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**Central Zoo Authority**  
केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण



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

2076/2017

Dated 23.11.2017

To,

Mr. Santosh Martin,  
No.7, Martin Road, Brucepet,  
Bellary,  
Karnataka – 583 101

Sub: Application under the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005.

Ref. Your RTI application dated 10/11/2017 received at this office on 14.11.2017.

Sir,

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

S. No.	Query	Reply
i)	Copy of the letter written by the Member Secretary, CZA to the Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) asking them to obtain Forest Clearance from FC Act, 1980 for the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Garden project which is being built in Kamalapur, Hospet Taluk, ballari District, Karnataka, South India	Copy of the desired letter along with enclosure is attached herewith. However, charges of the photocopy @ Rs.8/- (@2/- per page, for total 4 pages) may be sent in favour of Central Zoo Authority either in the form of Postal Order or Demand Draft, payable at New Delhi
ii)	Any other correspondence from CZA to ZAK in regards to the setting up of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Garden near Hampi	

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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003, within a period of one month.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully,

*Seema Burreja*  
(Seema Burreja)  
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F.No.19-80/93-CZA(104)(Vol.III)(AK) / 1481/2017

To

The Member Secretary,  
Zoo Authority of Karnataka,  
Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens premises,  
Indiranagar, Mysore – 570 010. (Karnataka)

BY POST/E-MAIL

DATE: 16.08.2017

— BY HAND

**Subject: Writ Petition No.10981/14 (Sri Santosh Martin and another Vs State of Karnataka and others) before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka - regarding**

**Reference: Your letter No.MSY/55/BLY/2001/V4 dated 11.08.2017**

Sir,

With reference to above, it is to inform that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter No.11-29/2015-FC dated 30.05.2017 has clarified that establishment of a zoo inside the forest involving exhibition to public shall be treated as non-forestry activity under Section 2 of the FC Act and provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be applicable. Copy of the letter is enclosed.

Moreover, the FC Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter No.7-47/2014-FC dated 08.01.2014 (perhaps 08.01.2015) has already conveyed their decision in the matter. Copy of the letter is enclosed.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Children Park cum Mini Zoo, Bellary is proposed to be relocated to Bilikal Reserve Forest vide Government of Karnataka order dated 28.08.2015. It being Reserve Forest, clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is mandatory in view of the letter dated 08.01.2014 and 30.05.2017 of the FC Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.

This is for your information and further necessary action.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

B-1 Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

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**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Aranya Bhawan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003. (Karnataka) – for information and necessary action.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003; E-mail: [igfc-mef@nic.in](mailto:igfc-mef@nic.in)



**(Dr. D.N. Singh)**  
**Member Secretary**

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F. No. 7-47/2014-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
(FC Section)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi-110003  
Dated: January 8, 2014

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),  
Regional Office (Southern),  
Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E & F Wings,  
17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, Koramangala II Block,  
Bangalore - 560 034.

**Sub: W.P. No. 03/2014 filed by Mr. Santosh Martin & Anr. vs. State of Karnataka & Ors., before the High Court of Karnataka - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 forwarded by Sh. S.M. Somashekar, CCF (Central) wherein this ministry was requested to inform as to whether the establishment/re-location of zoo in forest area shall attract the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the establishment/re-location of zoo in forest area attracts the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

The important developments in the case may be intimated to this office from time to time.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

12/1/14  
(M. Rajkumar)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy for favour of information to:-  
1. Guard File.

12/1/14  
(M. Rajkumar)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

G. No. 11-29/2015-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi-110003  
Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

To,  
Principle Secretary (Forests),  
State of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

Sub: Establishment of Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Sarguja Forest Division,  
Chhattisgarh-regarding.

Ref: NoNVL/Mgmt/17/2213 dated 18.04.2017

Kindly refer to the letter from PCCF Chhattisgarh dated 18.4.2017 on the proposed Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Sarguja Forest Division, Chhattisgarh to be established in compliance of the Chhattisgarh High Court over 4.71 ha.

The matter has been examined in the ministry and I am directed to say that the establishment of Zoo and Wildlife Safari whether stationary or mobile, where captive animals are kept for exhibition to the public but does not include a circus and an establishment of a licenced dealer in captive animals, are non site specific activities and therefore clearance under FC Act is required after exploring alternative land use. It has been noted that Zoos and Wildlife Safaris are established where captive animals are kept for exhibition to the public and leads to revenue generation and these establishment can be established on non forest land.

However in those cases where the rescue centres are established inside the forest by the state Government purely for rehabilitation and recapitulation and *not for public display and enjoyment* then the establishment of such rescue centre may be treated as forestry and wildlife activity within the meaning of Forest Conservation Act 1980 as provide in the explanation- (b) of the section 2 of the FC Act.

Provided further that if the rescue centres are established as part of the Zoo and Safari or otherwise where wild animals are kept also for exhibition to the public, then the establishment of such facilities shall be treated as non forestry activities under section 2 of the FC Act and provisions of FC Act shall be applicable.

Issued with the approval of competent authority.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Asst. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests), All State/UT Governments
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/UTs.
3. Nodal Officer, PCCF, All States/ UTs.
4. All Regional Officers of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
5. RO(HQ), MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Asst. Inspector General of Forests (FC)