POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES FOR* HYBRID LIONS AND TIGERS OF DOUBTFUL LINEAGE

The Central Zoo Authority has decided that the breeding of hybrid lions and tigers of unknown lineage should not be permitted under any circumstances because these animals are not of any conservation value.

The Authority has also recommended that population control measures in respect of prolifically breeding species like Tiger, Panther, Sambhar, Blue bull and and Chital. The optimum number of animals of each species in any Zoo is as follows :

Category of Zoo	**No. of Tiger/ Panther**	**No. of Blue Bull Chital, Sambar and Black Buck**
Large	10	20
Medium	6	12
Small	4	10

The Zoos who already have more animals than the number mentioned above should take immediate steps to stop further breeding of these species and try to transfer the excessive number to other Zoos.

The decision was made with a view to ensure proper utilisation of the Zoo resources. Feeding excessive number of animals is not only a drain on financial resources of the Zoo but also causes Management problems.

*Issued to Directors/Curators of Large/Medium/Small Zoos vide Central Zoo Authority Letter No. 7-2/94-CZA (VK) Dated : 7-2-1995