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To
The Chief Secretaries of all
States / UTs

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Request to impose ban on trading, manufacturing and possession of spiked /
thorn bits – Reg

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Central Government has enacted "The Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animals Rules, 1965 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The same can be downloaded from our website:www.awbi.org.

As per Rule 8 of the above said Rules, **Use of spiked bits is prohibited:** No person shall, for the purpose of driving or riding an animal or causing it to draw any vehicle or for otherwise controlling it, use any spiked stick or bit, harness or yoke with spikes, knobs or projections or any other sharp tackle or equipment which causes or is likely to cause bruises, swellings, abrasions or severe pain to the animal. However, we realize that the use of spiked bits is a common occurrence.

I am therefore directed to request you to kindly take necessary action for issuing an suitable order to the concerned authorities to impose ban on trading, manufacturing and possession of thorn/spiked bits and to take necessary action against the persons driving or riding an animal or causing it to draw any vehicle or for otherwise controlling it by using spiked bits.

A copy of the circular / order passed by you may kindly be forwarded to the Board for information and record.

Yours faithfully,


(S. VINOD KUMAAR)
Secretary I/c

Copy to: Chairman, AWBI for information.