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Central Zoo Authority

केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण

F. No. 13-4/2006-CZA (Vol.VIII) (Pt.) / 34 / 2016

Dated 16.01.2017

To,

Ms. Anita Gulati,
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New Delhi – 110 092

Sub: Application seeking information under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005.
Ref. Your RTI application dated 09.12.2016 received at this office on dated 15.12.2016

Dear Madam,

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

S. No.	Query	Reply
i.	How many circuses in India have been de-recognized by Central Zoo Authority (CZA) so far, as Captive Animal Facility?	The applicant is hereby informed that the CZA cancelled recognition of 21 circuses under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 during the period ranging from 01.10.2014 to 09.12.2016.
ii.	Please name the circuses which have been de-recognized by CZA from 1 October 2014 to 9 December 2016?	The recognition of following Circuses has been cancelled by the CZA under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 during the period ranging from 01.10.2014 to 09.12.2016. Jumbo Circus, Gemini Circus, Moonlight Circus, Raj Kamal Circus, Famous Circus, Olympic Circus, Great Royal Circus, Rhino Circus, Great Gemini Circus, Great Rayman Circus, Great Bombay Circus, Ajanta Circus, Natraj Circus, Kohinoor Circus, Great Golden Circus, Empire Circus, Great Apollo Circus, Raj Mahal Circus, Jamuna Circus, Rambo Circus and Asiad Circus.
iii.	Please name the circuses who have challenged the CZA de-recognition notices before the Appellate Authority, which is the Secretary, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MEFCC) and for	The application is hereby informed the following :- a. Circuses that have appealed under provisions of 38H(7) of the WL(P) Act, 1972 during the period ranging from 01.10.2014 to 09.12.2016 are as follows:- Jumbo Circus, Gemini Circus, Natraj Circus, Jamuna Circus, Rambo Circus, Asiad Circus and Apollo Circus

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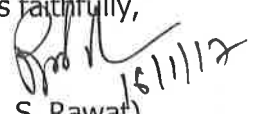
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	which all circuses the said Appellate Authority has upheld the CZA de-recognition, for which all circuses the Appellate Authority struck down the CZA de-recognition and for which all circuses a decision is pending?	<p>b. Orders of the CZA cancelling recognition of Circuses namely Jumbo Circus, Gemini Circus, Jamuna Circus and Rambo Circus were upheld by the appellate authority.</p> <p>c. Order of the CZA cancelling recognition of Circuses namely Natraj Circus, Asiad Circus and Apollo Circus were set aside by the appellate authority.</p> <p>d. Appeal dated 24.12.2016 filed by the operator of Empire Circus under provisions of 38H(7) of the WL (P) Act, 1972 is pending with the appellate authority.</p>
iv.	Please name the circuses which still held a valid CZA recognition?	The applicant is hereby informed that the recognition of Apollo Circus under provisions of Section 38H(1) of the WL (P) Act, 1972 is valid till 06.05.2017.
v.	Please name the circuses whose CZA recognition has expired? What is the date of expiry and when is the CZA evaluation due?	Same as above at (iv).
vi.	Please share a copy of the de-recognition notices issued to the circuses by CZA, for the period 1 October 2014 to 9 December 2016.	Copy of the desired document shall be provided on payment of charges to make photocopies of desired documents i.e. Rs.300/- (@2/- per page, for total 150 pages) in favour of Central Zoo Authority either in the form of Postal Order or Demand Draft, payable at New Delhi.
vii.	Please share a copy of the orders of Appellate Authority (Secretary, MEFCC) on the appeals made by circuses on CZA de-recognition, during the period 1 October 2014 to 9 December 2016	
viii.	Has the CZA or MEFCC taken any policy decision not to allow use of captive elephants in circuses? If, yes, please share a copy of the policy note.	The applicant is hereby informed that policy decision not to allow use of captive elephants in Circuses, has not been taken by the CZA. Hence, provision of copy of document does not arise.

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, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003, within a period of one month.

Yours faithfully,


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