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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Central Zoo Authority

Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 4th January, 2018

To,

The Director/Curator/Officer in charge of all recognised zoos

CIRCULAR

Subject: Reports of Avian Influenza in Bengaluru – Improvement of Bio-security measures to avoid spread among captive birds housed in zoos – regarding

Reference:

1. This office Circular F.No.25-1/2002-CZA(Vol.II)(AK)/1753/2017 dated 23.10.2017
2. This office Circular F.No.25-1/2002-CZA(Vol.II)(AK)/2831/2016 dated 21.10.2016
3. This office Circular F. No. 25-1/2002-CZA(290)(M), dated 20.02.2006
4. This office Circular F.No.25-1/2000-CZA(290)(M) dated 20.09.2005
5. This office Circular F.No.25-1/2002-CZA(M) dated 18.11.2004

Sir / Madam,

It is to inform that this office has issued an advisory vide Circular of even number dated 23.10.2017 on the above subject. Reports about Avian Influenza in Bengaluru has been received.

In this regard, it is to reiterate that Bio-security measures be improved in zoos to avoid spread of communicable diseases such as Avian Influenza among captive birds. Necessary prophylactic measures be taken up on priority as per Action Plan on 'Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza' circulated to the zoos vide 21.10.2016. Copy of the same is enclosed for ready reference.

Besides, it is to inform that the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHD), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India vide Letter No.K-50050-3/1/2017-LH dated 28.11.2017 issued an advisory to the States / UTs regarding preparedness of the States to prevent ingress of Avian Influenza. Operator of respective zoo shall ensure compliance of the same in coordination with the Director, local Animal Husbandry Department, in addition to the Action Plan circulated.

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It is requested to ensure appropriate disease surveillance measures in the zoos as mandatory under Schedule 5(6), 5(7) and 5(8) of Rule 10 under the Recognition of Zoo rules, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Encls. As above

(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

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1. The Chief Wildlife Warden of all States / UTs.
2. The Municipal Commissioner of Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Coimbatore, Cuttack, Gwalior, Indore, Mumbai, Pune, Rajkot, Solapur, Surat, Thanjavur & Vadodara,
3. The Managing Director of Steel Plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Jamshedpur & Rourkela