

Book Review of " Laws of living Creatures"

The compilation of animal laws, mainly enacted by the Central Government authored by Nimish.M.Kapadia, Advocate, Gujarat High Court and Pankaj Buch, the Retired Deputy Secretary, Gujarat State Legislative Assembly was released at the hands of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Shri Mohit.S.Shah. The list of Acts incorporated in the book, enacted by the Central Government and the State of Gujarat is, as under.

CENTRAL ACTS:-

- 1) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,1960
- 2) The Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972 alongwith Amendment of 2002
- 3) The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006
- 4) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- 5) Indian Penal Code
- 6) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973
- 7) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- 8) The Indian Forest Act No. 16 of 1927
- 9) The Cattle Trespass Act, 1871
- 10) The Carriage By Road Act, 2007

- 11) The Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005
- 12) Customs Act, 1962
- 13) Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992
- 14) Import Export Policy 2004-2009
- 15) The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006

GUJARAT ACTS:-

- 1) The Bombay Animal Preservation Act, 1954
- 2) The Gujarat Animal Preservation (Amendment) Act, 2011
- 3) The Gujarat Animals Birds Sacrifices (Prohibition) Act, 1972
- 4) The Gujarat Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, 2005
- 5) Bombay Police Act, 1951
- 6) The Gujarat Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 1985
- 7) Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949
- 8) The Gujarat Municipalities Act, 1963
- 9) The Gujarat Fisheries Act, 2003

Additionally 26 different Rules framed by the Central Government, under the aforesaid Acts and six Rules by the State of Gujarat are also incorporated. One would be astonished to know that the Central Government enacted the Rules for the Registration of the Cattle Premises, the Rules regarding Transport of Animals of Foot, the Rules regarding Slaughter. The State of Gujarat has enacted the

Rules regarding transport of animals within the State of Gujarat, prohibiting/ restricting the import/ export of the animals.

About 91 circulars/ notifications/ instructions by the different departments of the Central Government and State Government are incorporated in the book. The list of Panjarapoles declared to be the infirmaries, the gist of the judgments of the Supreme Court and different High Courts on Animal Laws, the Universal Declaration regarding the Rights of Animals, the effective use of the Right to Information Act to stop the cruelty, are very useful for the advocates and law students. Suggested and exhaustive draftings of the complaint (F.I.R), application to be made at different stages before the courts are given. In short, the book is very much useful to conduct the criminal cases and P.I.L under the Animal Laws.

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