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1. It has been observed that whenever wildlife or wildlife articles are seized, the enforcement agencies tend to assign monetary value to such articles. Trade in wildlife articles is prohibited and there is no basis for such monetary valuation.
2. Indian wildlife is under stress from illegal trade. Illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife articles is demand driven and primarily for profits. Some of the habitual wildlife criminals during their interrogations revealed that they switched over to illegal wildlife trade from other criminalities such as narcotics, due to lower risk and perceived profits. Some first time wildlife criminals had resorted to such offences after reading about high values of wildlife articles in the newspapers.
3. Quotation of international market prices for wildlife articles, in no way adds value to the enforcement efforts. On the contrary, the practice may actually promote poaching and illegal wildlife trade.
4. The matter may therefore be brought to the notice of the field formations and appropriate instructions may be issued to stop this practice. If there is a system of rewards, citations etc., based on value of seized contraband, the same may be amended for wildlife articles. Conspicuous contribution towards prevention/ apprehension/ investigation / prosecution work related to wildlife crime; and busting of organized wildlife criminal networks could be the basis for such rewards. Press briefings on wildlife crime may highlight endangered status of the species involved, its role in ecology and adverse impact of its loss on environment.

  
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