

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) REGULATIONS, 1964

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960, (59 of 1960) read with rule 15 of the Animal Welfare Board (Administration) Rules, 1962, the Animal Welfare Board with the previous approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations namely:-

1. **Short title:** These Regulations may be called the Animal Welfare Board (Executive Committee) Regulations, 1964.
2. **Definitions:** In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) "Act" means the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960);
 - (b) "Board" means the Animal Welfare Board established under section 4 of the Act;
 - (c) "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" means respectively the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board;
 - (d) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee appointed under rule 15 of the Animal Welfare Board (Administration) Rules, 1962.

2A. (1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and seven other members of the Board, including one Member of Parliament to represent the Lok Sabha and another to represent the Rajya Sabha, elected thereto by the Board.

(2) The term of office of each member of the Executive Committee shall be co-terminous with his membership of the Board.

As amended up to January, 1977 vide Government of India's communication no.14-17/76-LDI dated 11th January, 1977

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(3) A member of the Executive Committee, other than the Chairman, may by a letter addressed to the Chairman, resign his/her membership of the Executive Committee, and every such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided in sub-regulation (1).

3. Functions of the Executive Committee: Subject to the general control and superintendence of the Board and the directions issued by it from time to time, the Executive Committee may exercise all or any of the functions of the Board, and, in particular, may undertake the management of any endowment or trust for the welfare of animals or accept any subscription, gift or donation, provided it is not accompanied by an condition inconsistent with the objects and provisions of the Act or of any rules made thereunder.

4. Power of Executive Committee to co-opt members:

(1) If in the opinion of the Executive Committee it is necessary so to do, by resolution, co-opt any person, whether a member of the Board or not, to serve on the Executive Committee for such purpose and for such period as it may from time to time determine.

(2) A person co-opted under this regulation for any purpose shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and to take part in the discussions relevant to that purpose but shall not have the right to vote.

5. Power to Executive Committee to appoint Sub-Committees:

(1) For the convenient discharge of its functions, the Executive Committee may, by resolution appoint as many sub-committees as it thinks fit.

(2) Each sub committee shall consist of such number of persons, whether members of the Executive Committee or not, the Executive Committee may think fit to appoint thereto.

(3) Each such sub-committee shall, under the general control of the Executive Committee, perform such functions and discharge such duties as may be assigned to it by the Executive Committee.

6. Meetings of the Executive Committee: (1) The Executive Committee shall meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary.

Provided that the Committee shall meet not less than three times in a year.

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(2) At least seven clear days notice shall be given to the members of every meeting of the Executive Committee.

(3) The meetings shall ordinarily be held at the headquarters of the Board.

Provided that the Chairman may in his discretion fix the venue of any meeting at any place other than such headquarters.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be four.

Provided that if at any meeting of the Executive Committee less than four members are present, the Chairman may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than fifteen days later and inform the members of the Executive Committee present and notify the other members that he/she proposes to dispose of the business at such adjourned meeting irrespective of the number of members of the Executive Committee attending.

(5) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman the members of the Executive Committee shall elect one from amongst themselves to preside at the meeting.

(6) In the event of a difference of opinion amongst the members of the Executive Committee, the opinion of the majority shall prevail.

(7) If there is an equality of votes on any question, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(8) Any four members of the Executive Committee may at any time by requisition in writing require the Secretary of the Board to call a meeting of the Executive Committee, and upon receipt of such a requisition the Secretary shall forthwith call a meeting of the Executive Committee at such time and place as the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman may decide.

7. Power of Executive Committee to transact business by circulation

(1) Any business to be transacted by the Executive Committee, except such as can be done only at a meeting, may be transacted by circulation among all the members of the Committee, and any proposal so circulated and approved by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall be as effective and binding as if the same had been approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

(2) where any business of the Executive Committee is transacted by circulation not less than ten clear days shall be allowed for such circulation.

8. Secretary to the Executive Committee: The Secretary of the Board or any other officer of the Board specially authorised by the Board in this behalf shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

9. Minutes of meetings to be laid before the Board:

The minutes of every meeting of the Executive Committee shall be laid before the Board at its next meeting.