

1.1 The particulars of its organization, functions and duties.

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) was constituted by Government of India, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on 6th June, 2007, under Section 38 (Y) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, to combat organized wildlife crime in the country. The Bureau has been envisaged as a multi-disciplinary body with officials from Police, Forest /WL, Customs and other agencies. It became operational in the year 2008.

The Bureau is headed Ex-Officio by the Director, Wildlife Preservation, Govt. of India i.e. the ADG (WL); and day to day operational activities are looked after by a police officer in the rank of IGP. The Bureau has its headquarters at Delhi, five regional offices at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Bhopal; three sub-regional offices at Guwahati, Amritsar and Cochin; and five border units (Moreh, Nathula, Motihari, Gorakhpur and Ramanathapuram).

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has been tasked with the following functions under Section 38 (Z), of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972:

- (i) Collect and collate intelligence related to organized wildlife crime activities and to disseminate the same to State and other enforcement agencies for immediate action so as to apprehend the criminals and to establish a centralized wildlife crime data bank;
- (ii) Co-ordination of actions by various officers, State Governments and other authorities in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of this Act, either directly or through regional and border units set up by the Bureau;
- (iii) Implementation of obligations under various international Conventions and protocols that are in force at present or which may be ratified or acceded to by India in future;
- (iv) Assistance to concerned authorities in foreign countries and concerned international organizations to facilitate co-ordination and universal action for wildlife crime control;
- (v) Develop infrastructure and capacity building for scientific and professional investigation into wildlife crimes and assist State Governments to ensure success in prosecutions related to wildlife crimes;
- (vi) advice the Government of India on issues relating to wildlife crimes having national and international ramifications, and suggest changes required in relevant policy and laws from time to time.

The Regional Deputy Directors of the Bureau at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, are designated as CITES Assistant Management Authorities. These offices assist and advice the Customs authorities in inspection of import and export consignments in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972; CITES and EXIM Policy.

The organization structure of the Bureau is as under:

