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### Central Zoo Authority

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Dated 07.09.2016

To,  
Mrs. Nalini Subramanian – Vice President,  
Plant & Animals Welfare Society –Mumbai,  
2, Shiv Shakti, Patkar Compound,  
Behind Sai Pooja Medical, Gamdevi Road,  
Bhandup (West), Mumbai – 400 078

Sub: Application under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005.  
Ref. Your RTI application dated 03.08.2016 received at this office on 08.08.2016.

Madam,

With reference to your application cited above, replies to your queries are as follows:

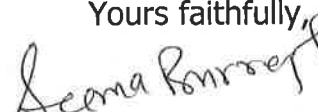
S. No.	Query	Reply
5. (a)	As per guideline of CZA can a Zoo keep predators (Crocodile & Gharial) & prey (sambar/deers) in same enclosure/place. If YES kindly provide the copy of the same.	Rule 10, sub-rule 4(3) of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 states that "The zoo shall ensure that the enclosure is safe and secure for the animals, animal keepers and the visitors and has requisite space for free movement, exercise and expression of natural behavior by the animals."
(b)	Number of complaint received by CZA against Zoo at Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Elephant Sanctuary at Guruvayoor (Kerala) along with total number of complaints received by CZA against Zoo's across India.	No such ready reference compilation is maintained in the Central Zoo Authority.

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(c)	As per CZA, photography or video shooting inside Public area of Zoo's, Sanctuary's especially Elephants is illegal/legal or Ban or Not Ban. If illegal or Ban, Kindly give the reason for the same.	As per CZA, photography or video shooting in public area of Zoo is not illegal. However, prior permission from concerned departments should have got obtained by zoo authorities.
(d)	As Zoo across India is registered by CZA, so do CZA made any guidelines for appointment of staff in regards to qualification & experience of animals handling, If YES kindly provide the copy of the same.	The appointment of staff in a Zoo and their qualification & experience, does not come under the purview of the CZA. However the CZA had laid down standards and norms under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 for Zoos to follow.
(e)	As per the report what is mortality rate of various zoo's (name, managed by, place, percentage) in India.	No such ready reference compilation, as specified is maintained in the Central Zoo Authority. However, Inventory Reports of all recognized zoos in the country are freely available on website of the Central Zoo Authority at <a href="http://www.cza.nic.in/inventory.html">http://www.cza.nic.in/inventory.html</a>

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, B-1 Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003, within a period of one month.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Seema Burreja)  
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