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From the Secretary's desk

The major work in Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has been to release grants to the Animal Welfare Organizations recognized by the Board. Last financial year has seen tremendous increase in release of grants, that included all previous year balances also.

The Board grants recognition to the Animal Welfare Organisations (AWOs) that submit the necessary documents like registration certificate under the Societies Registration Act or Trust Act, Audited Statement of Accounts and Annual Reports, copies of Memorandum of Association / Bye-laws and Animal Welfare Activities Report etc. The AWOs will be inspected by Board Members / authorized inspection agencies for their animal welfare work and after, the inspection report is found satisfactory, the AWO will be recognized by the Board. Even initial grant of Rs.10,000/- is given as a token of recognition to further animal welfare activities.

During the current year (2009-10), the Board recognized 145 Animal Welfare Organisations. As on 31st March, 2010, the Board has granted recognition to 2,805 organisations so far.

The Board has released an amount of Rs.6.75 crores to 860 AWOs as Regular Grant and got an additional grant of Rs.6.03 crores to release the backlog cases of cattle rescue, regular grant and initial grant of previous years. The same is being done in this year as well to clear all complete cases. Shelter House grant amounting to Rs.1063.81 lakhs were given to 115 AWOs and Ambulance grant were released to an extent of Rs.299.43 lakhs to 72 AWOs. An amount of Rs.392.70 lakhs was released to 37 AWOs and 20 municipalities as Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme grant. The Natural Calamity grant of Rs.37.95 lakhs was released to 26 AWOs.

The statewide details are Andhra Pradesh - 26, Assam - 3, Bihar - 9, Goa-8, Gujarat - 63, Haryana - 160, Jharkhand -4, Karnataka - 14, Kerala - 2, Maharashtra - 52, Madhya Pradesh - 149, Delhi - 5, Orissa - 14, Punjab - 26, Pondicherry - 1, Rajasthan - 457, Tamil Nadu - 47, Uttar Pradesh - 111 and West Bengal - 32.

The Board continues to work with zeal to promote animal welfare in the country and looks forward to set up many more milestones in the present financial year.

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High Court approved guidelines for feeding stray dogs

New Delhi: Dogs are intelligent, friendly and faithful companions and are also known as the best guards. The Delhi High Court granted approval to new guidelines prepared by the Animal Welfare Board of India for feeding stray dogs in the capital. The guidelines says that stray dogs should be fed at places which are not frequented or less frequented and sparingly used by the general public.

The other features of the guidelines are: dogs should not be herded at a particular spot for the purpose of feeding; public causeways, public streets, pedestrian paths and footpaths are to be avoided; common/public area immediately abutting the entrance to flats/houses must be avoided; feeding should be undertaken at a time when the density of human population is minimal; feeding should be undertaken more than twice a day and in a hygienic manner.

The Court had last year directed the Animal Welfare Board to designate places in different localities in the city where animal lovers could feed these dogs without being harassed by the residents. Holding that feeding stray dogs is both lawful and helpful, Justice Jain had also directed the Delhi Police to give protection to animal lovers who wanted to feed stray dogs. "Feeding dogs makes them friendly and easier to handle, and citizens are free to feed dogs in areas to be decided by the Animal Welfare Board," Justice Jain had said.

FREEDOM FOR ELEPHANTS IN CAPTIVITY

NEW DELHI: Various zoos in the country have started relocating captive elephants to forest camps in line with Government directives with seven such transfers already being carried out.

Two elephants each have been transferred from Goa's Bondla Zoo to Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary and Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Vishakapatnam to jumbo camps said Shri B.S. Bonal, Member Secretary of Central Zoo Authority (CZA). Similarly, three elephants from the Assam State Zoo have been sent to Nameri Wildlife Sanctuary, where the animals will assist the Forest Department, he added. The move follows the government order stating that elephants living in the zoos and circuses would be moved to wildlife parks and game sanctuaries where they can graze more freely. The decision, taken last November

The Court had passed the order on a bunch of petitions by Delhi based animal lovers seeking protection to feed stray dogs. The petitioners had approached the Court after they were harassed and threatened by the residents of their colonies for giving food to stray dogs.

The common argument of the petitioners was that it was their statutory right to feed stray dogs under the Central regulations and rules for taking care of animals. They had further argued that taking care of stray dogs would facilitate their vaccination and sterilisation which would keep them healthy and control their population. It was also their Constitutional duty to show compassion to animals, the counsel for the petitioners said. □



ORDER OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT

Hon'ble High Court of New Delhi has issued the order on 18.12.2010 for feeding the stray dogs. In the order stated that "the Animal Welfare Board of India should identify, in consultation with the Residents Welfare Association, Area SHO and the Animal Welfare Organisation working in that area, the spots/sites, which in its opinion, would be most suitable for the purpose of feeding dogs".

Further stated that the "Animal Welfare Board of India shall identify suitable sites in the colonies, subject matter of these petitions, within four weeks from today. It shall also try to cover as many more colonies as it can during that period".

Hon'ble Court also directed that "the Delhi Police will ensure that no harm is caused to the volunteers of Animal Welfare Organisations feeding dogs in these localities provided that they feed them only during hours to be specified by Animal Welfare Board and provided further that as soon as suitable sites for feeding the dogs are identified, these organizations will feed dogs only on those identified sites and at hours specified by Animal Welfare Board".

will affect around 140 elephants in 26 zoos and 16 circuses in the country. Complaints from animal rights activists about the plight of pachyderms which are kept in captivity and often chained for long hours, led the authorities to take the decision.

According to them, elephants in zoos are stressed out, have unhealthy lives and live on an average of only 15 years compared to those in the wild, whose life spans in between 60 and 65 years.

Unlike in zoos, in the wild, elephants are highly social animals who thrive in matriarchal herds protecting each other and caring for orphaned babies, said member of a People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA).

Shri. Bonal said, State wildlife wardens have been asked to oversee the process. Many zoos have initiated steps to shift the pachyderms to elephant camps run by the government's forest department located near protected areas and national

parks. Funds have been released to West Bengal's Alipore Zoo for translocation of three elephants to Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary. Similarly, it has been proposed to move two elephants from Lucknow Zoo to Dudhwa National Park and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, the officer added.

The CZA has also asked the Byculia Zoo to expedite shifting of its two elephants including Lakshmi, which killed a man, after he tried to enter her enclosure. There are an estimated 28,000 wild elephants living in forest reserves and national parks, while another 3,500 elephants live in captivity, many of them in temples or working in logging camps to lift timber. No decision has been taken about them. □

ANNOUNCEMENT

The AWOs are requested not to contact people other than the Members/Office of AWBI for enquiring about the grant-in-aid under the Schemes of the Board. - AWBI

AWOs REPORT

SPCA, Mohali organized an anti-rabies vaccination and public awareness camp at Village Metur (S.A.S.Nagar, Mohali) on 20.3.2010. They vaccinated 132 stray and pet dogs and also gave medicines for skin diseases. The camp was inaugurated by Shri. R.P.S.Walia, S.D.M., Mohali.

In the month of March, 2010, **Sunlight Youth Association, Kadapa**, vaccinated 200 sheep at Ukkayapalli village. They distributed pamphlets to stop the illegal transportation of cows and calves. They induced BQ vaccinations to cows. They met the police department officials and sought their cooperation and also rescued animals and gave treatment to them.

Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals (VSPCA), Visakhapatnam, A.P. rescued a deer and treated it with fluids. They rescued abandoned dogs and treated them. Vegan feeding programme was



organized by VSPCA for the poorest of the poor people. They want to help the beggars who have compassion for the street dogs. They deliver the food packets by auto rickshaw. Their target

is twenty to forty people per day for three days a week.

International Animal & Bird Welfare Society, Anantapur, AP stopped a vehicle carrying 45 donkeys from Anantapur to Guntur for illegal slaughter. Out of 44, there were 20 male and 24 female (14 were pregnant and one delivered recently). The animals were in a very distressed and pathetic condition. All the animals were tied with each other and wounded. One donkey was killed in the vehicle after being stamped by the other donkeys. They filed an FIR in Roddam police station bearing FIR No.10/2010. They got interim custody of all the donkeys till the disposal of the case.

Plants & Animals Welfare Society (PAWS) of Dombivli, an AWO primarily run by a young brigade, organized an awareness workshop bringing some of the most reputed NGOs under one roof. Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD), Reptile Rescue & Study Centre and Hariyali Trust are some of the big names that came together to enlighten over 58 participants & 19 guests across the city. The group felicitations involved representatives from Fire Brigade Dombivli, Police Dog Squad Thane and Kalyan Forest Range. Amongst individual categories, Dr. Charier was felicitated for treating animals, free of cost most of time in PAWS, Shri. Sourabh Edwankar, for his overall contribution in animal rescue work & Shri. Raturaj Joshi for his outstanding work in wildlife rescues. In the workshop, Shri. Kedar Bhide, a herpetologist from Reptile Rescue & Study Center gave some valuable insights on snake rescue and pros & cons of the same. Shri. Punam Singhvi

from Hariyali Trust gave a very important presentation on waste management.

The 2nd Session started with the important topic 'First Aid and treatment of stray dogs' hosted by Abodh Aras of WSD. The vegan stall organized by 'The Green Stove' attracted many new customers. Participants enjoyed the vegan cakes, cupcakes, cookies. The stall kept some vegan treats for animals as well. PAWS merchandise stall also attracted many people. Shri. Nilesh Bhanage, founder of PAWS Dombivli



addressed the closing ceremony of the workshop and honoured the participants with a certificate of participation and first aid kit as a giveaway. Participants filled up their forms signing petitions on the matter of begging elephants and banning horse carts in Kalyan city. They rated the overall preparations of the seminar as well, expressing it as one of the greatest days to remember in their lives. Shri.Nilesh showcased the heroics of his fellow volunteer, Shri.Avinash Bhagat, who rescued a dog after jumping in a well on Friday on 16th April. □

SECRETARY'S VISIT

Shri D.Rajasekar, IFS, Secretary, AWBI visited Kumbakonam on 10th & 11th April, 2010 to monitor ABC Programme implemented by Kumbakonam Municipality.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF AWBI

During the year 2009-2010, the Board has brought out three Books/Booklets viz. "Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Sterilisation of Stray Dogs under the Animal Birth Control Programme", "Compendium on Animal Welfare Laws and AWOs (English and Hindi) and "Canine ABC Programme: The Necessity of it and What Has to be Done" for the benefit of AWOs/Municipalities/ Local Bodies/Cantt. Boards/Animal Husbandry Departments/Private Individuals/Law Enforcement Agencies/Animal Welfare Activists and Animal Lovers. The cost of the books are as given below:-

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for sterilisation of Stray Dogs under the ABC Programme : Rs.100/-
- Compendium on Animal Welfare Laws & AWOs (English and Hindi) : Rs.200/- each
- Canine ABC Programme: The necessity of it and what has to be done : Rs. 10/-

The above books can be ordered by sending MO/DD drawn in favour of Animal Welfare Board of India payable at Chennai.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd September, 2009

S.O.2465 (E) - Whereas the draft Transport of the Animals Amendment Rules, 2008, were published as required by sub-section (1) of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960) under the notification of Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest number S.O 1876(E) dated 31st July 2009 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub Section (ii) dated 3rd August 2009 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the said notification are made available to the public.

And, whereas copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 3rd August, 2009.

And, whereas no objection or suggestion has been received from the public in respect of the said draft rules by the Central Government.

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Transport of Animals Rules 1978, namely:-

- (1) These rules may be called Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2009.
 - (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978 (herein after referred to as the said rules), for rule 50, the following rule 50 shall be substituted, namely:-

"50. The average space provided per cattle in Railway wagon or vehicle shall be as provided in Tables I and II as given below:-

TABLE - I

Space Allowance per Cattle

Cattle weighing upto 200 Kg.	1 Square Meter (Sq.mtr.)
Cattle weighing 200-300 Kg	1.20 Square Meter
Cattle weighing 300-400 Kg	1.40 Square Meter
Cattle Weighing above 400 Kg.	2.0 Square Meter

TABLE - II

Space requirement for Cattle while being transported in commonly sized road vehicles

Vehicle Size Length x Width Square Meter	Floor Area of the vehicle in Square Meter (Sq.mtr.)	Number of Cattle			
		Cattle weighing upto 200 Kg (1 Sq.mtr. space per cattle)	Cattle weighing 200-300 Kg (1.20 Sq.mtr space per cattle)	Cattle weighing 300-400Kg (1.40 Sq.mtr. space per cattle)	Cattle weighing above 400Kg (2.0 Sq.mtr space per cattle)
		16	14	12	8
		12	10	8	6
		8	6	6	4
		5	4	4	2

- In the said rules, in rule 58, after entry (c), the following entry shall be inserted, namely:

"(d) Horses: Space requirement while being transported by road/rail

Horses	Space in Square Meter
Stallion Horses	2.25
Mares (including pregnant)	2
Ponies	1.5
6 Months to 12 Months	1.4
12 Months to 18 Months	1.6
Over 18 Months and upto 2 years	2
Mares with Foal at Foot (upto 6 months)	2.25

- In the said rules, in rule 73, after the words "for a sheep", the following shall be substituted namely:-

"and Goat while being transported by rail/road shall be as under:-

Sheep and Goat: Space requirement while being transported by Rail/Road

Approximate weight of animal in Kilogram	Space required in Square Meter	
	Wooled	Shorn
Not more than 20	0.17	0.16
More than 20 but not more than 25	0.19	0.18
More than 25 but not more than 30	0.23	0.22
More than 30 but not more than 40	0.27	0.25
More than 40	0.32	0.29"

- In the said rules, in rule 94, after sub rule (a), in the TABLE, under the heading Broad gauge, in column (1), for the entry, the following entry shall be substituted namely:-

"Broad Gauge (1) "Area of Wagon VPU having Floor Area 63.55 Square Meter Number of Pigs 104 (0.61 Square Meter per Pig)".

- In the said rules, in rule 95, for the clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted namely:-

"(a) Maximum Number of Pigs permitted for commonly sized road vehicles

S.No.	Type of Animal	Maximum Number of Pigs Permitted	
		Vehicle having size 5.6mx2.35m	Vehicle having size 5.15mx2.18m
1.	Weaner	43	37
2.	Young	31	26
3.	Adult	21	18

Note:- For the purpose of Pigs of all breeds, ages and sex, the following provisions shall apply:

- Weaner - Piglet which has just been separated from its mother for the purpose of independent rearing and commonly in the weight range of 15 Kg - 50 Kg.
- Young - Male of female pig between 0.3 to 0.6 months of age and weight less than 50kg.
- Adult - A male or female pig above 06 months of age and weight above 50kg.

Note:- The Principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) vide Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Notification NO.18-6/70-LDI dated 23rd March 1978 and substituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide number S.O.269(E) dated 29.09.2009.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th March, 2010

S.O.714(E) Whereas the following draft rules further to amend the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 is hereby published, as required by Sub-Section (1) of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby, and the notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification.

And whereas any person desirous of making any suggestions or objections with respect to the said draft rules may forward the same, within the period so specified, to the Joint Secretary (Animal Welfare) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, Room No.621, C.G.O. Complex, New Delhi - 110 003.

DRAFT RULES

- (1) These rules may be called the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Amendment Rules, 2009.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.
- In the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 4:-
 - after the words "constituted by the local authority", the words "for a period of three years" shall be inserted;
 - after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-
"(g) a representative of the people who is a humanitarian or a well known individual who has experience in animal welfare in the locality".
- In rule 5 of the said rules, after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-
"(h) the activities of the Committee shall be brought to the public notice by announcements and advertisements".
- In rule 6 of the said rules, after rule (3) the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-
"(4) The Monitoring Committee of the said locality shall meet at least once in every month to assess the progress made in regard to implementation of the Animal Birth Control Programme".
- In rule 7 of the said rules, in rule (6) for the words "other institutions" the words "other recognized institutions" shall be substituted.

(F.No.27-2/2000-AWD)
Hem Pande, Jt. Secy.

Note:- The Principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide Notification No.S.O.1256(E), dated the 24th December, 2001.

**Cruelty Cases in the month of March, 2010
and follow up Action Taken by AWBI**

Date of Report & Nature of Cruelty	Communication sent to Officials
<i>Continuation of March 2010 issue</i>	
8th March, 2010 Cruelty to Elephants at Samayapuram Temple	The Executive Officer, Samayapuram Mariamman Temple, Dist: Trichirapalli, Tamil Nadu The District Collector,Collectorate Office, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu The Commissioner, Hindi Religious Endowment Board, Office of the Hindu Religious Endnt. Board Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034. The Commissioner, AH and Vety. Services Central Office Buildings, Block-II, Teynampet, Chennai The Supdt. of Police,Office of the Supdt. of Police Dist: Tiruchirapalli,Tamil Nadu
Illegal Conducting of Jallikattu in Chittur, A.P.	The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Chittur,AP The Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Chittur, A.P. The Director General of Police, Commissioner of Police, Chittur, A.P. The Director / Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, Chittur, A.P. The Director / Secretary, Municipal Administration, Chittur, A.P.
22nd March, 2010 Cruelty to Elephants in Meerut, UP	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (WL) Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow - 226 001. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Office of the D.I.G, P.O Meerut, Uttar Pradesh The District Forest Officer, Meerut
24th March, 2010 Brutal and indiscriminate killing of stray dogs at Mahal village & Chandankeyri in the District of Bokara, Jharkhand	Shri Shiv Basant, IAS Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi-1 The Director General of Police, Office of DGP Police Headquarters, P.O.Ranchi The Director, Directorate of Mun.Admn. Jharkhand The Director, AH Dept.,Govt. of Jharkhand, The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Jharkhand The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Superintendent of Police, Jharkhand

Animals Need you this Summer!

Summer is here and its going to be equally harsh to the animals around us. Kindly do your tiny bit by keeping a bowl of fresh water outside your balcony or garden.

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