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**Sub:- Application under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 – regarding.**  
**Ref:- Your RTI application, Dt. 07.10.2015, received at this office on 07.10.2015.**

Sir,

Kind reference is invited to above cited correspondence, received at this office on 07.10.2015. Replies to your queries are as follows:

S.No.	Your Query	Reply
A	The following circuses are displayed on the CZA website as recognized by the CZA as ZOOS: 1. Amar, 2. Ajanta, 3. Asian Gemini, 4. Asiad, 5. Apolo, 6. Empire, 7. Famous, 8. Gemini, 9. Great Apolo, 10. Great Bombay, 11. Great Gemini, 12. Great Rayman, 13. Great Sangam, 14. Jumbo, 15. Kohinoor, 16. Moonlight, 17. Natraj, 18. Olympic, 19. Rajkamal, 20. Rajmahal, 21. Rambo, 22. Samrat, 23. Weston.  Is this correct as of 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2015? If not what is the current status of the circuses mentioned above and listed on the CZA website?	The current status of all 23 circuses as desired in your application under RTI Act, 2005 is annexed at Annexure I. You are requested to pay Rs. 4 /- (@ Rs. 2/- per page) for 2 pages in favour of Central Zoo Authority either in the form of Postal Order or Demand Draft, payable in Delhi.
B	Of the ones whose recognition has lapsed, which have reapplied for recognition as of 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 and whose recognition is pending inspection?	All such cases are being examined on case to case basis.
C	Does recognition of the ones that have not applied for renewal of recognition automatically lapse?	Yes
D	If no, what procedure is followed if a circus/zoo does not reapply for recognition after expiration of its recognition?	Does not arise
E	If the answer to C is yes, have the ones whose recognition has lapsed been communicated about lapse of recognition? If yes, kindly provide copies of such communication.	Issuing such communication is not mandatory, as the grant of recognition letter is self explanatory.

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F.	Are derecognized/lapsed circuses/zoos still featured on the CZA website in the list of recognized zoos?	No
G.	If yes, by what date can the updated list of recognized circuses be obtained from the CZA website?	The updated details are available on the website of CZA.
H.	Letter from Sri. Naresh Kadiyan to CZA on FIR lodged against Great Royal Circus in Anand Vihar Police Station.	The desired information can be provided on payment of charges to make copies of desired documents i.e. Rs. 8 /- (@ Rs. 2/- per page) for 4 pages in favour of Central Zoo Authority either in the form of Postal Order or Demand Draft, payable in Delhi.
I.	Letter from Indian Circus Federation to Sri. N.K. Joshi dated 23.03.2005.	

In case you are not satisfied with this reply, you may file an appeal before the appellate authority, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003, within a period of one month.

**Yours faithfully**

*(Signature)*  
16/11/15  
**(V.P. Mehta)**  
**PIO**

**Encl: as above**

**Copy to** The DPA, CZA for favour of information.

## Annexure- I

S. No.	Name of the Circus	Recognition upto	valid	Current Status
1.	Amar	31.10.2012		Cancelled
2.	Ajanta	30.06.2014		New team deputed for evaluation. Report is awaited
3.	Asian Gemini	--		Cancelled
4.	Asiad	30.09.2014		Re-evaluated. Report to be placed before Technical Committee of CZA for discussion.
5.	Apollo	30.04.2015		Appeal has been heard by the appellate authority on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2015 and the order is awaited.
6.	Empire	31.01.2015		New team deputed for evaluation vide letter dated 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep, 2015.
7.	Famous	28.02.2015		Cancelled recognition vide letter dt. 31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal.
8.	Gemini	31.10.2013		Cancelled application for recognition and appeal dismissed subsequently.
9.	Great Apolo	31.12.2012		New team deputed for evaluation.
10.	Great Bombay	30.09.2014		CZA ordered re-evaluation. Received proposal of rehabilitation of Elephants and the same is in process.
11.	Great Gemini	30.06.2014		New team deputed for evaluation. Report awaited.
12.	Great Rayman	31.10.2012		Yet to be evaluated.
13.	Great Sangam	--		Cancelled
14.	Jumbo	31.04.2014		Cancelled application for recognition.
15.	Kohinoor	31.01.2015		Issued Show cause notice. Reply filed in response. Decision of Technical Committee, CZA is awaited.

16.	Moonlight	30.09.2014	Cancelled recognition. CZA sought details from IG, Project Elephant for rehabilitation of elephants.
17.	Natraj	31.10.2013	Appeal heard by the appellate authority on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2015, orders awaited.
18.	Olympic	30.09.2014	Cancelled recognition vide letter dt. 31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal.
19.	Rajkamal	31.10.2012	Cancellation notice issued. Reply awaited from circus operator.
20.	Rajmahal	30.06.2014	Received report from new team for evaluation. Sought clarification from circus owner. Reply awaited.
21.	Rambo	31.01.2015	Cancelled application for recognition and petition by the circus operator is pending with the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay.
22.	Samrat	--	Cancelled
23.	Weston	31.03.2013	Cancelled

STATUS REPORT ON CIRCUSES

DETAILS OF CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS IN CIRCUSES (AS ON 04.11.2015)										ANNEXURE - II	
S.No.	Name of the Circus	No. of elephants			Recognition valid up to	Last evaluation	Decision of T.C., CZA	Current status	Remarks		
		M	F	T							
1	Ajanta Circus	0	3	3	30.06.2014	19.01.2015		Received report of evaluation from representatives of the AWBI & SFD of the appraisal team constituted by the CZA vide order dt. 07.07.2014. Comments on the report sought by the CZA from its representative. CZA's representative further sought clarification from the CZA. New team deputed for evaluation.	Report is awaited.		
2	Apollo Circus	0	1	1	30.04.2015	13.07.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with the lawyer.	As decided in 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting of TC, CZA on perusal of reply to Show Cause Notice, personal hearing conducted by the MS, CZA on 20.07.2015. Further asked to reappear on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Hearing conducted on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and cancelled recognition vide letter dt.31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal. Appeal has been heard by the appellate authority on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 and the order is awaited.	order is awaited		
3	Asiad Circus	0	2	2	30.09.2014	06.04.2014	73 <sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 decided to cancel recognition.	Appealed against cancellation of recognition. MS, CZA provided an opportunity of hearing/verification of records on 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Hearing conducted by the appellate authority on 24.08.2015 wherein it was decided to reconsider application for grant of renewal of recognition. CZA deputed new team for evaluation. Report received.	Further action is in process.		
4	Empire Circus	2	3	5	31.01.2015	23.12.2014		Received report of evaluation from representatives of the AWBI & SFD of the appraisal team constituted by the CZA vide order dt. 07.07.2014. Comments on the report sought by the CZA from its representative. CZA's representative further sought	Report is awaited.		

									clarification from the CZA. Deputed new team vide letter 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2015	
5	Famous Circus	4	2	6	28.02.2015	11/12.07.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 decided to issue Show Cause Notice.	As decided in 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting of TC, CZA on perusal of reply to Show Cause Notice, personal hearing conducted by the MS, CZA. Further asked to reappear on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Hearing conducted on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and cancelled recognition vide letter dt.31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal.	Failed to file an appeal with in 30 days	
6	Gemini Circus	0	5	5	31.10.2013	22.07.2014	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	<b>Cancelled application for recognition</b> to 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of Gemini Circus with reference to appellate authority's order F.No.5-3/2015-WL, Dt.04.03.2015.		
7	Great Apollo Circus	0	4	4	31.12.2012	24.03.2014		CZA deputed new team for evaluation, sought camping location from the circus vide letter Dt. 13.05.2015	Yet to be evaluated	
8	Great Bombay Circus	0	3	3	30.09.2014	31.07.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with lawyer.	CZA ordered re-evaluation, but received request to de-list elephants from the 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of the Great Bombay Circus. Besides the CZA accepted application along with fee for renewal of recognition. Evaluating officer sent his remarks that the circus need not be evaluated as elephants were kept in a village and requested the CZA to de-list the same.	Received a proposal of donating one of the three elephants to a temple managed by a trust in Tamil Nadu. Drafted letter seeking clarification from the Circus operator.	
9	Great Gemini Circus	1	2	3	30.06.2014	27.04.2013		CZA deputed new team for evaluation. Evaluating officer requested to depute an alternative nearer to the camp. Report is awaited from new team deputed.	Report is awaited	
10	Great Golden Circus	0	2	2	31.10.2012	08.08.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with	CZA ordered re-evaluation, sought camping location from the circus vide letter Dt. 13.05.2015.	Yet to be evaluated	

11	Great Rayman Circus	0	3	3	31.10.2012	08.07.2011	lawyer.	CZA nominated, yet to depute new team for evaluation, sought camping location from the circus vide letter Dt. 13.05.2015	Yet to be evaluated
12	Jamuna Circus	0	1	1	31.04.2014	12.07.2014	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	<b>Cancelled application for recognition</b> to 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of Jamuna Circus with reference to appellate authority's order F.No.22-38/2004-CZA(435)(Vol.II), dt.23.07.2015	
13	Jumbo Circus	1	7	8	31.04.2014	06.08.2014	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	<b>Cancelled application for recognition</b> to 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of Jumbo Circus with reference to appellate authority's order F.No.5-3/2015-WL, Dt.04.03.2015.	
14	Kohinoor Circus	0	2	2	31.01.2015	08.06.2015	75 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015 decided to issue Show Cause Notice.	Issued Show Cause Notice under the provisions of section 38H of the WLPA, 1972. Reply received and placed before Technical Committee for 76 <sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled on 27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015.	
15	Moonlight Circus	3	4	7	30.09.2014	16.07.2014	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	Cancelled recognition vide letter dt.02.10.2014. MS, CZA after hearing in person on 10.03.2015 deputed new team for re-evaluation. AWBI vide letter dt.27.03.2015 requested the CWLW, Maharashtra to confiscate 4 elephants owned by the Circus. CZA requested the CWLW, Maharashtra to apprise the status of animals with the circus. In response the CWLW sought details on rehabilitation facilities available outside the state of Maharashtra. CZA sought details from the IG(PE).	
16	Natraj Circus	1	2	3	31.10.2013	12.07.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with lawyer.	As decided in 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting of TC, CZA on perusal of reply to Show Cause Notice, personal hearing conducted by the MS, CZA on 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Further asked to reappear on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Hearing conducted on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and cancelled recognition vide letter dt.31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal. Appeal heard by the appellate authority on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 and order is awaited.	Order is awaited

17	Olympic Circus	0	4	4	30.09.2014	12/13.07.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with lawyer.	As decided in 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting of TC, CZA on perusal of reply to Show Cause Notice, personal hearing conducted by the MS, CZA on 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Further asked to reappear on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 with documents in original. Hearing conducted on 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and cancelled recognition vide letter dt.31.08.2015 with a provision to prefer an appeal.	Failed to file an appeal with in 30 days
18	Raj Kamal Circus	1	4	5	31.10.2012	30.03.2015	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	Based on report of re-evaluation, as decided in the 74 <sup>th</sup> meeting of TC, CZA issued notice of cancellation of recognition. Reply awaited.	
19	Raj Mahal Circus	0	3	3	30.06.2014	20.05.2015		Received report from new team for evaluation. Sought clarification vide letter dt. 09.06.2015 from the circus on Ownership certificate. Reply awaited.	
20	Rambo Circus	0	4	4	31.01.2015	21.07.2014	71 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 decided to cancel recognition	<b>Cancelled application for recognition</b> to 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of Rambo Circus with reference to appellate authority's order F.No.5-3/2015-WL, Dt.04.03.2015. WP/3361/2015 in High Court of Bombay against order of the Secretary (EF&CC) is pending.	Next hearing is on 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015
21	Rhino Circus	0	1	1	30.09.2014	06.08.2014		Received information from an NGO on confiscation of one female elephant from Rhino Circus and its rehabilitation in Jaldapara Sanctuary in North Bengal. CZA sought confirmation from the Stat Government.	Yet to receive confirmation from the State Government of West Bengal
22	The Great Royal Circus	0	1	1	31.07.2014	16.08.2014	72 <sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 decided to issue Show Cause Notice in consultation with the lawyer.	CZA ordered re-evaluation, but received request from circus to de-list elephants from the 'captive animal facility' as 'zoo' of the Great Royal Circus.	Received information on death of lone elephant with the circus and detailed report of Post-mortem. Further action is in process.
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>76</b>					



