



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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To,

1. The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs
2. The Secretary, Urban Development of all the States/UTs
4. The District Magistrate of all States/ UTs.
5. The Municipal Commissioner of all States/UTs

**Subject: Request to make adequate number of animal crematorium and incinerator in each District of every State and UTs to dispose the cadavers in environmentally acceptable manner - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a Statutory Body established under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and is an apex body for the protection and safeguarding of the rights of animals as well as to ensure that the five freedoms of the animals are upheld and no animals are subject to any unnecessary pain or suffering.

2. In this regard, the Supreme Court in the case of AWBI Vs. Nagaraja & Ors inter alia declare the five freedoms [viz. (i) freedom from hunger, thirst, and malnutrition; ii) freedom from fear and distress iii) freedom from physical and thermal discomfort iv) freedom from pain, injury and disease; and v) freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour, referred to earlier be read into section 3 and 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, be protected and safeguarded by the State and Central Government, Union Territories (in short "Governments"), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and AWBI.

3. It is stated that the dogs are the most popular pet in India, around 19.5 millions as per 2018 census with an estimated 31 million pet dogs projected by the end of 2023. There are around 6.2 crore stray dogs and 91 Lakh street Cats in India. Also, there are 88 lakh street Dogs & Cats in shelter homes. This is why, it is important to support the programs which are run by the government.

4. Further, it is pertinent to mention that our pets walk into our lives for a reason. They teach us what unconditional love, commitment and loyalty are all about. We learn a lot from them through their life and then have to face a harsh reality one day. In such a moment, if we know the options, it helps us to timely cremate them. Watching them leaving us is never easy and we all have our own ways of dealing with the void they create. But, we all have to pay our gratitude towards them and bid them adieu. More than anything else, they deserve this respect.

5. In addition, animal mortality losses are a normal part of livestock production facilitation. The total cattle in the country in 2019 is 192.49 million, Safe disposal of carcasses is an important issue for day-to-day, routine management of livestock and other animals mortalities to prevent disease transmission and to protect air &

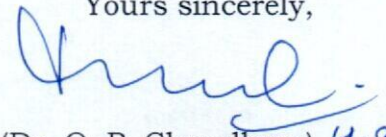
water quality, several options for disposing of mortalities including rendering, incineration, burial and composting. Many pet owners had run from pillar to post to get their pets cremated in a respectful manner. This is the belief of the majority of people that, the crematorium gives solace to the pet owner as peace to the souls of pets.

6. It is also pertinent to note that Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in India by Hon'ble P. M. in the year 2014 with the slogan "One step towards cleanliness" or Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Dispose of the cadaver of stray animals and pet animals will contribute to Swachh Bharat Mission and make the environment clean.

7. Therefore, in view of the above, it is requested to make the environment clean and honour the sentiments of the people, that adequate number of animal crematoriums and incinerators may be set up in each District of every State and UTs to dispose of the cadavers in an environmentally acceptable manner.

8. Your co-operation and co-ordination are highly solicited for the welfare of animals.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. O. P. Chaudhary) 4.8.22  
Chairman, AWBI