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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

## Central Zoo Authority



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### CIRCULAR

**Sub:- Zoo surveillance plan to safeguard animals, visitors and attendants in the zoos.**

In continuance to this office circular No. 25-1/2002-CZA(Vol.I)(M) dated 24.09.2014 issued in the wake of incident that occurred in the National Zoological park, New Delhi, kind attention drawn with request to implement the Disaster/ Contingency Management in the zoos as prescribed under Guidelines for Establishment & Scientific Management of Zoos in India that speaks as below:-

#### Disaster and Contingency Manangement

Every zoo should prepare a detailed plan to deal with crisis management, arising out of natural disasters like cyclone, flood, drought and earth quake or accidental happenings like fire, animal escapes, out break of diseases, etc. The crisis sometimes may also arise out of vandalism by unruly visitors, strike by the staff, stoppage of supply of water, power and animal feed due to circumstances beyond the control of the zoo management.

The plan would comprise of:-

- I. Assessment of the degree of subjectivity of the zoo to each type of crisis and list out the crisis which are encountered at the zoo more frequently.
- II. (a) List out necessary equipments to deal with crisis like diesel generators, portable saws, axes, showels, bill hooks, water tankers, diesel pumping sets, ropes, spot lights, emergency lamps, siren, hooter, loud speaker, tarpaulin, chains, nuts and bolts etc. and acquire and stock the same.  
(b) List and keep a stock of consumables like diesel, petrol, LPG, kerosene, lubricants, fuelwood, batteries, saw blades etc.
- III. Prepare a line of command for dealing with the crisis and a support contingency plan in case the line of command does not prove effective for some reason.
- IV. Train all concerned to deal with the situation through periodic mock drills. It should be ensured that all equipments are fully functional and effective at all times.
- V. Network and coordinate with specialized agencies like fire fighting units of the State Government/ Union Territories and upgrade the equipments and rationalize the operations on the basis of their inputs.
- VI. Be on lookout for new potential crisis and develop the strategy to meet the same like bird flu, anthrax, retaliatory killing of wild animals etc.

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A compliance report on the above directives should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority within 30 days from the date of issue of this circular.

  
26/09/14

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**Member Secretary**

To

1. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs.
2. The Director/ Curator/ Officer-in-charge of all Large, Medium, Small & Mini category Zoo and Rescue Centres of all States/ UTs.
3. The Municipal Commissioner of Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Surat, Rajkot, Vadodara, Gwalior, Indore, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Solapur, Pune, Coimbatore.
4. Managing Directors of Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai, Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur and Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro.

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