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**Central Zoo Authority**  
केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण

F. No. 13-4/2006-CZA (Vol.VIII)/2173

Dated 08.11.2017

To,  
Ms. Sonya Ghosh,  
3066, Sector D Pocket 3,  
Vasant Kunj,  
New Delhi – 110 070

Sub: Application under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005.  
Ref. Your RTI application dated 07.11.2017 received at this office on 08.11.2017.

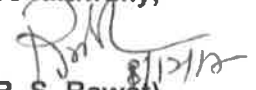
Sir,  
With reference to your application cited above, replies to your queries are as follows:

S. No.	Query	Reply
1.	Information on most recent order passed and issued by CZA whereby Circuses are prohibited from using Elephants for performances, and copy of the same.	Performance of Elephants in Circuses does not come under purview of the Central Zoo Authority and hence no such order has been issued by the CZA.
2.	Information on Forest Departments to whom the above order was issued for necessary action against the circus owners.	Does not arise.
3.	Information on circuses with Elephants against whom the above order was passed for necessary action.	Does not arise.
4.	Information on the orders, directions advisories issued by CZA and MOEF to concerned Forest Departments against circuses and circus owners regarding use and ownership of Elephants in circuses, and copies of the same.	'Use' and 'Ownership' of elephants do not come under purview of the Central Zoo Authority and hence no such orders/directives/advisories have been issued by the CZA. In case of Circuses, role of the Central Zoo Authority arises with respect to housing and upkeep of captive animals including elephants.
5.	Information on the decision made by CZA and MoEF in not granting NOCs to provide parties, circus owners who use Elephants for performances.	The desired information does not come under the purview of the Central Zoo Authority.
6.	Information on date from when the ban on using Elephants in the Indian circus industry is enforceable and the measures to be taken up on enforcing the orders.	The desired information does not come under the purview of the Central Zoo Authority.

7.	Information on the directions passed by MoEF to respective state governments in ensuring the elephants that were used by circuses are rehabilitated	The desired information does not come under the purview of the Central Zoo Authority.
8.	Information on the guidelines issued by CZA and MoEF for the said purpose and information on the formation, role of expert panels to cater to the same.	The desired information does not come under the purview of the Central Zoo Authority.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
(R. S. Rawat)  
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