

To,

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India,
Supreme Court of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Request for day to day hearing of SLP (Civil) No. 691 of 2009 (Animal Welfare Board of India Vs. People for Elimination of Stray Troubles and others).

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Sir,

In this connection, as a Social Activist, I have to make the following submissions:-

1. That the problem of stray dogs is very grave in the entire country, including in the State of Punjab. On a rough estimate, around 20,000 people are bitten by stray dogs every day in our country. Many of them die on account of such dog bites. Various High Courts in our country have been hearing the petitions on behalf of the dependent members of the victims, in case of death of the victim of the dog bite, many Public Interest Litigations (PILs) are also pending with most of the Hon'ble High Court. In some writ petitions, the dependent members of the family of the victims of dog bite are claiming compensation. In some other PILs, the social activists are requesting the Hon'ble High Courts to issue appropriate directions to the State Governments for curbing menace of stray dog bite.

2. That hearing of all such petitions, which were pending in the Hon'ble High Court has come to a stand still because of an interim order dated __ passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) No. 691 of 2009 (Animal Welfare Board of India Vs. People for Elimination of Stray Troubles and others), requesting all the Hon'ble High Courts not to pass any order relating to 1960 Act and 2001 Rules, pertaining to the stray dogs. In the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana also, a similar writ petition namely CWP No. 14188 of 2017 (Ram Kumar Vs. State of Punjab and others), wherein the petitioner/father of the child (who died on account of stray dog bite) was claiming compensation. During the pendency of the aforesaid Civil Writ Petition, the Hon'ble High Court had issued several directions to the States of Punjab and Haryana, and to the Union Territory Chandigarh for framing policy

for giving compensation to the victims of stray dog bites, and also for curbing menace of stray dogs itself by various means. However, the said proceedings are now stand still, as the Hon'ble High Court was informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has by an interim order dated _____ requested the Hon'ble High Courts not to pass any order relating to the 1960 Act and 2001 Rules, pertaining to stray dog. That the daily orders on website of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shows that last date of hearing in the aforesaid case had been 3.3.2017, and thereafter no hearing has taken place. Thus, the victims of dog bites residing in all parts of the country are suffering serious hardship on account of delay in decision of the aforesaid SLP (Civil) by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It is in these circumstances that I have taken the liberty to approach your goodself to direct for expeditious hearing of the aforesaid SLP (Civil), in utmost public interest.

Soliciting consideration on correct perspective.

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