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All Scientific Authorities in India under CITES

Sub: Policy decision regardomy payment of fees to CITES Scientific authorities for analysis of the samples – reg.

It has been informed by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) whose Regional Deputy Directors are also designated as Assistant Management Authorities under CITES that they often refer samples of various wildlife articles received at various exit points to your Institute for identification for the purpose of enforcement of provisions of CITES and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Similar samples are also referred to you by authorities of the State/Union Territory Forest Departments in connection with the articles seized by them.

It has also been informed that your Institute requires certain amounts as fees for the analysis and identification of the samples. The Ministry appreciates that efforts of scientific personnel and resources of the Institute are required for the purpose. However, it is difficult for the WCCB and State/Union Territory Governments to pay the required fees separately on each occasion.

Therefore, it is requested that such analysis, whenever requested by the WCCB or State/Union Territory Authorities, may be completed expeditiously. The reasonable fees, if any, may be sought from the Ministry by way of reimbursement on an annual basis in respect of the samples referred by the WCCB. In respect of the samples referred by the State/Union Territory Authorities, the demand may be raised to them on an annual basis and they may seek the requisite funds as part of their Annual Plan of Operations under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Ministry shall endeavour to pay directly to you in respect of samples referred by the WCCB and to grant funds to the State/Union Territory Governments under Centrally Sponsored Schemes towards making payment to you.

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