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Central Zoo Authority

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1. All Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs
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Sub:- Prohibition on feeding of Live Animals / Birds to Zoo Animals being a punishable offense u/s 11 (m) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960

Sir/ Madam,

The Central Zoo Authority is in receipt of complaints and information that many zoos practice feeding of live animals/ birds (rabbits, chicks, birds etc) to zoo animals during the visiting hours. Although the same is prohibited under Section 11 (m) of Prevention to Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, which reads as:-

- (i) "confines or causes to be confined any animal (including tying of an animal as bait in a tiger or other sanctuary) so as to make it an object of prey for any animal ; or
- (ii) incites any animal to fight or bait any other animal"

Such acts not only being illegal also attract avoidable and bad publicity in addition to leaving the visitors with a bitter experience. Poultry, rats, rabbits etc if not vaccinated and can further result into infections of zoo animals with deadly diseases leading to high mortality of zoo collection.

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You are, therefore requested to please ensure that henceforth, no live animals, birds etc are fed to zoo animals including to birds of prey and reptiles. Any reports or complaints received in this regard in future will be viewed seriously by this authority and may led to de-recognition of the concerned zoo.

Yours faithfully,



(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information to:-

1. The Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Animal Welfare Board of India, P.B. No.8672, 13/1, Third Seaward Road, Valmiki Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai – 600 041 (Tamil Nadu)