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To

The Chief Wildlife Wardens
All States/UTs

Sub: Advisory on display of wild animal articles, trophies etc. on social media - reg.

Sir,

There have been instances of hunted wild animal/ wild animal trophies/articles being displayed on social media by certain individuals. Prima facie, the objective was to show wild animal hunting as act of bravery and possession of wild animal trophy/article as symbol of wealth/status.

2. Such public display of hunted wild animal or animal articles/ trophies, may encourage hunting or/and stimulate illegal wildlife trade; therefore needs to be stopped. Since permission for hunting of a wild animal under Section 11 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, and certificate of ownership of wild animal article, trophy etc. under Section 42 of the Act, are issued by the Chief Wildlife Wardens, public display of such animals/items need to be prohibited by them by incorporating appropriate conditions in the orders/permits.

3. It is therefore requested to insert appropriate conditions in the relevant orders/ permits. It is also requested to incorporate provisions in this regard in the rules framed under Section 64 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

Yours faithfully

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Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Member Secretary, NTCA, New Delhi.
2. PS to the ADG (WL), MoEFCC – for information.
3. Guard File.