



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT &amp; FORESTS

## Central Zoo Authority



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### Alert

As you may be aware that the recent death of Tigers and further diagnosis the cause of death as bacterial (salmonella) infection spreading to 8 more tigers in zoo at Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bangalore has not only brought into focus the problems involved in management of zoos, but incidence has also underscored, the urgent need for upgrading the veterinary standards, healthcare, hygiene and supply of quality feed to zoo animals.

In this context, you are advised to issue instructions to all the zoos in your States including those under the control of the Municipal Corporations/ Public Sector/ Trusts to take all precautionary measures as per the advice of the Veterinary Doctor to improve the health standards and hygiene in the zoos.

Action taken on the following should be communicated to the Central Zoo Authority at the earliest:-

- (i) Immediate action for reducing the overcrowding and providing each tiger/ lion on individual feeding cell.
- (ii) Periodic determination of parasitic loads in all the animals would be taken and prophylactics provided wherever necessary.
- (iii) The boundary wall of the zoo and broken fencing, if any of the Zoo/ Safari would be restored within three months.
- (iv) Restrain facilities and the isolation wards attached to the zoo hospitals should be upgraded immediately.
- (v) System for regular checking of the quality of meat and the drinking water for the animal would be put in place.
- (vi) The hygiene and sanitation of the zoo shall be improved by removing weeds, which may be the host for the vectors of bacteria.
- (vii) State Governments would permit sufficient funds to the zoos to avoid delay in execution of work of essential nature.

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- (viii) The procedure for procurement of feed needs to be reviewed by the concerned State Government authorities. It is suggested that a system of tender may be introduced wherein sample of various feed items and the price quotation thereof can be asked for in separate sealed envelopes. Price bids of only those tenders may be opened whose feed samples are found to be of proper quality.
- (ix) In case of meat supply for the tigers and other carnivores, such abattoir which does not have the valid license from the concerned Municipal Corporation should not be allowed to participate in tender. The zoo authorities must ensure that meat which is duly stamped (certified) by the veterinarian of the concerned municipality is supplied to the zoo inmates. It is requested that necessary instructions on the lines suggested above may be issued to the concerned authorities.

Yours faithfully,



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**Member Secretary**

**To**

1. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs.
2. Municipal Commissioners of Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Surat, Rajkot, Vadodara, Gwalior, Indore, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Solapur, Pune, Coimbatore.
3. Managing Directors of Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai and Tata Steel & Iron Company, Jamshedpur, Bokaro Steel Plant.
4. The Director/Curator/ Officer-in-charge of all large, medium, small & mini category Zoos, Rescue Centre and Circuses.