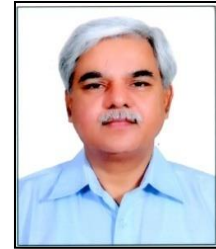




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MANDATE AND ROLE OF ANIMAL WELFARE DIVISION


Mandate: to prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals, in terms of the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA) 1960 and Rules thereunder

Role

- **Regulatory** – Administration of the Act & Rules
- **Developmental** – Implementation of Central Sector Schemes for animal welfare through the Animal Welfare Board of India
- **Educational** – Conduct training programmes through the National Institute of Animal Welfare and humane education programmes through the Board



CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS & FUNCTIONS

- **Article 48:** The State shall endeavour to organise agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines and shall, in particular, take steps for preserving and improving the breeds, and prohibiting the slaughter, of cows and calves and other milch and draught cattle.
 - **Article 48 A:** The State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wild life of the country
 - **Article 51A** makes it a fundamental duty of every citizen to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have **compassion for living creatures**.
 - **The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act 1960**
 - **11 Rules** pertaining to slaughter houses, transport of animals, birth control (dogs), Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Breeding of and Experiments on Animals, Licensing of Farriers, rules for Draught and Pack Animals, registration of cattle premises, capture of animals, application of fines...
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BACKGROUND

Animal Welfare Division has remained part of various Ministries as under:

S. No.	Ministry	Period
1.	Ministry of Agriculture	1962-1990
2.	Ministry of Environment and Forests	1990-1998
3.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	1998-2001
4.	Ministry of Culture	October, 2001-March, 2002
5.	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation	March, 2002-July, 2002
6.	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	13.07.2002 to till date



THREE EXECUTIVE HEADS UNDER THE DIVISION

ANIMAL WELFARE DIVISION

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AWBI

CPCSEA

NIAW



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA (AWBI)

- A statutory advisory body established in 1962 to promote animal welfare in the country (*u/S 4 of the PCA Act, 1960*)
 - Board is constituted every three years (*u/S 5*)
 - Existing Board from Mar 2014 to Feb 2017; consists 22 members
 - Main activities of the Board:
 - Recognition provided to over 3000 animal welfare organizations
 - Release of **grants-in-aid** under various animal welfare schemes
 - **Inspection of Slaughter Houses**
 - Publication of newsletter and pamphlets
 - Conducting trainings of Honorary Animal Welfare Officers and seminars on various aspects of animal welfare
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SCHEMES UNDER AWBI

1. **Gaushalas/Shelter Houses** Scheme for looking after animals (one time up to Rs. 22.5 lakh/shelter) i.e. up to 90% of the project cost
2. **Animal Birth Control & Immunization** of Stray Dogs (up to Rs. 445/dog)
3. **Ambulance** Scheme to provide Services to Animals in Distress (up to Rs. 4.5 lakh/ambulance) i.e. up to 90% of the project cost
4. Scheme for **Relief To Animals During Natural Calamities** and Unforeseen Circumstances.
5. **Plan Scheme** (up to Rs. 5 lakh/year/shelter) depending upon number of animals.



COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS (CPCSEA)

- Established u/S 15(1) of the PCA Act 1960
- **Mandate:** to take all measures to ensure that animals are not subjected to unnecessary pains or suffering *before, during or after* performance of experiments on them
- The present Committee consists of 23 members (10 officials and 13 non-officials)
- The Committee approves research protocols of experiments on animals



Approval of activities by CPCSEA

S. No.	Animal	Type of study
1	Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Production of Anti Snake Venom Serum➤ Production of Hyper-immune plasma for rabies, tetanus, diphtheria etc.
2	Monkeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Neurological and reproductive studies
3	Cattle/ Buffaloes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Nutrition studies➤ Genetic studies for genetic improvements➤ Study of veterinary medicines and veterinary vaccines and surgical techniques
4	Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Drug discovery to know the effect of drug molecules in the body
5	Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Studies conducted for production of indigenous heart valves and organ grafts➤ Hands on training in laparoscopic surgeries➤ Study of veterinary vaccines
6	Sheep/ Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Studies conducted for production of organ grafts➤ Nutritional studies, Study of veterinary medicines, veterinary vaccines and surgical techniques

Other activities of CPCSEA

- Registration of establishments conducting experiments on animals and those engaged in breeding of laboratory animals
- Constitution of Institutional Animals Ethics Committees in the establishments which are registered
- Approval of Animal House Facilities for Small and Large animals
- Recommendation for import of animals for experimentations and breeding

Scope of Operation:

- a) To bring untapped Academic and Bio-medical Research organizations in the country under the ambit of CPCSEA by registering them
- b) Till date **1617** establishments are registered with CPCSEA and efforts are being made to register the establishment which are not yet registered



New initiatives of CPCSEA

- A dedicated **website** of CPCSEA as a step towards ‘Minimum Government Maximum Governance’ and Digital India Programme of Government of India (*launched on ‘World Laboratory Animals Day’ on 24 April 2015*)
- Made the processes of registration and renewal of registration/reconstitution of IAEC **online**
- Framing of the Guidelines for the Reuse and Rehabilitation of Dogs
- Revisiting of the Guidelines on Animal Houses
- Release of sticker on Animal Welfare

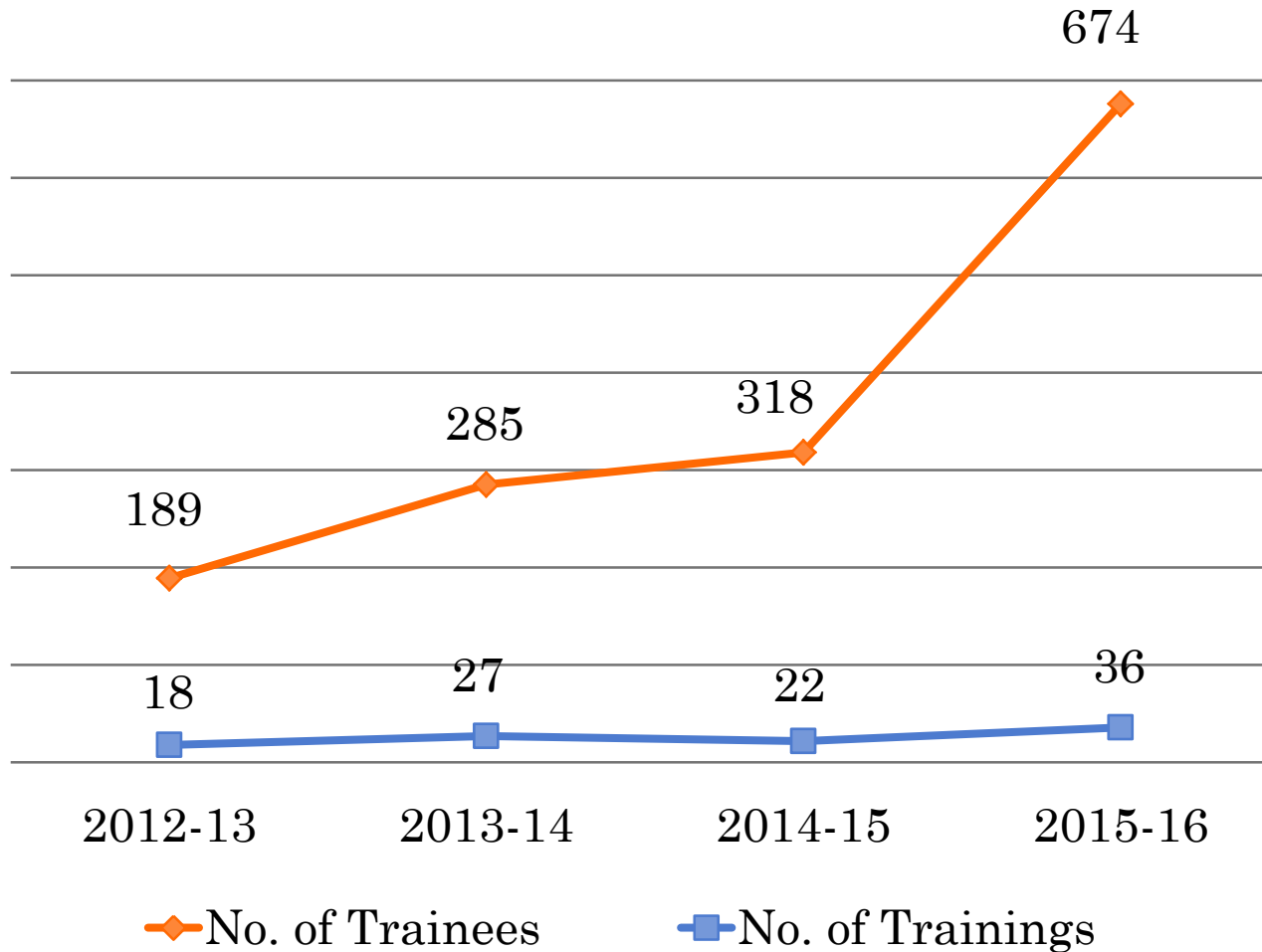


National Institute of Animal Welfare (NIAW)

- Foundation laid on 16 Jan 1999; became operational in 2006
- **Mandate:**
 - To assist in implementing the statutory requirements of the Act
 - To aid in improvement of Animal Welfare through public outreach, research and education
 - To run degree & diploma courses in Animal Welfare and create professionally competent manpower to man zoos, municipality, slaughter houses and veterinary hospitals
- Only weekly/fortnightly certificate courses are being conducted so far
- Jawaharlal Nehru University has been identified to run Animal Welfare courses at NIAW campus (*MoA signed on 29.06.2016 for 5 years*)



Trainings in NIAW



(Training imparted to CPCSEA Nominee, HAWO, Veterinary Interns, Pharmacy Students, AWBI nominated, WCCB volunteers, ZOO Keepers)

ISSUES AT HAND

- **Jallikattu**
- **Slaughter House**
- **Elephants**
- **Pet Shop Rules**
- **Amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960**
 - The fines prescribed in the Act are very meager
 - Demand for increasing the penalty to deter cruelty against animals
 - Amendment will enhance penalty for infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals and enable participation of animals at events held traditionally as a part of customs or culture in different part of the country.





THANK YOU

