

Complaint sent by AWBI to the Press Council of India and the Tamil Daily Dinamalar on misreporting of Supreme Court's interim orders dated 18-11-2015

Misreporting of Supreme Court's orders in Dinamalar issue 20-11-2015 about killing of stray dogs - Message (HTML)

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From: AWBI, MoEF&BCC, Govt. of India [awbi@md3.vsnl.net.in] Sent: Fri 20/11/2015 2:55 PM
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Subject: Misreporting of Supreme Court's orders in Dinamalar issue 20-11-2015 about killing of stray dogs

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Sir,

Kindly find enclosed the scanned copy of the news report that has come out in today's issue under the caption that "stray dogs can be killed" in Tamil.

I am enclosing a copy of the Supreme Court's interim order dated 18-11-2015 on the matter of stray dogs. Specific reference is given here with reference to the order in pages 13 and 14 which may be seen.

It is very clear that the Supreme Court has not issued any orders for killing of dogs indiscriminately. Rather it has directed all the State Municipal Corporations, Municipal Committees, District Boards and Local Bodies shall be guided by the Act and the Rules and that they will provide the infrastructure mandated in the statute and the rules. It was also directed by the Supreme Court "needless to emphasise, no innovative method or subterfuge should be adopted not to carry out the responsibility under the 1960 Act or the 2001 Rules. Any kind of laxity while carrying out statutory obligations, is not countenanced in law".

The Animal Welfare Board of India expresses its strongest condemnation on the irresponsible misreporting that has been done in your newspaper which is totally at variance with the interim orders of the Supreme Court. It is disappointing that a reputed news paper like yours should indulge in such wrong and misleading reporting which may even be taken as contempt of Court.

It is requested to immediately issue a retraction and the correct facts of the Supreme Court's order.

@ Press Council of India – The Supreme Court's interim orders dated 18-11-2015 may please be seen. The Supreme Court has not issued orders for indiscriminate killing of the stray dogs. However the Board has come across several media reports giving out a distorted report of the Supreme Court's orders.

It is requested to kindly take this as a complaint and deal with it accordingly.

Assistant Secretary

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