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To

Ms. Anita Gulati,  
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New Delhi – 110 091.

**Subject:- Application seeking information under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 - regarding**

**Reference:- Your application dt.03.06.2016 received at the CZA on 06.06.2016**

Sir,

With reference to above cited correspondence, it is to acknowledge receipt of application fee of Rs. 10/- vide Indian Postal Order No.32F225774. Further, replies to your queries related to information ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, as desired at S.No.5 of the application are as follows:

S.No.	Your query	Reply
4.1	How many circuses have been derecognized by CZA as 'captive animal facility' and which are they?	Recognition of 7 Circuses has been cancelled by the Central Zoo Authority as per the provisions laid under Section 38H(5&6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, from 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2016. They are as follows:  a. The Great Royal Circus b. Rajkamal Circus c. Rhino Circus d. Famous Circus e. Olympic Circus f. Great Gemini Circus & g. Jamuna Circus
4.2	How many circuses as on date have the recognition of CZA as 'captive animal facility' and which are they?	As on date, there are 11 Circuses in the country are recognized by the Central Zoo Authority. They are as follows:  a. Apollo Circus b. Asiad Circus c. Ajanta Circus d. Empire Circus e. Great Bombay Circus f. Great Apollo Circus g. Great Golden Circus h. Great Rayman Circus i. Kohinoor Circus

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		j. Rajmahal Circus & k. Natraj Circus
4.3	How many circuses have applied for fresh recognition or renewal of recognition as 'captive animal facility' and are under consideration of CZA? And which are they?	As on date, 9 Circuses have applied for renewal of recognition and are under consideration by the Central Zoo Authority. They are as follows: a. Asiad Circus b. Ajanta Circus c. Empire Circus d. Great Golden Circus e. Great Bombay Circus f. Great Apollo Circus g. Kohinoor Circus h. Natraj Circus & i. Rajmahal Circus
4.4	How many captive elephants are there as of now in circuses recognized by CZA?	As per records of the Central Zoo Authority, as on date there are 31 elephants in possession of Circuses recognized by the Central Zoo Authority.
4.5	How many applications for fresh recognition or renewal of recognition, are pending with the CZA, with respect to captive elephants in circuses?	Same as above at S.No.4.3.
4.6	Are there any captive wild animal protected under Wild Life (Protection) 1972 in Indian circuses recognized by CZA, other than elephants? Which species are they? And how many are there?	No Circus recognized by the Central Zoo Authority is in possession of captive wild animal listed in Schedules of the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 other than Indian elephant ( <i>Elephas maximus</i> ).

In case you are not satisfied with this reply, you may file an appeal before the appellate authority i.e. Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, B1-Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003. within a period of one month from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully



(V.P. Mehta)

Public Information Officer