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To

CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDENS  
of all the States

**Sub : Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).**

Sir,

You are aware of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) among cattle in U.K. and other European countries. This disease is endemic in our country also. Cases of foot and Mouth Disease have been reported both in the wild and in captivity from time to time. Animals susceptible to this infection include species of antelopes cheetal, sambar, wild buffalo, Gaur and elephants. This disease is transmitted from village cattle to the wild animals by contact or via respiratory or oral routes. Transmission of the disease to wild animals can best be prevented by insulating the area by way of periodic vaccination of village cattle living in the vicinity of wild life habitat. In zoo, this can be affected by ensuring that ingress of cattle from outside in the zoo campus does not take place and the animal keepers and other persons who are associated with the upkeep of the animal follow the general protocol with regard to hygiene and sanitation.

You are requested to kindly issue instructions to all the zoos in your State including those under the control of municipal corporations/ public sector/ trusts to take all precautionary measures as per the advice of the veterinary doctor to prevent outbreak of the disease among the zoo animals. Action taken in this regard may please be communicated to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

(P.R. SINHA)  
Member Secretary

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