



Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

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Date: 12th June, 2015

To

1. Director – Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), New Delhi
2. Director Generals – Assam Rifles, BSF, CISF, Coast Guard, DRI, ITBP, RPF & SSB.
3. Director Generals of Police - All States &UTs
4. Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (HOFs) – All States & UTs

Sub: Advisory on intimation of wildlife offences detected, specimens/articles seized and person detained to Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and State Chief Wildlife Wardens – reg.

Sir/Madam,

Crime data play a vital role in prevention & detection of crimes, resource allocation and to devise meaningful counter measures. It is therefore imperative that authentic data about crimes and criminals are available with the authorities concerned. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) is mandated to establish a centralized wildlife crime data bank. The information so collected and processed will be available and disseminated to the respective States/UTs, other enforcement agencies and prosecutors for action in linking crimes to their perpetrators. Over the years wildlife crime especially its illegal trade has become highly organized with inter – state and international ramifications. Based on the information received from agencies, wherever required, WCCB coordinates multi – agency efforts within the country to enforce provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act 1972, and also assists the foreign authorities and international organizations concerned in universal action for wildlife crime control, as mandated under Section 38 Z of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

2. Section 50 (1) of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, empowers any forest officer or any police officer not below the rank of sub – inspector to enter, search, arrest and detention of a person involved in an offence against the Act. Other agencies like Customs, CISF, RPF, Border Guarding Forces (Assam Rifles, BSF, Coast Guard, ITBP, SSB) etc. also seize wildlife articles and detain persons involved, within their respective jurisdictions.

3. It has been observed that information from these agencies about the seizures of wildlife specimens or articles / detention of persons involved don't reach WCCB in time and it is unable to coordinate requisite multi – agency efforts in identification of individuals & networks to effectively counter them. Therefore, to ensure timely and uniform reporting of such information, WCCB has devised a format that is enclosed herewith at **Appendix**. It is requested that field formations under your command may be appropriately instructed to



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submit details of seizures of wildlife specimens or articles / detention of persons involved, to WCCB within 48 hours of the incident on the prescribed format.

4. It is also mentioned that any person detained, or things seized by any forest officer or any police officer empowered under Section 50(1) of the Act is to be produced forthwith before a Magistrate to be dealt under the provisions of the Act. Intimation to this effect is also to be given to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State/UT concerned or the officer authorized by him in this regard. State Police and Forest Departments are further requested to sensitize their officers about the legal provision and directed to keep the concerned Chief Wildlife Wardens informed of the things seized / persons detained in an offence against the Act, that is produced before a Magistrate.

Enclosed: As above

Yours faithfully,

12/01/15
(S.B. Negi)

Additional Director/IGP

Copy for information to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Wardens - All States & UTs
2. WCCB Regional Deputy Directors – NR/WR/SR/ER/CR.
3. PS to the ADG (WL), MoEFCC, New Delhi.
4. Guard File

REPORT ON SEIZURE OF WILDLIFE ARTICLES AND ARREST OF WILDLIFE CRIMINALS

(TO BE FORWARDED WITHIN 48 HRS TO THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE CRIME CONTROL BUREAU, 2ND FLOOR, TRIKOOT - 1 BUILDING, BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE, NEW DELHI-110 066. FAX NO : 011 - 26160751 or E MAIL – addir-wccb@gov.in)

1. Name of agency :
2. Date and time of seizure /arrest :
3. Place of seizure /arrest :
4. Details of wildlife articles, tools etc. seized :
 - (i). Common name of the species :
 - (ii). Scientific name of the species :
 - (iii). Quantity and brief description of articles seized:
5. Gist of the incident :

6. Name(s) and addresses of the accused/suspect arrested:

7. Case Reference No. and Name & contact details of nodal officer of the agency, for the case:

8. Name and contact details of the agency to which seized articles / arrested accused/suspect (s) handed over:

9. Immediate assistance/ action required from WCCB, if any:

Signature and Designation
Date.....