

SUPPLY OF QUALITY FEED FOR ZOO ANIMALS*

It has been brought to the notice of the Central Zoo Authority that quality and wholesome feed is not being supplied in some of the zoos. The common refrain of the zoo management is that the procedure for procurement of feed items entails accepting lowest quotation in the tender.

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 where in sample of various feed items and the price quotation thereof can be asked for in separate sealed envelopes. Price bids of

only those tenderers may be opened whose feed samples are found to be of proper quality.

In case of meat supply for the tigers and other carnivores, such abattoir which does not have the valid licence 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. Necessary instructions on the lines may be issued to the concerned authorities.

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