, Dairy Development & Fisheries of Punjab Government has formulated guidelines for Dog Races dated 05.06.2020.

In this regard, it is stated that Section 11(1)(a) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 prohibits any person from beating, kicking, overriding, overdriving, over-loading, torturing or otherwise treating any animal so as to subject it to unnecessary pain or suffering, or causing, or being the owner permitting any animal so treated.

Further, it is pertinent to mention that the Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated 07.05.2014 stated that "AWBI is right in its stand that Jallikattu, Bullock-cart Race and such events per se violate Sections 3, 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(m)(ii) of PCA Act. The extract of the Para 77 of the order dated 07.05.2014 is enclosed for reference.

This would effectively mean that animal races of all kinds are prohibited except horse races in turf clubs which are allowed as per the Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001(PARR).

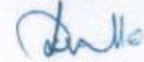
It is also once again emphasized that willful failure to obey, and violation of the Supreme Court directions and orders will amount to contempt of the Supreme Court of India and be punishable as such.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly withdraw such orders or directions issued by your good office which is against the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India related to animal races, animal fights and all such illegal events, and compliance with the provisions of the PCA Act, 1960.

Please therefore do the needful as requested at earliest and forward action taken report to the Board.

"Please treat this as most urgent".

Yours sincerely,



(Dr.S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

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4. The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Department and Member Secretary, Punjab State Animal Welfare Board, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh for information and further necessary action. E-mail: ddahludhiana@gmail.com
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6. Dr. Sandeep K.Jain
7. Ms. Suman Virwani