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Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
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Dear Shri Dharmendra Pradhan:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of my friends at Animal Rahat to encourage you to endorse their educational video "A Bull's Life" by urging states and union territories to show it in schools, particularly rural schools, across the country. Animal Rahat is an organisation that works to alleviate the suffering of bullocks, donkeys, horses, and other animals forced to work.

The video featuring an animated bull has been made for children up to 12 years of age, and it includes some of the rescued animals at the Animal Rahat sanctuary. It is available in English, Hindi, and Marathi and can be translated into other languages. It can be viewed at **AnimalRahat.com/latest-news/watch-a-bulls-life**.

As you will see, the empathy-building video explains in a child-friendly manner that bulls are just like humans in all the ways that matter. For example, it shows that bulls have thoughts and feelings, experience joy and pain, feel hunger and thirst, and enjoy being with their family and friends. The video also gives important lessons about caring for bulls, including their need for shade, water, nutritious food and how they enjoy being brushed and do not like being constantly tied. It asks children to reflect on hitting animals and the use of whips, nose ropes, spikes, and other cruel tools often used to force bulls to haul heavy loads and encourages them to consider the weight of the loads bulls carry and the alternate ways in which goods can be transported, without using animals.

Showing "A Bull's Life" in schools will help teach children to be compassionate to animals at home or in their communities. Will you please consider taking steps to ensure schoolchildren, especially those in rural schools, across India are shown the video? You can reach me via my friend Dr Naresh Upreti at NareshU@animalrahat.com or on 9552552042. Thank you so much for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,


John Abraham