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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**Wildlife Division**

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**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**The Chief Wild Life Warden,**  
**All States/Union Territories.**

**Sub: Advisory regarding implementation of rules framed under Section 49 N and 49-O of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (as amended in 2022).**

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, wherein a copy of the Gazette Notification regarding rules framed under Section 49 N and 49-O were forwarded to the States/Union Territories.

In continuation to the said communication, the undersigned is directed to request the Chief Wild Life Wardens of States/ Union Territories, to kindly take the following points into consideration and ensure while implementing the rules framed under Section 49 N and 49-O of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972:

1. The provisions of sections 49N and 49-O do not apply to the species listed in Schedule I and Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Therefore, no application for licence intending for breeding/intending to breed should be entertained.
2. The sections 49N and 49-O are applicable only for the species listed in Appendix I of Schedule IV of the Act. Therefore, only the application for breeding of species listed Appendix I of the Schedule IV for commercial purposes should be entertained.
3. The breeding of these species should be considered as long as it is not detrimental to the survival of the native species.
4. Needful precautionary steps be adopted for avoiding any genetic mix up of exotic species with native species.
5. Adequate mechanism be put in place for regular monitoring of the breeding of species listed in Appendix I of Schedule IV.
6. Prior to issue of the licence to such facilities, the purpose of import mentioned in the CITES permit with which the species was imported into India should be verified.
7. A proper chain of custody of the animals for which breeding is proposed should be verified including the purpose 'code' of the parent animals.
8. The applicant is required to register his facility with the CITES Secretariat in case of breeding of Appendix I species.

9. An annual stock register shall be maintained by the person engaged in breeding Appendix I species and the stock register shall be verified by the Chief Wild Life Warden or an officer authorized on his behalf.
10. Breeding of Appendix I listed species needs to be restricted to a level supportive only to conserving the species and not to be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives and ensure that species does not become invasive.
11. It should be ensured that various Acts such as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 etc., rules made thereunder, local regulations are not contravened.
12. The facility should also have adequate arrangements for ensuring public safety including compliance to regulations such as fire safety etc., mechanisms for addressing outbreak of zoonotic diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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