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## Central Zoo Authority

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To

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

**Reference:- Your application dt.20.07.2016 received at the CZA on 22.07.2016**

Madam,

With reference to above cited correspondence, it is to acknowledge receipt of application fee of Rs. 10/- vide Indian Postal Order No.32F255378. Further, replies to your queries related to information ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, as desired at S.No.5 of the application are as follows:

S.No.	Your query	Reply
4(i)	List all the circuses with the number of elephants they have, which are recognized and de-recognized by CZA	Details are available on the website of the Central Zoo Authority under the header 'inventory' at link <a href="http://www.cza.nic.in/htmlZooWise.aspx">www.cza.nic.in/htmlZooWise.aspx</a>
4(ii)	Date of issue of Ownership Certificate (OC) of individual elephants in each circus recognized and derecognized by CZA?	No such compilation is readily available in the office of the Central Zoo Authority.
4(iii)	Are ownership certificates issued on dates other than allowed for declaring a wild animal in possession (within 30 days of enactment of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and within 180 days of amnesty period allowed through Declaration of Wildlife Stock Rules, 2003) legally valid?	Does not come under purview of this Authority.
4(iv)	Is renewal of Ownership Certificate allowed under the provision of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972?	Does not come under purview of this Authority.

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4(v)	Will CZA issue 'Captive Animal Facility' recognition to circuses with invalid and illegitimate ownership certificates for wild animals?	Role of the Central Zoo Authority in recognition of a captive animal facility as a zoo limits to assessment of conditions of housing and upkeep of captive wild animals based on questionnaire for evaluation of circuses developed with reference to Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, as amended in 2013. However, details of ownership and implantation of microchip are part of the records maintained in this authority.
4(vi)	Will CZA derecognize the 'captive animal facility' recognition of a circus if ownership certificate is found to be invalid and illegitimate?	Yes.
4(vii)	Please share a copy of all Ownership Certificates of all elephant in circuses which are recognised and de-recognised by CZA.	Request of the applicant is being forwarded to the Chief Wildlife Wardens of the respective States. Desired information may be directly obtained from respective Chief Wildlife Wardens.

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



(Rawinder Singh Rawat)  
Public Information Officer