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To,

The Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh

Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh 492002

Subject: Representation for immediate implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding accidents caused by stray/bovine animals and for framing a comprehensive State Compensation Mechanism/Rules in Chhattisgarh.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I respectfully submit that accidents involving stray cattle and other abandoned animals on public roads and highways have become a serious and recurring threat to the life, safety and property of citizens. Such accidents result in **deaths, permanent disabilities, serious injuries and substantial damage to vehicles**. Pedestrians, two-wheeler riders and motorists are particularly vulnerable to the danger caused by cattle roaming unattended on roads, highways and other public places.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, while taking serious cognizance of accidents caused by stray/bovine animals, has recently directed the Union Government and the State Governments to develop an appropriate mechanism for **payment of compensation** in cases involving accidents caused by such animals, including accidents involving pedestrians as well as vehicular accidents.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has, inter alia, emphasized the need for:

1. Effective implementation of laws relating to cattle and stray animals;
2. Development of a proper mechanism for payment of compensation to victims and their legal



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heirs in cases involving accidents caused by bovine/cattle animals;

3. Mandatory tagging and digitisation of animal records to facilitate identification and tracking of animals;
4. Fixing responsibility and accountability upon the owners of cattle and other animals;
5. Ensuring that owners do not abandon animals after they cease to have economic utility;
6. Safe transfer of abandoned or surrendered animals to authorized shelters/gau-shalas and issuance of proper receipts recording such transfer;
7. Maintenance and updating of a digital database relating to tagged animals;
8. Appointment of designated nodal officers in the concerned corporations, local bodies and Government departments for effective implementation, monitoring and coordination.

In view of the above directions and considering the increasing number of road accidents caused by stray cattle in Chhattisgarh, it is respectfully requested that the Government of Chhattisgarh may immediately initiate appropriate administrative and legislative action and frame a comprehensive "Chhattisgarh Stray/Bovine Animal Accident Victim Compensation and Animal Management Rules/Scheme".

The proposed Rules/Scheme may, inter alia, contain the following provisions:

A. Time-bound compensation mechanism

A transparent and time-bound mechanism may be established for providing compensation to victims or their legal heirs in cases involving:

- (i) Death caused by an accident involving stray or unattended cattle/animals;
- (ii) Permanent disability;
- (iii) Partial disability;
- (iv) Serious bodily injury;
- (v) Medical expenditure and loss of income; and
- (vi) Damage to vehicles or other property.

The compensation amount may be determined by taking into consideration the age, income, dependency, nature of injury, disability, medical expenses and other relevant factors. A provision for immediate interim relief may also be incorporated so that affected families are not compelled to wait for prolonged litigation.

B. Simplified claim procedure

A simple and accessible claim procedure may be prescribed through which victims or their legal heirs may submit claims before the District Collector, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat or another designated authority.

The claim process may be made available both online and offline. The concerned authority may be required to decide the claim within a fixed period, preferably within 30 to 60 days.

C. Constitution of District-Level Compensation Committees

A District-Level Committee may be constituted under the chairmanship of the District Collector or an authorized senior officer. The Committee may include representatives of:

- (i) Urban Administration and Development Department;
- (ii) Panchayat and Rural Development Department;
- (iii) Animal Husbandry Department;
- (iv) Police Department;
- (v) Public Works Department;
- (vi) Transport Department;
- (vii) National Highways/road authorities, wherever applicable; and
- (viii) concerned Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats.

D. Mandatory tagging and digital database

All cattle and other notified domestic animals may be mandatorily tagged and registered through a centralized digital database. The database may contain details regarding:

- (i) Name and address of the owner;
- (ii) Identification/tag number of the animal;
- (iii) Species, breed, age and other relevant details;
- (iv) Vaccination and veterinary records;
- (v) Details of transfer, sale, surrender or death of the animal; and

(vi) Details of the authorized shelter/gau-shala, wherever applicable.

The database may be integrated with the existing animal husbandry and local body systems to ensure effective identification and accountability.

E. Responsibility of animal owners

The Rules/Scheme may clearly provide that every owner is responsible for ensuring that his/her animal does not roam unattended on public roads, highways, railway areas or other public places.

Where a tagged animal is found involved in an accident, the concerned owner may be identified and held liable in accordance with applicable law. Appropriate penalties and recovery provisions may also be prescribed in cases of negligence, abandonment or repeated violations.

F. Regulation of abandonment and surrender of animals

Where an owner is unable or unwilling to maintain an animal, the owner may be required to formally surrender the animal to an authorized shelter, gau-shala or facility.

The receiving authority should issue a written or digital receipt acknowledging the transfer and immediately update the animal's tagging and ownership records. No animal should be abandoned on roads, highways, public places, agricultural land or other unsafe locations.

G. Appointment of Nodal Officers

A designated Nodal Officer may be appointed in every Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat, District Panchayat and concerned Government Department for:

- (i) Animal tagging and registration;
- (ii) Maintenance and updating of digital records;
- (iii) Coordination with animal shelters and veterinary authorities;
- (iv) Monitoring of stray-animal complaints;
- (v) Removal and rehabilitation of unattended animals; and
- (vi) Coordination regarding accident compensation claims.

H. Emergency response and removal of animals

A 24-hour helpline or integrated complaint mechanism may be established for reporting stray cattle on roads and highways. The concerned local authority should be required to respond promptly and safely remove the animals from accident-prone locations.

I. Funding mechanism

A dedicated "Stray Animal Accident Victim Compensation Fund" may be established. The fund may be supported through appropriate budgetary allocation, contributions from concerned local bodies, penalties imposed for violations and other lawful sources.

J. Public disclosure and accountability

The Government may direct all District Collectors and Urban Local Bodies to publish periodic information regarding:

- (i) Number of stray animals identified and rehabilitated;
- (ii) Number of animals tagged and registered;
- (iii) Number of road accidents involving stray animals;
- (iv) Number of compensation claims received and decided;
- (v) Compensation amounts sanctioned and paid; and
- (vi) Action taken against negligent or defaulting owners.

The above information may be made available on an official public portal to ensure transparency and accountability.

In view of the seriousness of the issue and the binding directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court under Article 141 of the Constitution of India, it is respectfully requested that the Government of Chhattisgarh may kindly:

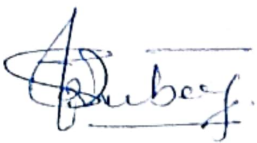
1. Issue immediate directions to all concerned Departments, District Collectors, Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats, Panchayats and other authorities for implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;
2. Constitute an inter-departmental committee for preparing a comprehensive draft Rule/Scheme;

3. Frame and notify the Chhattisgarh Stray/Bovine Animal Accident Victim Compensation and Animal Management Rules/Scheme within a specified time frame;
4. Establish a transparent, accessible and time-bound compensation mechanism for victims and legal heirs of persons affected by accidents caused by stray/bovine animals;
5. Make animal tagging, registration and maintenance of a digital database mandatory;
6. Fix responsibility and accountability upon owners who allow animals to roam unattended or abandon them;
7. Appoint Nodal Officers in every District and Urban Local Body;
8. Establish an effective emergency complaint and response mechanism for immediate removal of animals from roads and highways;
9. Provide immediate interim financial assistance to victims and bereaved families pending final determination of compensation; and
10. Place the action taken and proposed implementation framework in the public domain.

It is further requested that this representation may kindly be treated as a matter concerning public safety, protection of life under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

An action taken report and details regarding the proposed Rules/Scheme may kindly be communicated to the undersigned.

Thanking you.



Yours faithfully,

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District President

Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) Korba, Chhattisgarh

Date: 02.08.2026

Place: Korba, Chhattisgarh

Enclosure: Copy/printout of the news report regarding the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court concerning compensation for accidents caused by stray/bovine animals.