

**MINUTES OF THE 113TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ANIMAL
WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA HELD AT CHENNAI
ON 7TH JANUARY, 2010.**

PRESENT

1. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM	-	Chairman
2. Shri Doulat Jain	-	Vice-Chairman
3. Shri Hem Pande, I.A.S.	}	
Joint Secretary (AW) MOEF	}	Executive
4. Shri Shailjakant Misra, IPS	}	Committee
5. Shri Hiranmay Karlekar	}	Members
6. Dr. Brahmachari Omswarooparya	}	
7. Shri Guljarilal Soni	}	
8. Shri D. Rajasekar, IFS	-	Secretary, AWBI

Shri Rajeev Gupta, Member, AWBI requested for leave of absence and granted. Honorable Chairman welcomed all the Executive Committee Members of the Board for the 113th Executive Committee Meeting.

Hon'ble Chairman informed about the presentation made before the Parliamentary Committee on illegal transport of cattle through railways. The committee had requested Board to send more details about transportation of cattle before 01.02.2010. Hon'ble Chairman informed that 52 to 60 lakhs cattle are transported illegally to Bangladesh through various means/modes and large cruelties occur during transportation. Hon'ble Chairman informed that Railways Department is unable to implement the transportation rules and animal welfare is not implemented in letter and spirit. The Board should seek complete details about cattle transported from various agencies and to be presented to the Parliamentary Committee on 01.02.2010.

Jallikattu

Jallikattu was initially banned in 2008 and later on allowed to be conducted on the basis of guidelines/conditions submitted by Tamilnadu Government. The main case is still pending in Supreme Court. As per report of media, jallikattu involves cruelties to both bulls & human beings and both are being hurt in the sport. The Jallikattu Act enacted by Tamilnadu Government requires to be monitored for which AWBI is authorizing various AWO's in the districts.

[Action: HEO]

Killing of stray dogs

There are reports on killing of stray dogs in suburban areas in Chennai. The Board is giving ABC grant to various AWOS/Municipalities and at the same time stray dogs are killed mercilessly by local people and municipality. The Government of Tamilnadu be advised to stop killing of stray dogs.

[Action: HEO]

Inspections of Animal Welfare Organisations

Shri Hem Pande, I.A.S., Joint Secretary (AW) MOEF & Member, AWBI insisted on conducting inspection of organizations for only larger grants in time. He stated since organizations are more and inspection authorities are less, Government Agencies such as District Collector, Animal Husbandry Department and Forest Department can be deputed for undertaking inspections. The regular grants can be released on the basis of available inspection report, Animal Verification Certificate certified by Animal Husbandry Department and other documents submitted by AWOs. Members may randomly visit such organizations. He opined that feasibility of making video be explored for ABC operation and organ count should be made compulsory by a team for all AWO's doing ABC programme.

Shri Brahamchari Omswarooparya, Member stated that Government Agencies delays inspection on many occasions. Shri Guljari Lal Soni, Member stated that welfare funds should be used minimum on inspection charges and a better inspection system should be evolved and implemented. Therefore, fresh guidelines need be formulated for conducting inspections. It was decided by Executive Committee that only 10% of organization must be inspected on random basis. Details about available inspection reports should be updated and put up in website. Inspection Reports of last 2 years can be considered for next year's Regular Grant. Regular Grants need no inspection report except some random checks for complaint cases or huge difference of animals from the previous years. This was agreed by all EC Members.

The State Animal Welfare Boards must be activated by the concerned Member of the state. All State Government Agencies should be asked to co-operate with the State Animal Welfare Board to make it a viable Animal Welfare organization in respective states.

[Action: GC I / GC II]

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 112th Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 29th December, 2009 at New Delhi.

The minutes of the 112th Executive Committee of AWBI held on 29.12.2009 were confirmed.

Item No.2: Progress of action taken on the minutes of the 112th Executive Committee Meeting of the Animal Welfare Board of India held on 29th December, 2009 at New Delhi.

Action taken on the minutes of 112th Executive Committee Meeting will be placed in next Executive Committee Meeting.

Item No.3: Special Agenda sent from Animal Welfare Division, New Delhi

1. Issues arising from RTI applications, letter dated 23-12-2009

The genesis of RTI is due to the differences between a Member & Co-opted Member from Haryana. The Executive Committee directed them to work as a cohesive team and burry their petty differences. In case of differences of opinions, the same shall be brought to the notice of Executive Committee. In future all inspections for Haryana AWOs will be carried by Government Organizations.

[Action: A.S.(O)/AO]

2. Payment of Bank charges

The Executive Committee directed the Secretary to discuss the issue with State Bank of Hyderabad and if needed, the AWBI can shift its accounts to State Bank of India which is presently available at Thiruvanmiyur.

[Action: Secretary/AO]

3. Advertisement for the post of Assistant Secretary

The Executive Committee discussed the matter and the post was advertised as per Administration Rules. The committee comprising of Shri Doulat Jain, Vice Chairman, Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS, Member, AWBI & Secretary, AWBI shall screen the applications received and fix up a date for interview at an early date.

[Action: Secretary/NS]

4. Discussion on WHO bulletin on “India’s ongoing war against Rabies”

The matter was discussed and noted by Executive Committee.

[Action: HEO]

5. Discussion on Grants to Member’s Organisations referred to Ministry

The Executive Committee discussed the issue and reiterated that in such cases, the Member concerned must be asked to submit an undertaking as discussed and decided in the 112th Executive Committee Meeting held in New Delhi on

29.12.09. The grants must be released on the above basis. The recommendation of Executive Committee may be sent to the Animal Welfare Division for amendment in the guidelines/instructions regarding grants to various Member organization.

[Action: GCI / GCII/AO]

6. Status of recommendations made in TANUVAS report

The Executive Committee noted the contents of TANUVAS recommendations and directed the Secretary to send an ATR to the Animal Welfare Division.

[Action: GCI / GCII]

7. Status of formation of SAWB and SPCA's pursuant to court directives

The Executive Committee noted the progress and decided to nominate Members of the respective State for forming/activating the State Animal Welfare Board/SPCA's in their respective States.

[Action: HEO]

8. Status of all pending cases of grants with AWBI with dates

The Executive Committee noted the pending cases and decided that the Grants Sub Committee must expedite the processing of cases for sanction and release in time. Grants Co-ordinator/Grant Assistants should pay special attention for shelter and ambulance scheme for utilization of grants.

[Action: GCI]

9. Status of all pending applications of Film clearances with AWBI with dates

Executive Committee noted the matter and decided to continue the ongoing system of processing at Chennai. However, on suggestion from Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS, Member, it was decided to hold Film Sub Committee at Delhi also occasionally.

[Action: FC]

10. A note on present utilization of grants and how AWBI will utilize the Budget grant by 31-3-2010 for all plan schemes. Statement with pending applications and amount admissible be provided.

Executive Committee noted the matter and decided to expedite the processing of grants through Grants Sub Committee.

11. As per AWB Administration Rules, 1962, notice of not less than 21 days is required for AGM. Meeting notice means, when date, place and agenda are provided to the Members. When Agenda for AGM has not been provided,

how it is proposed to be held on 8-1-2010. Further, audited accounts and annual report are to be placed in AGM.

The above matter was noted. As the A.G.'s audit report was received only on 31.12.09, the notes could not be sent. However, the notice has been issued well in time.

12. Amendment of Transport of Animals, Slaughter House & ABC Rules

The same shall be discussed in AGM as an Agenda to formulate action plans for implementation of the above Act/Rules.

Item No.4: Consideration of the matter relating to Grant-in-aid under Regular Grant for the year 2009-2010.

Sub Item No.(i) Consideration of applications for financial assistance (Regular Grant) received from Animal Welfare Organizations for the year 2009-2010 (Batch-V)

The Executive Committee discussed and decided about the quantum of financial assistance for 2009-10 (Batch V) to 58 AWOs/SPCAs as per the list enclosed as **Annexure I** as per the criteria for sanction of regular grants for both large and small animals.

The eligible grant is shown under Col.14 based on the following criteria and the number of male calves has been doubled for calculating the eligible grant as decided in the 35th GM dated 17.1.2008.

However, it was decided that the EC Members may inform the Board in writing in respect of any observations in granting Regular Grant to any of the AWOs tabulated within 7 days. If no objections are received, then the Board may further process for sending sanction letters to the AWOs.

The criteria for sanction of regular grants for both large and small animals are as under:-

Number of animals sheltered	Grant for Small animals in rupees	Grant for large animals in rupees
Below 25	Nil	Rs 1000 / animal*
26 to 50	Nil	30,000/-
51 to 100	10,000/-	40,000/-
101 to 200	20,000/-	50,000/-
201 to 300	30,000/-	60,000/-
301 to 400	40,000/-	70,000/-
401 to 500 (and above for small animals)	50,000/-	80,000/-

501 to 750	-do-	1,00,000/-
751 to 1000	-do-	1,25,000/-
1001 to 1250	-do-	1,50,000/-
1251 to 1500	-do-	1,75,000/-
1501 to 1750	-do-	2,00,000/-
1751 to 2000	-do-	2,25,000/-
2001 to 2500	-do-	2,50,000/-
2501 to 3000	-do-	3,00,000/-
3001 to 3500	-do-	3,50,000/-
3501 to 4000	-do-	4,00,000/-
4001 to 4500	-do-	4,50,000/-
4501 to 5000 and above	-do-	5,00,000/-

The revised criteria for animals rescued/treated and the grant to be sanctioned is as under:

Number of animals rescued/treated	Grant in rupees Rs.
Upto 100	Nil
101-500	5000/-
501 to 1000	10,000/-
1001 to 1500	20,000/-
1501 to 2000	25,000/-
Above 2001	30,000/-

* This clause will be applicable from 2010-11, i.e Next Financial Year.

Subject to furnishing of the bond, pre-receipt pending documents and Utilization Certificates for previous grant, if any of the AWOs, the grants will be released in one / two instalments as indicated hereunder:

Grant amount upto Rs.2,50,000/- - In one instalment
Grant amount above Rs.2,50,000/- - In two instalments.

The Grants wherever possible, must be released in ECS mode for faster & accountable transfer of funds in time.

[Action: G.C. Unit II]

Sub Item No.(ii) Consideration of matter relating to the adverse comments received against the AWOs.

The Executive Committee considered the matter and decided that a time bound show cause notice be issued to the 7 AWOs having adverse inspection reports to seek reply within three weeks from the date of issue of notice. If no reply is received within the stipulated time, no grants to be considered under any scheme and process for de-recognition of AWO be initiated. The list of AWOs is enclosed as **Annexure II**. The final list of adverse AWOs be also put up in Website.

[Action: G.C. Unit II]

Item No.5: Consideration of the matter relating to grant of recognition to new AWOs/SPCAs and sanction of initial grant to the newly recognized organizations.

The Executive Committee considered the new proposals along with inspection reports and approved for sanction of Recognition and initial grant to the AWOs as per the list enclosed as **Annexure III**. The Executive Committee has decided that Initial Grant of Rs.10,000/- be sanctioned/released to the newly recognized AWOs who are sheltering or treating stray animals. If the AWO is not sheltering/treating stray animals, only

[Action: G.C. Unit II]

Item No.6: Consideration of the matter relating to sanction/release of Rescue Cattle Grant (New applications after 112th ECM) for the year 2007-2008, 2008- 2009 and 2009-2010.

The Executive Committee considered the matter approved the grant eligible to the AWOs as per list enclosed as **Annexure IV** subject to receipt of required documents, undertaking, etc. The same shall be released after receipt of grant from Ministry.

[Action: GCII]

Item No.7: Consideration of the matter relating to grant-in-aid under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)

The Executive Committee has noted the financial position under the CSS Scheme for the year 2009-10.

Sub Item No. (i): Consideration of proposal for approval of grant-in-aid to AWOs/Local Bodies having inspection report and required documents in order.

The Executive Committee considered the proposals for grant-in-aid received from AWOs/Local Bodies and approved for sanction of grant-in-aid to AWOs under Shelter Scheme, Ambulance scheme and ABC Scheme as per the list annexed as **Annexure V**.

[Action: GCI]

Sub Item No.(ii): Consideration of Approval/Ratification of recommendations in respect of proposals considered in the Grants Sub-Committee Meetings held on 17.12.2009 & 23.12.2009

The EC has considered the recommendations of Grants Sub-Committee in its meeting held on 4.12.09, 16.12.09, 17.12.2009 & 23.12.2009 and approved/ratified the same. The details of grant approved/ratified, inspection ordered under Shelter, Ambulance, ABC and Natural Calamity schemes to the AWOs are annexed as **Annexure VI**.

[Action: G.C. Unit I]

Sub Item No. (iii): New proposals received from the AWOs for grant-in-aid and pending for consideration due to want of documents/inspection – Details of action taken by the Office – for information of the ECM.

The Executive Committee noted the matter and directed to expedite obtaining documents and inspection report by issuing reminders. Shri Doulat Jain, Vice Chairman suggested that details about letters sent to AWOs seeking required documents may be sent to him through e-mail to follow it up at his level.

[Action: G.C. Unit I]

Sub Item No. (iv): Consideration of new proposal having no animal welfare activities or not eligible for grant for rejection of proposals.

The EC has considered the new proposals received from the organizations having no animal welfare activities or not eligible for grant and rejected the proposals as per the comments mentioned in the remarks column. The list of rejected proposals are annexed as **Annexure VII**. All the cases of rejection of proposals be intimated to concerned AWO with reasons for rejection of proposals. However, in order to guide them, AWBI may send recognition form with set of guidelines.

[Action: G.C. Unit I]

Item No.8 Procurement of office Infrastructure & repairs of Office Building for Board Headquarters

The Executive Committee discussed the above matter and it was decided to undertake repair work of office building within this financial year. It was also decided that detailed estimates to be obtained immediately for the same. Regarding infrastructure requirement, Executive Committee left decision to Chairman & Secretary to procure necessary items for efficiency and improvement.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
