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To

1. The Member Secretary
Punjab Animal Welfare Board & The Director,
Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Punjab,
Livestock Complex, Sector 68 SAS Nagar, Mohali-160071,
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2. The Deputy Commissioner Sangrur
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Subject: Complaint regarding the illegal Greyhound Races scheduled to take place in Ludhiana and other regions of the State of Punjab-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above-cited subject, it is stated that the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has received several complaints regarding illegal greyhound races scheduled to take place in Ludhiana and other regions of Punjab. A copy of the complaint is enclosed herewith for your reference.

2. In this regard, it is pertinent to note that **Section 3** and **Section 11(1)(a) and (m)(ii)** of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960* (PCA Act) prohibit any person from engaging in activities such as beating, kicking, overriding, overloading, torturing, or otherwise treating any animal in a manner that subjects it to unnecessary pain or suffering, including using animals in activities such as greyhound racing that cause physical or psychological distress. These provisions also prohibit an owner from permitting such treatment.

3. It is pertinent to mention that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its landmark judgment in **AWBI v. A. Nagaraja & Ors., (2014)**, issued comprehensive directions to the Central and State Governments, as well as all agencies and instrumentalities of the State. In **paragraph 77** of the judgment, the Court emphasized the duty of the Governments to enforce the PCA Act, 1960. The judgment mandated that disciplinary action be taken against erring officials for non-compliance with the Act and the Supreme Court's directives. It further declared that all forms of animal races and fights, including greyhound races, are illegal unless explicitly permitted and regulated in accordance with the provisions of the PCA Act.

4. Further, the AWBI, through its letter dated **11.11.2014**, requested the Chief Secretary of Punjab to prohibit greyhound races and other animal races or fights. The letter urged immediate action to curb such unlawful activities and stressed the

need to issue directions to ensure strict compliance with the PCA Act and the rules framed thereunder.

5. In light of the above, the AWBI reiterates its request to investigate and stop the illegal greyhound races and similar events. It is also requested that the concerned authorities be directed to take exemplary action against the violators as per the law. Kindly provide a copy of the action taken report to the Board for information and further necessary steps.

Yours sincerely,
Signed by Prachi Jain

Date: 02-01-2025 19:49:04

(Prachi Jain)
Asst. Secretary

Enclosed: as above

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