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**International Organization for Animal Protection (OIPA)**  
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UN Environment Assembly & Environment Programme

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To

1. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
2. The Hon'ble Members of Parliament Lok sabha & Rajya Sabha.

Sub - Request to Amend the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960".

Sir,

Respectfully, I Shri Biswajit Pradhan, Advocate, Orissa High Court and International representatives of "International Organization for Animal Protection" (OIPA). Beg to state that the Animal welfare Act's model draft is already revised by the Animal Welfare Board of India and submitted to the Ministry. It will be pertinent to add that -

1. The Animals in India occupy a non-human status; they are treated as a commodity or property. As a result of which sufficient liability is not imposed in instances involving harm and infliction of cruelty upon them. This is reflected in the penal sanctions available under the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960" which deals with cases of animal cruelty. However, the PCA only imposes a maximum criminal liability of 50 to 100 Rupees only.

2. We need a revision in law, which correctly reflects the prevailing values of our society, the ethos of ahimsa from our spiritual teachings, the idea of compassion from the Constitution and the correct nature of the crime.

It is a matter of grief that till now for the welfare of animals the Parliament of India has not enacted any new law. The "Animal Welfare Act" bill still remains in cold storage. And hope the Bill will be introduced in the ongoing session of Parliament.

You are therefore requested to kindly consider this matter, for which act of your kindness, I shall be highly obliged to you.

Yours faithfully

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