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To

The Chief Wildlife Warden of Arunachal Pradesh / Assam / Bihar / Manipur / Meghalaya / Mizoram / Nagaland / Sikkim / Tripura and West Bengal

Sub: Advisory for prevention of African Swine Fever in captive animals housed in zoos – regarding

Sir,

This has reference to media reports indicating death of pigs due to African Swine Fever in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. African Swine Fever is an exotic viral disease affecting domestic and wild pigs and highly contagious in nature. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to inform that zoos in the region may adopt appropriate preventive measures. Zoos are advised to refer to available resources of information such as the information hosted on portal of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on link mentioned hereunder - <https://www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/animal-diseases/african-swine-fever/>

2. In view of the susceptibility and conservation importance, special attention may be paid to Pygmy Hog housed in the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati.

3. For advise, the management of the zoo may consult its Health Advisory Committee (of the respective State as well as zoo) and if required, may seek advise of the in-charge, National Referral Centre on Wildlife Healthcare, ICAR – Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar (+91-9412294363 / +91-7983309899).

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

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