

No.DE/ADM/ Wild-Animal/2013-14/909
Administration of Daman and Diu,
Directorate of Education,
Daman.
Date : 12 SEP 2013

To,
The Heads of all Educational Institutions
of Daman & Diu

Sub: Discontinuing the use of rare/endangered plants and animals in School laboratories and classrooms.

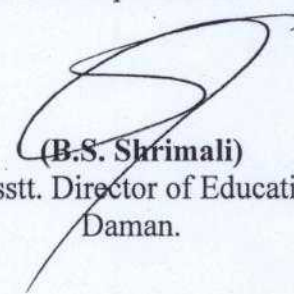
Ref: This office circular No.DE/ADM/ Wild-Animal/2013-14/ 221 dated 21/05/2013

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith a letter F.No. 1-1/2003 WL(pt) dated 12/07/2013 received from Shri S.S Gabryal, Additional Director General of Forests(Wildlife) Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India regarding discontinuing the use of rare/endangered plants and animals in School laboratories and classrooms.

This office circular dated 21/05/2013(enclosed) has already directed to surrender any illegal wild animal (including specimens) in the possession of any school/college of U.T of Daman & Diu to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the U.T or the Officer authorized. However, in case any ambiguity on the declaration, the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden or the local Divisional Forest Officer could be contacted immediately for necessary guidance. The procurement of animals or animal parts in violation of the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act attracts punishment.

It is also requested that, Educational Institutions may consult with Chief Wildlife Warden regarding the existing specimens of Scheduled wildlife in their possession.


(B.S. Shrimali)
Asstt. Director of Education,
Daman.

Encl: 1) Letter F.No. 1-1/2003 WL(pt) dated 12/07/2013.
2) Circular dated 21/05/2013 along with its enclosures

Copy to: 1) P.S. to the Secretary (Education), Daman & Diu, Daman for information.
2) P.A.to Special Secretary cum Director (Education) Daman & Diu, Daman for Information .
3) The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Daman & Diu, Daman for information.
4) The Asstt. Director of Education, District Panchayat, Daman for necessary action
5) The Education Officer, Collectorate, Diu for necessary action.
6) *NIC, Daman for uploading in the website.*

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Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife)



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F. No. 1-1/2003 WL(pt)

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

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ADD. SEC. (EDU.) अतिरिक्त सचिव (शिक्षा)

Letter Inward No. पत्र आंक नं. 858 Dtd. दिनांक 31/7/13

To Letter Outward No. पत्र जावक नं. The Administrator, दिनांक 31/7/13

Government of UT of Daman and Diu, Daman

SECRETARY EDUCATION शिक्षा निदेशालय-दमण. 12th July 2013

Letter/File No. 310 आचक सं. 230

Inward Date: 30/7/13 दिनांक 11/8/13

Outward Date: 31/7/13 जावक सं. दिनांक

Subject: Discontinuing the use of rare/endangered plants and animals in school laboratories and classrooms.

Sir/Madam,

The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, has been enacted by the Parliament for the purpose of according protection of wildlife and their habitat in the country. The Act also has six schedules. Various wildlife species are categorized into these Schedules based on their prevailing threat status. The most threatened species are categorized under the Schedule-I and an equal status is enjoyed by species listed under Part-II of Schedule-II. However, provisions under the Act are equal for species listed in Part-I of Schedule-II, Schedule-III and Schedule-IV, while Schedule V includes certain vermin species. Further, certain families/species of plants are listed under Schedule-VI of the Act and are referred to as 'specified plants'. The Act with its Schedules is available in public domain, including the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Collection of any species listed in the schedules, including specified plants, from the wild is regulated as per the Act. The State Chief Wildlife Wardens are empowered for implementation of the various provisions of the Act.

2. The Act has been amended from time to time and after its amendment in 2003, Rules have been framed by the Ministry which required persons/organizations/institutions/firms to declare, to the concerned Chief Wildlife Wardens, the possession of wildlife articles (belonging to Schedule-I or Part-II of Schedule-II of the Act) within 15th October 2003. This was the second opportunity to the owners of wild animals/articles after the initial enactment in 1972. It is presumed that the institutions functioning under the State Boards of Education would have already declared such wildlife articles with the concerned State Chief Wildlife Wardens. However, in case there is still certain ambiguity on the declaration, the concerned Chief Wildlife Wardens or the local Divisional Forest Officer could be contacted immediately for necessary guidance.

3. The legal position related to wildlife-wild animals and parts/artifacts made therefrom is that capture and killing constitute hunting of wild animals, which is prohibited. Possession and trade related regulations are derived from this prohibition. The penal provisions vary in severity among various schedules and the crime. Therefore, any procurement of animals or animal parts in violation of the provisions of the Act attracts punishment.

4. Keeping the above facts in view, it is requested that the concerned State Education Institutions and Boards may be advised to have consultations with the respective Chief Wildlife Wardens regarding the existing specimens of Scheduled wildlife in their possession.

5. As the hunting and trade of wild life and its parts and products is not permitted under the law, the institutions may be directed to not procure any life forms or products.

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Yours faithfully,

(S.S. Garbyal)



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Date : 21 MAY 2013

C I R C U L A R

**Sub: Illegal use / display of wild animals in laboratories/museums of
Schools/Colleges-reg.**

Wild Life Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) is a statutory body constituted under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972; for combating wildlife crime in the country. This is to inform that acquisition or possession of wild animal (any animal specified in Schedules I to IV of the Act) without the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state or the Officer authorized; is an offence against the Act. Capturing or injuring or killing of a wild animal is hunting and prohibited under law. Contravention of these provisions carries punishment up to 7 years of imprisonment or fine or both. For any violation, the Head of the school/college concerned shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.(Copy enclosed)

In continuation to the above, the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi has also circulated a letter No.CBSE/ACADE/EO/2012 dated 9th October, 2012 to all the heads of Institutions affiliated to CBSE for immediate discontinuation of use of specimen of plants & animals listed any schedule of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and live animals as exhibits in schools.(Copy enclosed)

It is therefore requested to surrender any illegal wild animal (including specimens) in the possession of any school/college of U.T of Daman & Diu to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the U.T or the Officer authorized.

(B.S. Shimali)
Asstt. Director of Education,
Daman.

Encl: As above

To,
All the heads of Educational Institutions
of Daman & Diu

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CBSE/ACAD/EO/2012

9th October, 2012
Circular No. Acad- 75/2012

All Heads of Institutions
Affiliated to CBSE

Subject : Immediate discontinuation of use of specimens of plants/animals listed in any schedule of Wildlife Protection Act,1972 and live animals as exhibits in schools.

Dear Principal

Kindly refer to the CBSE circular no. 72/10 dated November 9, 2010 and circular No.19/2012 dated May 22, 2012 wherein the CBSE had instructed its affiliated schools to discontinue the use of specimens of rare/threatened plants and animals kept in the science laboratory or classrooms for teaching/learning processes.

It is to again reiterate that under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, no school can have specimens of any plants or animals listed in any Schedule of the Act. It has repeatedly been brought to our notice that some schools with CBSE affiliation still possess some of the prohibited exhibits.

This matter is to be taken very seriously. No school will keep any exhibits of animals/plants listed under the act. These include pitcher plant, corals, frogs, snakes, birds, reptiles or any parts of them including skeletons, bones, foetus, feathers and skins. The CBSE Regional Officers may also inspect schools. Any school with specimens that are illegal will be open to legal action by appropriate authorities under the WLP Act 1972 which is non bailable. For a list of plants/animals prohibited under the Wildlife Protection Act, please refer to the website <http://www.envfor.nic.in/legis/wildlife/wildlife1/html>. This list of plants/animals included in Schedule I to Schedule VI in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 is also attached hereby as an annexure. The schools are advised not to use threatened plants or animals (such as corals, shark, frog and starfish) for teaching. Instead virtual images or models may be used.

It has also been brought to our notice that some CBSE affiliated schools are keeping live/captive animals as exhibits for the children. According to the Central Zoo Authority, no animals can be kept for exhibition as this will amount to the schools being a zoo and this is not allowed without CZA permission.

It is once again brought to your notice that all the live animals kept specifically for exhibition for the children need to be immediately removed. The prohibited animals include guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks, hamsters and white mice.

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As suggested in the earlier circular, ICT techniques and other alternative teaching / learning aids such as models, photographs and videos may be used for study of anatomy/morphology of all such species.

At the same time, it is to be recognized that schools require specimens of plants and animals representing various groups of diversity to serve as study material for Biology students. For this purpose, specimens of common plants and animals may be utilized, taking care that no specimens of threatened species listed under the WLP Act are kept or displayed in the school.

This may be treated as most urgent and be brought to the notice of all concerned.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Kshipra Verma
Education Officer

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi - 110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The General Secretary, Council of Boards of School Education in India 6H, Bigg's Tower, A-8, Netaji Subhash Place, Ring Road, Delhi-110 034.
4. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector- Rohini, Delhi - 110 085.
5. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
6. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 011.
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737 101.
8. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar-791 111.
9. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
10. Director of Education, SIE, CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Jungle Ghat, PO 744103, A&N Island.
11. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the schools affiliated with the Board in their respective regions and also ensure its compliance.
12. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE
13. The Research Officer (Technology) with the request to publish this circular on the CBSE website.
14. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
15. EO to Chairman, CBSE
16. PS to Chairman, CBSE
17. SO to CE, CBSE
18. PA to Secretary, CBSE
19. PA to Director (ACAD.)
20. PA to Director (Training)
21. PA to Director (AIEEE)
22. PRO, CBSE

Kshipra Verma
Education Officer