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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

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To

All the Chief Secretaries of all states and UTs

Dear Sir/ Madam

As you may be aware due to ongoing control and containment of COVID 19 pandemic many States have gone for complete locked down to stop spreading of virus

- 2. It has brought to the notice of the Board that a large number of pet shops or animal breeding facility where animals and birds are kept for sale are now shut down due to lockdown/curfew. The animals stranded in such places are likely to suffer and die without food, water, temperature control etc. All such pet shops are to be evacuated by the State Animal Welfare Boards through SPCAs. The SPCAs are headed by District Magistrates. Where there is no SPCA available, the District Administration shall ensure to check and evacuate all animals, if any from all such shops to avoid pain and sufferings to those animals.
- 4. It is requested to kindly issue necessary direction to all district authorities to check the pets shop in the locality for searching of animals, if any and evacuate them.

Kindly treat the matter as MOST URGENT

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. O.P. Chaudhary)

Chairman