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Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Wildlife,

Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex,  
Lodi Road, New Delh-110003  
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### **CIRCULAR**

The Chief Wild Life Warden have been given powers under Section 11 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to authorize any person to hunt or cause to be hunted any Schedule I animal that has become dangerous to life. Detailed guidelines were prescribed by the Indian Board for Wildlife to ensure that this power is exercised by the Chief Wildlife Warden keeping due safeguards to ensure that no tigers or panthers are allowed to be killed on account of accidental killings of human beings by these animals. Instances have come to the notice of this Ministry where the guidelines of the Indian Board for wildlife are not adhered to and innocent animals are killed in the garb of man-eaters. It is therefore desired that these guidelines should be followed strictly for declaring any animal a man-eater.

To safe guard against any unnecessary risk to human life, the established man-eating tigers/ panthers have to be removed with utmost urgency. It is therefore, desired that intensive efforts to capture and tranquilize any suspected man-eating tiger may be taken up as soon as reliable evidence in this regard is available.

Sd/-  
(R.Rajamani)  
Secretary to the Government of India)

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