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**DATED: 13.6.2019**

TO,

1. Hon'ble Advisor to the Administrator, UT Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.
2. Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, C Wing, New Delhi, 110 001.

Subject:- Alarming shortage of anti-rabies vaccine all over India, including in Union Territory Chandigarh - Demand for taking immediate steps for remedying the situation.

**By E-mail**

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Dear Sirs,

As you are well aware, the number of dog bites by stray dogs is increasing every year, particularly during summer season. However, it is found that victims of dog bites are running from pillar to post for getting anti-rabies vaccine. It is pertinent to bring it to your notice that in the anti-rabies clinic in Sector 19, Chandigarh, at least 30 new dog bite cases are coming every day for treatment. Each of them needs a dose of anti-rabies vaccine, but the civil dispensaries in Union Territory Chandigarh have run out of stocks since March, 2019, leaving the dog bite victims in complete distress. The situation is no better in Punjab or Haryana. As a matter of fact, the shortage of anti-rabies vaccines is being felt all over India.

That as per newspaper reports, the manufacturers of anti-rabies vaccine are preferring to export the anti-rabies injection vaccines, with the result that even the tenders floated by Union Territory Chandigarh

Administration for requisitioning the anti-rabies vaccines are not getting any response from the manufacturers/sellers of such anti-rabies vaccines. Thus, it requires to be seriously considered by the Union of India whether in such a alarming situation the export of anti-rabies injections to other countries India should be totally banned, or a cap/upper limit of on the export of anti-rabies injection, by fixing a ratio of total production, should be prescribed. The matter however requires an urgent and immediate attention of the Union of India also.

I would therefore, call upon you to take immediate steps by persuading the manufacturers of the anti-rabies vaccine to ensure the adequate supply of such anti-rabies injections all over India, including in Union Territory Chandigarh, and in case of lack of positive response from the manufacturers, the matter regarding banning the export of anti-rabies vaccines to other countries India, or imposing a cap on ratio of total production of anti-rabbies vaccines that may be exported

In case, I do not get any response from you within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of this notice, which is being sent through e-mail, in that event, I shall be left with no other alternative except to approach the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh by filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) for redressal of my aforesaid legitimate grievance, in public interest.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

(HARI CHAND)

ADVOCATE