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Central Zoo Authority

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BY POST / E-MAIL
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To,

The Director/Officer in charge of all recognised zoos,

Sub: Installation of CCTV Cameras for effective monitoring of food provided to captive animals housed in zoos - regarding

Sir / Madam,

Time and again, the Central Zoo Authority has been receiving representations from various quarters expressing apprehension regarding quality and quantity of food being offered to captive animals housed in zoos.

2. As you are aware, the scientific management of wild animals in captivity and display of captive animals under conditions congenial to them resulting in welfare of captive animals housed in the Zoos was highlighted in the National Zoo Policy, 1998. Also, as per the National Zoo Policy,

3.4 Upkeep of Animal Collections:

3.4.1 Zoos shall provide diet to each species which is similar to its feed in nature. Where for unavoidable reasons any ingredients have to be substituted, due care will be taken to ensure that the substitute fulfils the nutritional requirement of the species.

3.4.2 For the well-being of the animals, round the clock supply of potable drinking water shall be made available to all animals kept in the zoo.

3. Further, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 laid down standard and norms for operation of zoos including upkeep and healthcare of animals. Also, the Central Zoo Authority, in the year 2013, in association with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute published 'Standardization of Animal Diets in Indian Zoos', for guidance of Zoos regarding provision of balanced nutrition to the captive animals housed in the zoos across the country. This publication was provided to all the zoos and also uploaded on website of the CZA (http://cza.nic.in) for ready reference.

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4. The Central Zoo Authority, in the advisory issued to all the Zoos vide letter F.No.25-1/2002-CZA(M) dated 20.09.2010, highlighted the importance of upkeep and healthcare of captive animals. In order to ensure good quality food to captive animals and hygienic conditions, the zoos were advised to take action as mentioned therein that include regular check on quality of food and drinking water to animals and review the procedure for procurement of food for captive animals. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

5. Now, the zoos are advised to enhance the surveillance mechanism in places of procurement, storage, processing and distribution of food for captive animals housed in zoos. Installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras is advised for the purpose. Also, manpower be deputed for monitoring the same. The database so generated should be made available for inspection of the authorised personnel. Based on the inputs received, appropriate corrective measures be taken up by the zoos.

6. The zoos should conduct a review in this regard, finalise the Surveillance Plan and ascertain the availability of infrastructure. The respective Zoo Operator shall facilitate funds to the Zoos for installation of CCTV cameras and monitors. This is in fulfilment of the standard and norms prescribed in the Schedule 5(2) of Rule 10 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

7. If necessary, a proposal for financial assistance for the said purpose may be submitted to this office for consideration of the Central Zoo Authority subject to availability of funds.

8. Action taken by the zoos in this regard should be informed to this office within 30 days from issue of this advisory.

Yours sincerely,

Encls. As above

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