



# Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

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**Sub:- Sensitization of police officers on wildlife crime and monitor cases under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, as a separate category of offences in the District, Range and State level crime meetings - reg**

1. Indian wildlife is under severe stress due to poaching and illegal trade in wildlife and its parts and derivatives. Illicit wildlife trafficking is mainly driven by international demand and it has become highly organized with trans – border ramifications. The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, is the umbrella legislation for wildlife crime enforcement in the country and the State police and forest departments are the primary agencies to enforce its provisions. The State Forest Departments lack necessary resources and yet to attain expertise in combating organized crime, therefore, the State police departments need to play vital role in the fight against this rapidly emerging form of organised crime. However, it has been observed that wildlife crime enforcement is not a priority with State police field formations.

2. In this regard, a meeting of the State police nodal officers for WCCB Northern Region was recently held in New Delhi. During discussions, it was pointed out by the participants that police field formations are not adequately sensitised to wildlife crimes and there is general lack of knowledge about the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, as police officers are not given required training on the wildlife crime laws and investigation of wildlife offences, in their induction and other in – service training courses. Moreover, in the District, Range and State level crime meetings, the cases under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, are presented & monitored along with offences under several other special acts and wildlife crimes often fail to draw required attention of senior officers. It was suggested that a module on wildlife crime sensitization should be made mandatory in the recruits training course for junior police officers and a module on animal laws especially the WL Protection Act and investigation of wildlife offences should be incorporated in all induction courses conducted for IPS and State Police Service officers at National and State Police Academies. Besides, in the crime reports emanating from police stations, data on cases under the WLP Act need to be compiled separately and disposal monitored by senior officers.

3. It is therefore requested that appropriate instructions may be issued to the police stations under your jurisdiction to compile monthly data on cases registered under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, as a separate category of offences and its disposal monitored in the District, Range and State level crime meetings. It is also requested that the Heads of the State Police Training Wings may be directed to include modules on wildlife crime sensitization and investigation, in the induction and other appropriate in - service training courses for police officers. If needed, WCCB will provide inputs in terms of course material and resource persons for such training courses.

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Additional Director/IGP

Copy for requisite action to:

1. Directors General of Police of all States and UTs.
2. Director, National Police Academy, Hyderabad – it is requested that a module on the enforcement of the provisions of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, and wildlife crime sensitization, may be introduced for IPS Officer Trainees.
3. Regional Deputy Directors, WCCB NR/SR/WR/CR/ER – for information.
4. PPS to the ADG (WL), Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi – for information