

**MINUTES OF THE 114<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA HELD AT CHENNAI ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010**

**PRESENT**

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| 1. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM   | - | Chairman                  |
| 2. Shri Doulat Jain                         | - | Vice-Chairman             |
| 3. Shri Hem Pande, I.A.S.                   | } |                           |
| Joint Secretary (AW) MOEF                   | } | Executive                 |
| 4. Shri Shailjakant Misra, IPS              | } | Committee Member          |
| 5. Dr. Brahmachari Omswarooparya            | } |                           |
| 6. Shri Guljarilal Soni                     | } |                           |
| 7. Dr. Md. Saleem Aslam                     | } |                           |
| 8. Dr. Alok Aggarwal                        | } |                           |
| (Rep. of Municipal Corporation, Delhi)      | } | Member, AWBI              |
| 9. Dr. Harmender Sharma                     | } |                           |
| (Rep. of Municipal Corporation, Shimla)     | } |                           |
| 10. Shri H.R. Parmar                        | - | Special Invitee           |
| (Rep. of Shri Vadilal Kamdar, Member, AWBI) |   |                           |
| 11. Shri S.R. Sundaram                      | - | Special Invitee           |
| (Legal Advisor, AWBI)                       |   |                           |
| 12. Shri S. Vinod Kumar                     | - | Assistant Secretary, AWBI |

Shri Rajeev Gupta, I.A.S. and Shri Hiranmay Karlekar, Members, AWBI requested for leave of absence and granted. Honorable Chairman welcomed all the Executive Committee Members of the Board for the 114<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.

Before commencing the proceedings of the meeting, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Shri Mahendra Kumar Bum, Member, AWBI who had passed away on 28.5.2010 in a car accident.

Chairman informed the Members that several animal welfare activists and AWOs are continuously reporting to him about the incidents of cruelty to animals happening all over the country. The animal welfare activists and general public have a misconception that AWBI is responsible for enforcement of Animal Protection Laws. The PCA Act clearly states that the AWBI is only an advisory body. The implementation of the animal protection laws is the responsibility of State Governments, State Police and District SPCAs. The Ministry of Environment & Forests and AWBI have been approaching the State Governments to make District SPCAs and constitute State Animal Welfare Boards. However, only a few of them are actually operating on the ground and

doing their Animal Welfare work. In the existing SPCA rules the SPCAs do not have any enforcement powers with them and they are also not having authorized inspectors to check animal abuse and implement the provisions of PCA Act and various rules framed thereunder.

Further, there is also some misconception about the role of Board members vis-à-vis the AWOs. AWBI Board members are not inspectors as they have a bigger responsibility of creating awareness about humane treatment of animals and advising and guiding the AWOs, Gaushalas in promoting their Animal Welfare activities.

Animal Welfare is a very challenging field. Given the huge population of animals in our country we have only a handful of NGOs who are actually working at the grass root level and are committed for animal welfare programmes to address man animal conflict. We must encourage and support their good work, providing necessary advice and help to improve their noble work rather than finding faults only.

In order to create awareness about humane treatment of animals the Board had conducted a workshop on Humane Education and have now prepared CD's for creating awareness for stake holders such as Police, school children and citizens. The Police CD provides information on Animal Protection laws and their implementation. The Chairman has written letters to the Director General of Police of all the States and also enclosed the above CD to make them aware of their duties in implementation of animal protection laws.

The Board has also impleaded itself from time to time in various court cases in High Courts and Supreme Court of India in cases of Animal abuse. The High Court of Delhi has recently given a direction to AWBI to notify feeding places for stray dogs in the residential colonies of Delhi. So far we have notified feeding sites in 40 residential areas mostly in South Delhi for stray dogs so that the stray dogs will be fed only at these places. The Board is taking help of local animal welfare activists and police in identifying feeding places for stray dogs.

The Chairman briefed the Members that at present 2850 AWOs are being serviced by the Board with the sanctioned strength of AWBI staff which was authorized in 1972 for 80-100 AWOs. In addition several additional responsibilities like the implementation of the four Central Sector Schemes, certification under the Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001 have also been given to the Board. The Board is passing through a serious problem of shortage of staff as the present sanctioned strength of 21 is grossly inadequate to address the current work load. The Board therefore needs urgent empowerment with regard to additional staff.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Shri Hem Pande, Joint Secretary and EC Member of the Board for helping in filling up the vacant sanctioned

posts. The Chairman also informed the EC members that lot of Board problems have been sorted out and some are being sorted out by the Ministry.

The Chairman informed the Members that AWBI in collaboration with the CPR Foundation, Chennai arranged an animal welfare education programme called "Kompassionate Kids" for empowering school teachers. The main theme of the programme was to stress on the need to change our food habits from non-vegetarian to vegetarian diet and being rational in our food habits as they are directly contributing to the cruelty to animals and the environmental pollution.

Chairman informed that our earth has 148.90 million sq kilometers of land area of which only 13% is cultivable land, 33% of this area is used for cultivating animal feed crops. The current world population is 6.6 Billion and is growing and is currently using around 60 billion animals annually for food of animal origin resulting in shortage of land usage for growing food for human beings. By 2050 World population will double up and would need 120 Billion animals annually to meet its requirement of food of animal origin. This will lead to serious man-animal conflict and cruelty to animals and environmental pollution unless we control human population and also change our food habits.

Chairman appreciated Dr. Brahmachari Omswarooparya, Member, AWBI for conducting a very good animal fortnight programmes in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Rajasthan. He travelled extensively for over 19 days and addressed conferences, media and radio programmes during the animal fortnight programmes.

Chairman informed the Members that the Supreme Court has directed the Tamil Nadu Government and Animal Welfare Board to regulate the conduct of 'Jallikattu' in Tamil Nadu. The AWBI has been raising this issue in the Supreme Court. In the next hearing the Board has to furnish the details about the number of persons killed, injured and the number of animals that were injured in the Jallikattu events. We hope that the Supreme Court will give a total ban on the concept of Jalliikattu in Tamilnadu.

The Chairman informed that he had received complaints from Udaipur and Ahmedabad regarding catching of stray dogs in a cruel manner and relocating them in Jungle / land fill sites. In view of the complaints, Chairman visited both these places. After discussions with the Government Officials and Corporation authorities, a MOU has been signed between the AWBI and Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation(AMC) for conducting ABC programme on a participatory basis of 50% funding by AWBI and AMC with collaboration of recognized AWOs in Ahmedabad. The Chairman requested the EC to endorse the MOU signed by AWBI and AMC for ABC programme in Ahmedabad, which was agreed to by EC members.

Chairman informed the EC members that he has written a letter to Hon'ble Minister MoEF regarding inclusion of Animal Welfare as part of Environmental Sciences curriculum in Schools. This letter has been forwarded by the Ministry of Environment & Forests to the Ministry of Human Resources Development, New Delhi for its consideration.

Chairman also informed that one Honorary Animal Welfare Officer from PFA Jind Haryana has been jailed for three years for accepting bribe from truck drivers who were transporting animals for slaughter.

Chairman briefed the EC about the new updated website of AWBI. Shri Hem Pande, Joint Secretary & Member AWBI suggested that the Board should also publish all the information in Hindi on the website. He also told that the list of blacklisted organizations and details of utilization certificates pending from AWOs also be added to the website. It was suggested that the success of ABC programme and the details of dog population reduced in Chennai and Jaipur be ascertained and also put on the AWBI website.

Shri Hem Pande, Joint Secretary MoEF pointed out about the stray dog problems seen by him in Palavakkam area in the suburb of Chennai city. He also suggested the necessity of AWBI conducting an inspection of the slaughter house located near Thiruvanmiyur area.

**[Action: VS]**

Shri Guljarilal Soni, Member, AWBI suggested that the Board should issue legal notices and proceed for recovery of grant amount from the AWOs who have not submitted utilization certificate inspite of our reminder and showcause notices.

**[Action: Unit I / II]**

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 7.1.2010 at Chennai.**

The minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of AWBI held on 7.1.2010 were confirmed.

**Item No.2: Progress of action taken on the minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 and 113<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 7.1.2010.**

The decision and action taken of the 112<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 29.12.2009 and 113<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 7.1.2010 were reviewed and noted with the following suggestions/directions.

The Joint Secretary assured to pursue the matter of grant-in-aid to AWOs under various schemes pending with Ministry represented by the Board Members.

The Chairman requested the Joint Secretary to look into the matter regarding pending approval of Ministry for RRAEC fund created by AWBI. It was decided to follow up the matter and expedite action. It was also decided to find out the status of such type of funds created by other Boards for similar utilization of funds by other autonomous bodies.

The Members discussed about the formation of State Animal Welfare Boards and SPCAs in each District as per the Supreme Court order. Shri Guljarilal Soni, Member, AWBI suggested that if the District authorities are not forming SPCAs, the Board may approach the Supreme Court for implementation of the order. Shri Soni requested the Joint Secretary to write letters to the State / District authorities in this regard.

**[Action: Accounts/HEO]**

**Item No. 3: Discuss modalities of Identification of 2 suitable persons from each District of India to issue Certificate vide Transportation of Animals Rules 96 & 97 as requested by Ministry of Railways.**

The Executive Committee discussed the matter regarding identification of two suitable persons from each District to issue certificate vide Transportation of Animals Rules 96 & 97 as requested by Ministry of Railways. The Board has received suggestions from the Members for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh in response to the letter written by Hon'ble Chairman to the Members. The Joint Secretary suggested that the Board should utilize the services of Government machinery for this purpose.

The Executive Committee decided that the responsibility for issuing the certificate under Transportation of Animals Rules be given to one Government Official from the Department of Animal Husbandry (District Animal Husbandry Officer) and one person be nominated by AWBI.

**[Action: HEO]**

**Item No.4: Discuss the proposed guidelines for AWBI Plan and Central Sector Schemes.**

The Executive Committee considered the proposed modifications/ additions/ revisions of CSS guidelines and approved the same with the following amendments/additions:

**Shelter Scheme:**

1. In respect of land documents, if the Gaushala/AWO is in undisputed possession of the land for 10 years certified by District Revenue authorities then it should be accepted. The organization has to submit a certificate from the Gram-panchayat to the effect that the Gram-panchayat has no objection for construction of shelter house on the said land. The organization has to submit an affidavit stating that the land will not be used for any other purpose than for which it has been approved (Gaushala / AWO).
2. Include construction of Godown in the components with maximum ceiling of Rs.5.00 lakhs.
3. The total permissible amount under the Shelter scheme be increased from the present Rs.25.00 lakhs to Rs.40.00 lakhs including 10% share of organization.

### **ABC Scheme:**

Under the ABC scheme, the EC recommended the following component wise rate for providing financial assistance for each ABC operation for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs.

- (I) Catching and admission to ABC center and relocation to areas from where captured Rs.90/- per stray dog.
- (II) Pre-operation care, ABC Surgery including medicines, post operative care and feeding. Rs.510/- per male stray dog and Rs.610/- for female stray dog.

The NGOs undertaking the entire project covering all the components be made eligible for financial assistance of Rs. 600/- for male stray dogs and Rs.700/- for female stray dogs.

### **Natural Calamity Relief Scheme:**

Media report, paper cuttings, certification from District authorities regarding the natural calamity be considered for grant-in-aid under the scheme and Chairman, AWBI is authorized to consider immediate ad-hoc relief to the organizations to provide immediate relief to affected animals.

It was decided that the proposed modifications/ additions/ revisions of CSS guidelines along with justification for increase of cost be forwarded to the Ministry for consideration and approval.

The EC has noted the revised guidelines for Plan fund forwarded to the Ministry for approval. The matter will be discussed in the General Meeting of the Board to be held on 13.7.2010.

**[Action: Unit I / II]**

**Item No. 5:**            **To discuss implication of contract / tendering of ABC programme by Civic bodies in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Letter of Mrs. Norma Alvares and others.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the matter in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No.6:**            **Consideration of Registration of all race horses at Turf Clubs as performing Animals – proposal by Ms. Roxane Davur.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the matter in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 7:**            **Discuss ways and means of making the Humane Education programme of AWBI more accountable / effective. Discuss letter from Mrs. Amala Akkineni along with problems associated with late publication of AWBI publication for Humane Education programme.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the matter in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 8:**            **Discuss Audit Observations and Staff matters, AWBI reply to Ministry on employing Temporary employees.**

The Executive Committee noted the Audit observations and reply furnished on staff matters. The Chairman informed that the Work Measurement Study by SIU team of Ministry will be coming to AWBI to ascertain the work load of the staff in AWBI. The Chairman also informed that the Board requires a staff strength of minimum 50 to 55 people considering the present workload and also the increase in workload for the proposed Rules newly notified by the Central Government.

The Joint Secretary has informed that the increase of strength can be considered by sending a Cabinet Note by the Ministry.

It was decided that the Board should submit a proposal to the Ministry for appointment of 5-6 well qualified professional personnel on contract basis to look after the work relating to Accounts section, Humane Education, Legal affairs and Publications to provide much needed help to AWBI administration.

Chairman informed the Members that the local audit report of the Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Departments under the C&AG of India on the accounts of the Board for the year 2009-10 has been received and the Board noted that other than procedural observations there were no adverse observations of any financial irregularity in the Audit Report for the year 2009-10 by the Audit.

[Action: Estt]

**Item No. 9: Discuss Policy of Inspection of Slaughter Houses by AWBI.**

The Executive Committee considered the matter regarding policy of inspection of Slaughter Houses by AWBI. The Chairman briefed about the inspection of slaughter house at Meerut as per the directions of the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

Shri Guljarilal Soni, Member suggested for conducting surprise joint inspection of slaughter houses by a team consisting of State Government officials and AWBI representatives.

Shri Hem Pande, IAS, Joint Secretary suggested that awareness to stop cruelty in slaughter houses is to be initiated by the Board. The inspection team has to report about the adverse points and inform the concerned authorities for carrying out improvements in slaughter houses. There is a need to sensitize the owners of the slaughter houses about animal cruelties.

Shri S.K. Misra, I.P.S. Board Member informed that illegal slaughter is being done at places where there is no authorized slaughter house. Inspection of legal slaughter houses sanctioned and permitted by Civic Bodies are only to be inspected by the Board.

It was decided that each state should have 2-3 inspection teams for carrying out inspections. The Board should write to the Chief Secretary, DGP and other concerned authorities of all States to provide assistance and help to the authorized inspection team of the Board for inspection of slaughter houses. An attempt to start inspection of slaughter houses in the first phase will be made in Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarpradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu with the help and cooperation of Board members.

[Action: HEO]

**Item No. 10: Details of Grant-in-aid released to AWOs in 2009-10/Latest financial position/Budget allocation for the year 2010-2011.**

The Executive Committee has noted the budget allocation under Plan and CSS Schemes for the year 2010-2011.



During the discussion the Chairman informed that the Joint Secretary was kind enough to extend his help in releasing the grants in November for the year 2009-10. The Chairman requested the Members to contact the concerned Government Departments for inspection of AWOs by Govt. agencies for expediting the inspection reports in time so that the Board can utilize the entire grant amount in each schemes.

Shri Guljarilal Soni, Member pointed out that the budget for Shelter Scheme and Ambulance scheme for the year 2010-11 is not sufficient to meet the requirement of the Board. He suggested a demand for an additional budget of Rs.10.00 crores for the year 2010-11.

The Joint Secretary informed that the AWBI should utilize the grant in time and revised estimates are to be submitted to the Ministry for additional grants, if required. The grants should be utilized for the purpose for which it was released. He also told that the Board should prove the decreasing figures of dog population by ABC programme in major cities to justify the demand of more grant under ABC scheme.

**[Action: Unit I / II / Accounts]**

**Sub Item No.(i): Consideration of proposals under CSS Schemes for approval of grant-in-aid to AWOs/Local Bodies having inspection report and required documents in order.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Sub Item No.(ii): Consideration of criteria for Regular Grant for the year 2010-2011 to the recognized AWOs/SPCAs**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No.11: Consideration of the matter relating to ratification of grant-in-aid sanctioned/released under Regular Grant and CSS Schemes to AWOs after the 113<sup>th</sup> ECM held on 7.1.2010.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Sub Items No.(i): Ratification of initial grant sanctioned/released to old/newly recognized AWOs.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Sub Items No.(ii): Ratification of Regular Grant sanctioned/released to AWOs**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Sub Items No.(iii): Ratification of Cattle Rescue Grant sanctioned/released to AWOs.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Sub Items No.(iv): Ratification of Grant-in-aid sanctioned/released to AWOs under CSS Schemes (Shelter/ABC/Ambulance & Natural Calamity Relief).**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 12: Consideration of Approval/Ratification of recommendations in respect of Regular Grant (Batch VI & VII) proposals considered in the Grants Sub-Committee Meetings held after the 113<sup>th</sup> ECM dated 7.1.2010.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 13: Consideration of applications received from AWOs/Gaushalas for Rescue Cattle Grant.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 14: Consideration of Approval/Ratification of recommendations in respect of CSS proposals considered in the Grants Sub-Committee Meetings held after the 113<sup>th</sup> ECM dated 7.1.2010.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No.15:**            **New proposals received from the AWOs for grant-in-aid under CSS Schemes and pending for consideration due to want of documents/inspection – Details of action taken by the Office – for information of the ECM.**

The Executive Committee decided to discuss the grant matters in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Item No. 16:**            **Consideration of matter relating to latest status report of utilization certificate under Regular grant and CSS.**

The Board has compiled state wise list of pending UC's on directions from Chairman. The Executive Committee noted the matter and decided that the Members/Co-opted Members be requested to visit the AWOs from whom Utilization Certificates are pending for collection of the pending UCs. The state wise/scheme wise list of utilization certificates pending be provided to the Members/Co-opted Members for early action.

It was also decided that if the Utilization Certificates are not provided/submitted by the AWOs, time bound legal notices to be issued the AWOs and process their case for recovery of grant after laps of the stipulated time limit for reply. No further grants to be considered till the UC is submitted by AWO. The Board office should inform the AWOs about decision of the Board.

**[Action: Unit I / II / HEO]**

**Item No.17:**            **Consideration of ratification of appointment of Assistant Secretary, AWBI.**

The Executive Committee considered the matter and approved and ratified the selection and appointment of Shri S. Vinod Kumar as Assistant Secretary, AWBI and reversion of Shri R.B. Chaudhary to his original post as Editor of Publications in AWBI who was also officiating as Assistant Secretary in addition to his duties of Editor of Publications. The Board appreciated the duties performed by Shri S. Vinod Kumar as Assistant Secretary who is carrying out additional work of Accounts Officer and Secretary, AWBI.

**[Action: Estt]**

**Item No.18:**            **Consideration of matter regarding inclusion of one of the Officers from the Ministry/AWD as Member of Grants Sub-Committee.**

The Executive Committee considered the matter and approved to include a representative of the Animal Welfare Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests as one of the Members of the Grants Sub-Committee. However, the

Joint Secretary opined that the Ministry Representative of Under Secretary level will only attend the GSC meeting once in a month and other GSC meeting of the Board can be held as usual.

**[Action: Unit I / II / Estt.]**

**Item No.19: Consideration of letter of Dr.Brahmachari Om Sawrooparya, Member, AWBI regarding inspection of AWOs doing ABC programme in Delhi.**

The Executive Committee discussed the matter regarding ABC programme by the AWOs in Delhi and inspection of these AWOs. Dr. Alok Aggarwal, Member Secretary SSCBC and Member Board representing MCD informed that the Society for Stray Canine Birth Control (SSCBC) under MCD has started the ABC programme in 12 ABC centers of 10 AWOs in Delhi. At present 10 ABC centers are working under 9 AWOs. As per the MOU entered between the AWBI and MCD, the representatives of SSCBC, MCD and AWBI are regularly carrying out organ count of sterilized dogs and destroying the same on the spot and submitting the report to MCD and AWBI. This team is also carrying out inspections of the AWOs doing ABC programme in Delhi. He also informed that the SSCBC (MCD) has issued show cause notice to three AWOs and have obtained clarifications from them. However, he stressed that there is no irregularity in payments to NGOs as the payment for ABC surgeries is strictly based on organ count of operated dogs and the allegations of irregularities in ABC grant in Delhi are baseless.

Shri Hem Pande, IAS, Joint Secretary has suggested that videography of organ counting by the team be also done and we must show it to other States for introducing the same in ABC programme.

The MCD representative promised to do further improvement of record keeping in ABC programme carried out by Delhi AWOs.

The EC felt that if there is no impact on population of dogs in the area where small number of ABCs are being carried out by AWOs like Jeevashram, small AWOs should be removed from doing ABCs and area looked after by such AWOs be allotted to the nearby bigger AWOs.

The EC has also decided that organ counting in ABC programme should be started in other cities like Chennai, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata by AWBI as this is the most authentic method to ascertain the number of sterilizations.

**[Action: Unit I]**

**Additional Item No.1: Consideration of entering Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for sanction of grant-in-aid to for implementation of ABC programme in South Zone of GHMC under ABC Scheme.**

The Executive Committee decided that this matter will be discussed in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Additional Item No.2: Consideration of joint inspection report received from the inspection agencies in respect of Animal Welfare Society, Hyderabad and Vets Society for Animal Welfare & Rural Development, Secunderabad (VSAWRD).**

The Executive Committee decided that this matter will be discussed in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Additional Item No.3: Consideration of proposal received from Ms. Sailaja Chodagam, IA & AS regarding a request to allow Government Offices to write off/donate newspapers, misc items to Animal Welfare Organizations.**

The Executive Committee decided that this matter will be discussed in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Additional Item No.4: Request of Nashik Municipal Corporation for reimbursement for Animal Birth Control Programme carried out for the last two years**

The Executive Committee decided that this matter will be discussed in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**Additional Item No.5: Consider the reply to Show Cause notice given by the Board to Circle of Animal Lovers a Delhi NGO running a shelter for stray dogs and doing ABC programme for stray dogs.**

The Executive Committee considered fresh complaint received against the Circle of Animal Lovers and the show cause notice issued to Circle of Animal Lovers, Delhi and decided to refer it to the Disciplinary Committee to look into the adverse comments of inspection reports and complaints received against the AWOs. All connected correspondence will be put up to the

Disciplinary Committee. The Members of Disciplinary Committee will be as follows:

1. Shri Doulat Jain, Vice-Chairman, AWBI
2. Smt. Norma Alvares, Member
3. Dr. Md. Saleem Aslam, Member
4. Secretary, AWBI
5. Assistant Secretary, AWBI
6. Shri S.R. Sundaram, Legal Advisor, AWBI
7. Ms. Anjali Sharma, Legal Advisor, AWBI

The HEO and Grants Co-coordinators will assist the Committee to provide information and the recommendations be also forwarded by email to Smt. Norma Alvares, Member for her comments/suggestions. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee is to be got approved from Chairman, AWBI and placed before the Executive Committee for further directions/approval. The complaint against Circle of Animal Lovers is to be dealt with on priority basis by the Disciplinary Committee.

**[Action: Estt]**

#### **Additional Points discussed: Revision of PCA Act / Draft Rules**

The EC recommended early processing of the revised PCA Act approved by the Board by Ministry so that Animal Protection Laws have some deterrence for animal abusers.

The objections and suggestions to the draft ABC (Dogs) Rules were discussed and considered. The EC decided to forward some additional suggestions to the Ministry regarding the Draft ABC (Dogs) Amendment Rules 2010.

The EC discussed the Draft Pet shop Rules, Dog Breeding Rules and Aquarium Rules. The Board has incorporated the good suggestions given by various people in this regard. The Members have opined that these Rules are to be implemented by Local Bodies and be finalized by the Ministry at the earliest.

The EC has decided that the draft Rules published by the Ministry will be further discussed in the 36<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Board on 13.7.2010.

**[Action: HEO]**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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