



## **Animal Welfare Board of India**

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No.9-2/2016-17/PCA

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

The Chief Secretary,  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu  
Fort. St. George,  
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Chennai – 600 009

The Director General of Police  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu  
Kamarajar Salai,  
Chennai – 600 004

The Commissioner of Police,  
EVK Sampath Road,  
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Sir,

Sub: Request to direct the authorities concerned to take all necessary action to stop illegal slaughter of camels as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 8.8.2016 and 9.9.2016 in W.P.No.13748, 13749, 11519, 13748 and 28899 of 2015 and W.P.31476 of 2016, E. Seshan and others Vs Union of India and Ors - reg.

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its interim order dated 18.8.2016 has directed that "in view of the stand of the Central Government and the provisions of the Central Act including Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, we cannot have a situation where such camel slaughtering is permitted especially in the absence of any facility for it" and the matter was posted for hearing on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The copy of the interim order dated 18.8.2016 is enclosed for reference.

It was brought to the notice of the Board through news reports that despite the above directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, more than 100 camels were brought to Tamil Nadu for illegal slaughter and are taken to different places like Madurai, Tirunelveli, Trichy, Tuticorin, Coimbatore, Erode and Salem etc. The copies of the news report is enclosed for ready reference.

The matter was again heard today (09-09-2016) before the Hon'ble Chief Justice along with another Writ Petition No.31476 of 2016 and the Board has come to know through media that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court has rejected a PIL filed to lift the interim order dated 18.8.2016 prohibiting camel slaughter and has directed the State Government to ensure that its orders were not violated. It is also being reported in Times of India news report dated 9.9.2016 that the Court has also made it clear that the jurisdiction of police officers would be held responsible if camels were brought to their areas and slaughtered.

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Hence, the Court has categorically ruled that camel slaughter cannot be carried out at all and this has to be scrupulously enforced to ensure that no camels are brought into the areas and illegally slaughtered. The copy of the news report is enclosed.

In view of the above, I am directed to request you to kindly direct the authorities concerned immediately to take all precautionary and necessary action as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 18.8.2016 and 9.9.2016 in W.P.No.13748, 13749, 11519, 13748 and 28899 of 2015 and W.P.31476 of 2016, E. Seshan and others Vs Union of India and Ors to ensure strict compliance.

The Board has already issued an circular No. 9-2/2016-17-PCA dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 to the Chief Secretary, The Director General of Police and The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/ UTs to take necessary action to stop illegal Killing/sacrifices of Cows/calves, Camels and other animals and taking action against the offenders for violation of Transport of Animals Rules on the occasion of Bakrid. The copy of the circular is also uploaded in our website: [www.awbi.org](http://www.awbi.org).

The copy of the action taken report may kindly be forwarded to the Board for information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
(M. Ravikumar)  
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to: Vice-Chairman, AWBI for information.