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**Subject: Urgent request to ensure Compliance of Transport of Animals Rules, 1978 (amended in 2001 and 2009) under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA Act) in regard to Illegal Cattle Transportation at the India-Nepal Border.**

Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Animal Welfare Board of India to bring to your attention the grave issue of illegal transportation of cattle from India to Nepal, taking place across key districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, including Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Darbhanga, Pashchim Champaran, Purvi Champaran, Saran, Gopalganj, Kishanganj, Supaul, and Madhubani. This illegal movement of cattle not only poses serious threats to our agricultural economy but also results in severe violations of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA Act), particularly in relation to the transportation and welfare of these animals.

2. In this regard, it is submitted that the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978, established under the PCA Act, mandates transporters to obtain valid transport certificates from the relevant authorities, ensuring that all animals are fit for transport. The animals must be transported in vehicles that provide sufficient space, ventilation, and protection from adverse weather conditions, in compliance with Rule 96 of the Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001 & 2009.

3. It is submitted that, wherever any case of illegal transportation is detected, the provisions of the Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals Rules, 2017 must be strictly adhered to by the concern law enforcement agency. Under these rules, the animals seized by law enforcement must be immediately handed over to animal welfare organizations or gaushalas (cow shelters) registered with the Animal Welfare

Board of India for care and rehabilitation. The rules further mandate that the local jurisdictional magistrate shall pass an order for the proper care and maintenance of these animals, including the provision of food, shelter, medical treatment, and other necessities. The cost of this care can be recovered from the violators as part of the legal proceedings as per the provision of the Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals Rules, 2017.

4. It is submitted that, the Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals Rules, 2017 are critical in ensuring that animals seized during such operations are not left to suffer further. These rules empower law enforcement agencies to take swift action in securing the safety and well-being of the animals until the court determines their final disposition. We request your office to ensure that, upon seizure, these animals are rehabilitated as per the guidelines, with arrangements made for their long-term care if necessary.

5. Further, it is pertinent to mention that, the animals being transported across state or international borders, particularly for purposes like slaughter, are accompanied by valid Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) permissions and other relevant legal documents. Transportation without these certifications must be treated as a violation of the law, and immediate legal action should be initiated.

6. In view of the foregoing, it is request the DGPs of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, along with the Border Security Force, to coordinate with local authorities to immediately halt this illegal practice and prevent further incidents. A special focus should be placed on high-risk border districts where such activities are most prevalent. The Animal Welfare Board of India is prepared to assist in the rehabilitation of seized animals and to provide any additional resources required to support the enforcement of these laws.

7. Additionally, it is humbly urge that strict punitive measures be taken against those involved in illegal cattle transportation, including vehicle confiscation, fines, and criminal prosecution under Section 11 of the PCA Act and other relevant legal provisions, which prohibits cruelty to animals, including their illegal movement and transport under inhumane conditions.

8. Your Co-operation and Co-ordination are highly solicited for the welfare of the Animals.

Yours Sincerely

  
(Dr. S. K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Copy to for information and necessary actions:

1. All the District Collector of all the States of UP and Bihar
2. State Animal Welfare Board of UP and Bihar
3. Gauseva Ayaog of UP.
4. The Chairman and Members of Animal Welfare Board of India.