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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
Central Zoo Authority

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To

1. The Secretary (Forests) of all States/ UTs.
2. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs.
3. Municipal Commissioners of Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Surat, Rajkot, Gwalior, Indore, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Solapur, Pune, Coimbatore.
4. Managing Directors of Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai and Tata Steel & Iron Company, Jamshedpur, Bokaro Steel Plant.
5. The Director/Curator/ Officer-in-charge of all large, medium, small & mini category Zoos & Rescue Centres.

Sub:- Sale of Zoo animals.

Ref:- (i) National Zoo Policy, 1998 (Clause 3.2.3.).
(ii) Letter No. 3-52/87-WL-I dated 28.10.1987 from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.
(iii) Letter No. 3352/87-WL-I dated 14.11.1990 from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.
(iv) Sections 44 and 49B of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir/ Madam,

It has come to the notice of this Authority that some zoos are engaged in the sale of zoo animals. In this context, while inviting your kind attention to the references cited above, it is reiterated that zoos are not authorized to carry out trade in any wildlife species since the same amounts to violation of the statutory provision, National Zoo Policy and advisories issued by the Government of India.

The State Forest Department, through the Chief Wildlife Warden, may ensure suitable action against the defaulting zoos, and under no circumstances ownership certificates should be issued for animals acquired from zoos.

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