

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT**

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**Date: 23.11.2017.**

Sub: Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO) -  
Improving welfare conditions and productivity of dairy animals in  
Telangana State – Guidelines – Issued – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Representation from FIAPO, Dated: 23.10.2017.  
2. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

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Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO), New Delhi has represented on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stating that the conditions prevailing in certain Dairy farms are not in accordance with the PCA Act, 1960 and requested to issue certain guidelines for the improvement in the conditions of dairy animal maintenance to improve their productivity as well as wellness of the Dairy animals.

1. High stocking density of dairy animals which results in lack of comfortable space for resting of animals and decline in milk production. Convey to the dairy owners to ensure that proper resting space is made available to the dairy animal to increase their productivity and also comfort.
2. Continuous tethering of dairy animals on extremely short tethers which causes extreme physical distress to animals thereby affecting the animals' productivity and health.
3. Use of hard flooring in dairies which causes lameness apart from several injuries. Lameness causes great economic losses due to infertility problems and reduced milk yield. Use rubber mat so that no injury is caused to the animals.
4. Disposal of waste and hygiene: Proper disposal of animal wastage is required to prevent the spreading of disease.
5. Veterinary care: Veterinary Care at appropriate time is required to avoid production loss in Dairy animals. Vaccination and other prophylactic measures are to be carried out to prevent endemic diseases like foot and mouth disease, hemorrhagic septicemia, brucellosis, anthrax, black quarter etc.
6. The calves are separated from the mother almost immediately after birth for various reasons. This imposes tremendous psychological suffering upon the mothers, which affect their lactation also.
7. Avoid indiscriminate usage of Injection oxytocin which will adversely affect the animal Health.

Detailed guidelines are herewith enclosed for implementation in Dairy Farms, Goshalas etc., where more than five dairy animals are maintained. These guidelines are formulated by studying the best practices suggested by NDRI and are the first of its kind in India. These will find widespread acceptance and adoption amongst dairy farmers, Government farms and gaushalas, and will go a long way to improve the productivity, health and welfare of the animals. The welfare of cattle should be protected by adapting their conditions and management to their biology and natural behavior.

Encl: Guidelines.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Dr.D.Venkateswarlu,  
**Director –V&AH**

To:

All the District Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Officers in the State for Strict implementation of the guidelines.

Copy to the Commissioner, GHMC for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Commissioner, Rural Development for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Commissioner and Director, Municipal Administration for favor of information and implementation of the guidelines in the Municipal areas.

Copy to FIAPO for information.

Copy submitted to the Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., AH, DD & Fisheries Dept., for favor of kind information.

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23/11/17  
Asst. Director -Farms