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**Central Zoo Authority**



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**Subject:- Acquisition or transfer of animals by a Circus – regarding**

It is hereby directed that operators of all Circuses should strictly adhere to provision made under Section 38I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 which reads as:-

1. 'Subject to the other provisions of this Act, no zoo shall acquire, sell or transfer any wild animal or captive animal specified in Schedules I and II except with the previous permission of the Authority.'
2. 'No zoo shall acquire, sell or transfer any wild or captive animal except from or to a recognised zoo.'

The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), being Schedule I animal under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, housed in a recognized Circus should not be acquired /transferred without permission of the Central Zoo Authority. Any violation of the statutory provision shall invite action against the Circus and its operator under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

**For circulation:**

1. All Circuses (list attached)
2. Chief Wildlife Warden of all States and UTs
3. The Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
4. Inspector General of Forests (Project Elephant), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

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