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**Central Zoo Authority**



F. No. 25-1/2002-CZA(M)

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**Sub:- Handling of animals by the visitors in the zoos.**

It has been brought to the notice of the Central Zoo Authority that visitors are encouraged in several zoos to handle wild animals in the name of education and interpretation.

The National Zoo Policy, 1998; Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960) and Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 do not allow any zoo/ captive animal to be handled, provoked or tortured for the benefit of the visitors or for any other reason.

Keeping in view of the above, it is directed that under no circumstances any animal housed in the zoo should be allowed for handling by visitors. The provisions laid under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972; the National Zoo Policy, 1998, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960) and Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 should be strictly adhered to.

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Member Secretary

**To**

All the Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs.

Copy also to:-

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