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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
WILD LIFE SECTION

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 1,
dated 22-March-1983.

To
The Secretary,
Forest Department
Sir,

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All States/U.Ts.

Sub:- Compilation of information on offences under the wild life (Protection)
Act 1972 –

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I am directed to say that the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, is in operation in all States/Union Territories, except Jammu & Kashmir which has its own Act modeled on similar lines. To keep uniformity in interpretation and for ensuring consistency in enforcement of the provisions of this Act, the Government of India have been issuing guide lines to the States from time to time. The centre has also circulated 'Model Rules' Under the Act for adoption by all States. However, there is a dearth of feed-back from the States/on wild life offence cases and other related matters with out which it is impossible to develop a corpus of healthy precedents for interpretation for interpretation and enforcement of the Act.

2. While reviewing the information received from the States about offences under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, it has been observed that cases which could not be compounded have been compounded in some states and cases have been lost in the courts because of technical lapses in prosecution etc.

3. With view to improve upon this situation, a form has been developed in which 'authorised officers' exercising powers under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, may report every month to the State Chief Wild Life Warden the details of offences under the Act detected by them and of steps taken to deal with these cases. The authorized officer shall endorse a copy of this monthly return to the respective Regional Assistant Director Wild Life Preservation Government of India, who would in turn report to the Director, Wild Life Preservation, with regard to important cases. Based on such date important legal points pertaining to select cases could be circulated by the Central Government to all the States for information and guidance.

4. It is, therefore, requested that the enclosed Proforma may please be circulated amongst all the 'authorised officers' with the above mentioned instructions. Action taken in this regard may please intimated to this Department very early.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Keshora Rao)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests (WL)

Copy for necessary action to:

Chief Wild Life Wardens of All States and Union Territories,

Sd/-

(Kishore Rao)