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Exchange of Animals

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Removal of price tags on zoo animals*

The Central Zoo Authority in one of its meetings had recommended that number of prolifically breeding species like tiger, cheetal, sambar, black buck and gharial in a particular zoo may be restricted to its carrying capacity. Again, the IXth All India Zoo Directors' National Conference held in May, 1993 had observed that the prices of animals fixed by different authorities controlling the zoos stand as a bar to free exchange of animals to achieve the objective of preservation of bio-diversity. It had accordingly recommended that system of fixation of prices of zoo animals should be removed. This will also help planned breeding programmes.

In the aftermath of recent tragedy, the Government of Orissa have also taken appropriate measures for removing the price tags on animals, birds and reptiles.

A copy of the Orders issued by the Government of Orissa is enclosed for your perusal and needful. Similar action on the part of other State Governments is presently required.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly review the whole matter of price tags, if any, put on animals being housed in zoos of your State and take necessary action to remove it. This action of the State Government shall help the Central Zoo Authority to relocate the animals, after receiving the requests from the concerned zoos, which will, in turn contribute to removing congestion, pairing of animals and ultimately in achieving the objective of conservation of wild life.

Action taken in this regard by the State Government may please be communicated to Central Zoo Authority.

*Issued to all Forest Secretaries of States/Directors of all zoos vide letter no. 7-2/94-CZA, dated 25/10/2000.