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Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

D.O.No.1/1/2011-AWD

Dated the 13th January, 2012

Dear *Smt. Day,*

The Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) has been constituted under the provisions of Section 15 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA) 1960. The CPCSEA functions within the ambit of the Act and the Rules for Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision), 1998 and as amended in 2005.

2. One amongst the many duties of the committee as spelt out in Chapter 4 of the PCA Act 1960 is Rule 17 (d) which states that **'experiments on animals are avoided wherever it is possible to do so; as for example; in medical schools, hospitals, colleges and the like, if other teaching devices such as books, models, films and the like, may equally suffice.'**

3 The Central Government is duty bound to take all such measures as may be necessary to ensure that animals are not subject to unnecessary pain or suffering, during or after the performance of experiments on animals. Now a days effective alternatives in the form of CD's, computer simulations, mannikin /models, *in-vitro* methods, etc. are available and they are not only effective and absolute replacements to the use of animals in teaching anatomy / physiology but they are also superior pedagogic tools in the teaching of Pharmacy / Life sciences. The use of these alternatives in teaching may avoid the unnecessary suffering or pain of animals.

4. In view of the above Rule 17 (d) of the PCA Act 1960 which is binding on all academic institutions using animals in dissection /experimentation, UGC could direct the establishments / colleges / institutions registered under University Grant Commission (UGC) to use alternatives of animals in the teaching of anatomy / physiology / ecology etc and completely ban the use of animals for dissection/experimentation in the teaching of Pharmacy / Life sciences in the undergraduate and post graduate levels.

5. It is understood that University Grant Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for discontinuation of dissection and animal experimentation in Zoology / Life Sciences in the universities / colleges under UGC which will apply to all departments in universities and colleges dealing with animals in teaching and research.

6. Animal use should be avoided by using effective alternatives available today in the teaching of Pharmacy / Life sciences, as the use of animals in the existing circumstances is a contravention of the PCA Act 1960.

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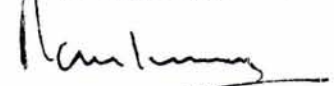

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7. I request you to kindly direct all the institutes / establishment associated with teaching of Medical, Pharmacy and other Graduate/ Post Graduate Courses in Life Sciences to (follow the Guidelines for discontinuation of dissection and animal experimentation) in the universities / colleges and introduce use of alternatives to animal experimentation under intimation to us.

Best
With regards,
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Yours sincerely,



(T. Chatterjee) *13/11/2*

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