THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972
(53 of 1927)

[9th September, 1972]

An Act to provide for the protection of 1[wild animals, birds and plants] and for matters connected therewith or ancillary or incidental thereto.

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement. (1) This Act may be called Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

3[[(2) It extends to the whole of India except the state of Jammu and Kashmir.]]

3) It shall come into force in a State or Union Territory to which it extends, 4[* * *] on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act or for different States or Union territories.

2. Definitions.-In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

1[(1) "animal" includes amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles and their young, and also includes, in the cases of birds and reptiles, their eggs;

(2) "animal article" means an article made from any captive animal or wild animal, other than vermin, and includes an article or object in which the whole or any part of such animal 5[has been used, and ivory imported into India and article made therefrom]; 6[* * *]

(4) "Board" means the Wild Life Advisory Board constituted under sub-section (1) of section 6;

(5) "captive animal" means any animal, specified in Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III or Schedule IV, which is captured or kept or bred in captivity; 6[* * *]

(7) "Chief Wild Life Warden" means the person appointed as such under clause (a) of sub-section 4.

7[(7A) "circus" means an establishment, whether stationary or mobile, where animals are kept or used wholly or mainly for the purpose of performing tricks or manoeuvres;]
(8) "closed area" means the area which is declared under sub-section (1) of section 37 to be closed to hunting;

(9) "Collector" means the chief officer in charge of the revenue administration of a district;

(10) "commencement of this Act", in relation to-

(a) a state, means commencement of this Act in that State,
(b) any provision of this Act, means the commencement of that provision in the concerned State;

(11) "dealer" means any person who carries on the business of buying and selling any captive animal article, trophy, uncured trophy 1[meat or specified plant];

(12) "Director" means the person appointed as Director of Wild Life Preservation under clause (a) sub-section (1) of section 3;

2[(12A) "Forest Officer" means the Forest Officer appointed under clause (2) of section 2 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927;]

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(14) "Government property" means any property referred to in section 39; 2[or section 17H;]

(15) "habitat" includes land, water or vegetation which is the natural home of any wild animal;

(16) "hunting", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes,-

(a) capturing, killing, poisoning, snaring and trapping of any wild animal and every attempt to do so,
(b) driving any wild animal for any of the purposes specified in sub-clause (a),
(c) injuring or destroying or taking any part of the body of any such animal or, in the case of wild birds or reptiles, damaging the eggs of such birds or reptiles or disturbing the eggs or nests of such birds of reptiles;

(17) "land" includes canals, creeks and other water channels, reservoirs, rivers, streams and lakes, whether artificial or natural, 1[marshes and wetlands and also includes boulders and rocks];

(18) "licence" means a licence granted under this Act;

2[(18A)] "livestock" includes buffaloes, bulls, bullocks, camels, cows, donkeys, goats, horses, mules, pigs, sheep, yaks and also their young;]

(19) "manufacturer" means a manufacturer of animal articles;
(20) "meat" includes blood, bones, sinew, eggs, fat and flesh, whether raw or cooked, of any wild animal, other than vermin;

(21) "National Park" means an area declared, whether under section 35 of section 38, or deemed, under sub-section (3) of section 66, to be declared, as a National Park;

(22) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;

(23) "permit" means a permit granted under this Act or any rule made thereunder;

(24) "person" includes a firm;

(25) "prescribed" means by rules made under this Act;

1[(25A) "recognised zoo" means a zoo recognised under section 38H;

(25B) "reserve forest" means the forest declared to reserved by the State Government under section 20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927);

(26) "sanctuary" means an area declared, whether under section 2[26A] or section 66, to be declared as wild life sanctuary;

2[(27) "specified plant" means any plant specified in Schedule VI;]

(28) "special game" means any animal specified in Schedule II;

(29) "State Government", in relation to a Union territory, means the Administrator of the Union territory appointed by the President under article 239 of the Constitution;

(30) "taxidermy", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means the curing, preparation or preservation of trophies;

1[(30A) "territorial waters" shall have the same meaning as in section 3 of the Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976 (80 of 1976);

(31) "trophy" means the whole or any part of any captive animal or wild animal, other than vermin, which has been kept or preserved by any means, whether artificial or natural, and includes-

(a) rugs, skins and specimens of such animal mounted in whole or in part through a process of taxidermy, and
(b) antler, horn, rhinoceros horn, hair, feather, nail, tooth, musk, eggs and nests;

(32) "uncured trophy" means the whole or any captive animal or wild animal, killed wild animal, ambergris, musk and other animal products];

(33) "vehicle" means any conveyance used for movement on land, water or air and includes buffalo, bull, bullock, camel, donkey, elephant, horse and mule;
(34) "vermin" means any wild animal specified in Schedule V;

(35) "weapon" includes ammunition, bows and arrows, explosives, firearms, hooks, knives, nets, poison, snares and traps and any instrument or apparatus capable of anaesthetizing, decoying, destroying, injuring or killing an animal;

(36) "wild animal" means any animal found wild in nature and includes any animal specified in Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, Schedule V, wherever found;

(37) "wild life" includes any animal, bees, butterflies, crustacea, fish and moths; and aquatic or land vegetation which form part of any habitat;

(38) "Wild Life Warden" means the person appointed as such under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4;

1[(39) "zoo" means an establishment, whether stationary or mobile, where captive animals are kept for exhibition to the public but does not include a circus and an establishment of a licensed dealer in captive animal.]}

**CHAPTER II**

**AUTHORITIES TO BE APPOINTED OR CONSTITUTED UNDER THE ACT**

**3. Appointment of Director and other officers.**- (1) The Central Government may, for the purposes of this Act, appoint,-

(a) A Director of Wild Life Preservation;
(b) Assistant Directors of Wild Life Preservation; and
(c) such other officers and employees as may be necessary.

(2) In the performance of his duties and exercise of his powers by or under this Act, the Director shall be subject to such general or special directions, as the Central Government may, from time to time, give.

(3) The Assistant Directors of Wild Life Preservation and other officers and employees appointed under this section shall be subordinate to the Director.

**4. Appointment of Life Warden and other officers.**- (1) The State Government may, for the purposes of this Act, appoint,-

(a) a Chief Wild Life Warden;
(b) Wild Life Wardens; 1[* * *]
2[(bb) one Honorary Wild Life Warden in each district; and]
(c) such other officers and employees as may be necessary.

(2) In the performance of his duties and exercise of his powers by or under this Act, the Chief Wild Life Warden shall be subject to such general or special directions, as the State Government may, from time to time, give.
(3) The Wild Life Warden, the Honorary Wild Life Warden and other officers and employees appointment under this section shall be subordinate to the Chief Wild Warden.

5. power to delegate.- (1) The Director may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, by order in writing, delegate all or any of his powers and duties under this Act to any officer subordinate to him subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order.

(2) The Chief Wild Life Warden may, with the previous approval of the State Government by order in writing, delegate all or any of his powers and duties under this Act, except those under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 11, to any officer subordinate to him subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order.

(3) Subject to any general or special direction given or condition imposed by the Director of the Chief Wild Life Warden, any person authorised by the Director or the Chief Wild Life Warden to exercise any powers, may exercise those powers in the same manner and to the same effect as if they had conferred on that person directly by this Act and not by way of delegation.

COMMENTS

Sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 gives power to the concerned authority to delegate his powers to any of his subordinate officers. Therefore, it could not be be said that another person except the Chief Wild Life Warden or such other officer who has been authorised by the State Government can file a complaint upon which cognizance can be taken; Jagdish Singh v. State of Bihar, (1985) Cri LJ 1314 (Pat).

6. Constitution of Wild Life Advisory Board.- (1) The State Government, or in the case of a Union territory, the Administrator, shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, constitute a Wild Life Advisory Board consisting of the following members namely :-

   (a) the Minister in charge of forests in the State or Union territory, or, if there is no such Minister, the Chief Secretary to the Government, or, as the case may be, the Chief Secretary to the Government of the Union territory, who shall be the Chairman;
   (b) two members of the State Legislature or, in the case of a Union territory having a Legislature, two members of the Legislature of the Union territory, as the case may be;
   (c) Secretary to the State Government, or the Government of the Union territory, in charge of forests;
   (d) the Forest officer in charge of the State Forest Department by whatever designation called, ex officio;
   (e) an officer to be nominated by the Director;
   (f) Chief Wild Life Warden, ex officio;
   (g) officers of the State Government not exceeding five;
   (h) such other persons, not exceeding ten, who, in the opinion of the State Government, are interested in the protection of wild life, including the representatives of tribals not exceeding three.]
2[(1A) The State Government may appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Board from amongst the members referred to in clauses (b) and (h) of sub-section (1)].

(2) The State Government shall appoint 1[the Forest Officer in charge of the State Forest Department].

(3) The term of office of the members of the Board referred to in clause (g) of sub-section (1) and the manner of filling vacancies among them shall be such as may be prescribed.

(4) The members shall be entitled to receive such allowances in respect of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as the State Government may prescribe.

7. Procedure to be followed by the Board.- (1) The Board shall meet at least twice a year at such place as the State Government may direct.

(2) The Board shall regulate its own procedure (including the quorum).

(3) No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid merely by reason of the existence of any vacancy therein or any defect in the constitution thereof or any irregularity in the procedure of the Board not affecting the merits of the case.

8. Duties of Wild Life Advisory Board.- It shall be the duty of the Wild Life Advisory Board to advise the State Government,-

(a) in the selection of areas to be declared as sanctuaries, National Parks 1[***] and closed areas and the administration thereof;

2[(b) in formulation of the policy for protection and conservation of the wild life and specified plants;]

(c) in any matter relating to the amendment of any Schedule; 3[* * *]

4[(cc) in relation to the measures to be taken for harmonising the needs of the tribals and other dwellers of the forest with the protection and conservation of wild life; and]

(d) in any other matter connected with the protection of wild life which may be referred to it by the State Government.

CHAPTER III

HUNTING OF WILD ANIMALS

5[9. Prohibition of hunting.- No person shall hunt any wild animal specified in Schedule I, II, III and IV except as provided under section 11 and section 12.]

COMMENTS


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11. Hunting of wild animals to be permitted in certain cases.-

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force and subject to the provisions of Chapter IV,-

(a) the Chief Wild Life Warden may, if he is satisfied that any wild animal specified in Schedule I has become dangerous to human life or is so disabled or diseased as to be beyond recovery, by order in writing and stating the reasons therefore, permit any person to hunt such animal or cause such animal to be hunted;
(b) the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer may, if he is satisfied that any wild animal specified in Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV has become dangerous to human life or to property (including standing crops on any land) or is so disabled or diseased as to be beyond recovery, by order in writing and stating the reasons therefore, permit any person to hunt such animal or cause such animal to be hunted.

(2) The killing or wounding in good faith of any wild animal in defence of oneself or any other person shall not be an offence:
Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall exonerate any person who, when such defence becomes necessary, was committing any act in contravention of any provisions of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.

(3) Any wild animal killed or wounded in defence of any person shall be Government property.

COMMENTS

To decide whether in killing an animal the accused acted in self defence or not, the nature and ferocity of the animal will be relevant. On the basis of the facts and circumstances of the case there can be no doubt that the accused acted in defence of his life and his act did commensurate with defence. Thus in this case of killing the tiger in good faith in defence of oneself it can not be said that the accused was committing any offence prior to shooting the tiger that charged at him. Therefore, the impugned order of conviction and sentence is contrary to the provisions of section 11 of the Act and as such it is liable to be set aside; Tilak Bahadur Rai v. State of Arunachal Pradesh, 1979 Cri LJ 1404.

12. Grant of permit for special purposes.- Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Act, it shall be lawful for the Chief Wild Life Warden, to grant a permit, by an order in writing stating the reasons therefore, to any person, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, which shall entitle the holder of such permit to hunt subject to such conditions as may be specified therein, any wild animal specified in such permit, for the purpose of,-

(a) education;
(b) scientific research;
(bb) scientific Management.

Explaination.- For the purposes of clause (bb), the expression, "Scientific management" means-
(i) translocation of any wild animal to alternative suitable habitat; or

(ii) population management of wildlife without killing or poisoning or destroying any wild animal;]

3[(c) Collection of specimens-

(i) for recognised zoos subject to the permission under section 38-I or
(ii) for museums and similar institutions;

(d) derivation, collection or preparation of snake-venom for the manufacture of life-saving drugs:]

4[Provided that no such permit shall be granted-

(a) in respect of any wild animal specified in Schedule I, except with the previous permission of the Central Government, and
(b) in respect of any other wild animal, except with the previous permission of the State Government.]

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CHAPTER IIIA

PROTECTION OF SPECIFIED PLANTS

17A. Prohibition of picking, uprooting, etc. of specified plant.- Save as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall-
(a) wilfully pick, uproot, damage, destroy, acquire or collect any specified plant from any forest land and any area specified, by notification, by the Central Government;
(b) posses, sell, offer for sale, or transfer by way to gift or otherwise, or transport any specified plant, whether alive or dead, or part or derivative thereof;

Provided that nothing in this section prevent a member of a Scheduled tribe, subject to the provisions of Chapter IV, from picking, collecting or possesing in the district he resides any specified plant or part or derivative thereof for his bona fide personal use.

17B. Grants of permit for special purposes.- The Chief Wild Life Warden may, with the previous permission of the State Government, grant to any person a permit to pick, uproot, acquire or collect from a forest land or the area specified under section 17 A or transport, subject to such conditions as may be specified plant for purpose of-
(a) education;
(b) scientific research;
(c) collection, preservation and display in a herbarium of any scientific institution; or
(d) propagation by a person or an institution approved by the Central Government in this regard.

17C. Cultivation of specified plants without licence prohibited. - (1) No person shall cultivate a specified plant except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Chief Wild Life Warden or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf:

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent, who immediately before the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) act, 1991, was cultivating a specified plant from carrying on such cultivation for a period of six months from such commencement or where he has made an application within that period for the grant of a licence to him, until the licence is granted to him or he is informed in writing that a licence cannot be granted to him.

(2) Every licence granted under this section shall specify the area in which and the conditions, if any, subject to which the licensee shall cultivate a specified plant.

17D. Dealing in specified plants without licence prohibited. - (1) No person shall, except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Chief Wild Life Warden or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, commence or carry on business or occupation as a dealer in a specified plant or part or derivate thereof:

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent a person, who immediately before the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1991, was carrying on such business or occupation, from carrying on such business or occupation for a period of sixty days from such commencement, or where he has made an application within that period for the grant of a licence to him, until the licence is granted to him or he is informed in writing that a licence cannot be granted to him.

(2) Every licence granted under this section shall specify the premises in which and the conditions, if any, subject to which the licensee shall carry on his business.

17E. Declaration of stock. - (1) Every person cultivating, or dealing in, a specified plant or part or derivative thereof shall, within thirty days from the date of commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1991 declare to the Chief Wild Life Warden or any other officer authorised by the State Government in his behalf, his stocks of such plants and part or derivative thereof, as the case may be, on the date of such commencement.

(2) The provisions of sub-sections (3) to (8) (both inclusive) of section 44, section 45, section 46 and section 47 shall, as far as may be, apply in relation to an application and a licence referred to in section 17C and section 17D as they apply in relation to the licence or business in animals or animal articles.

17F. Prossesion, etc., of plants by license. - No licensee under this Chapter shall-
(a) keep in his control, custody or possession-

(i) any specified plant, or part or derivative thereof in respect of which a declaration under the provisions of section 17E has to be made but has not been made;
(ii) any specified plant, or part or derivative thereof which has not been lawfully acquired under the provisions of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder;

(b) (i) pick, uproot, collect or acquire any specified plant, or

(ii) acquire, receive, keep in his control or possession, or sell, offer for sale or transport any specified plant or part or derivative thereof, except in accordance with the conditions subject to which the licence has been granted and such rules as may be made under this Act.

17G. Purchase, etc. of specified plants.- No person shall purchase, receive or acquire any specified plant or part or derivative thereof otherwise than from a licensed dealer:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any person referred to in section 17B.

17H. Plants to be Government property.- (1) Every specified plant or part or derivative thereof, in respect of which any offence against this Act or any rule order made thereunder has been committed, shall be the property of the State Government, and, where such plant or part or derivative thereof has been collected or acquired from a sanctuary or National Park declared by the Central Government, such plant or part or derivative thereof shall be the property of the Central Government.

(2) The provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 39 shall, as far as may be, apply in relation to the specified plant or part or derivative thereof or they apply in relation to wild animals and articles referred to in sub-section (1) of that section.]

CHAPTER IV

SANCTUARIES, NATIONAL PARKS [* * *] AND CLOSED AREAS

Sanctuaries

18. Declaration of sanctuary.- (1) The State Government may, by notification, declare its intention to constitute any area comprised within any reserve forest or the territorial waters as a sanctuary if it considers that such area is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural or zoological significance, for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wild life or its environment.

(2) The notification referred to in sub-section (1) shall specify, as nearly as possible, the situation and limits of such area.
Explaination.—For the purposes of this section it shall be sufficient to describe the area by roads, rivers, ridges or other well-known intelligible boundaries.

COMMENTS

(i) The purpose of the notification declaring the area as Game Reserve under the Rajasthan Wild Animal and Birds Protection Act, 1951; or the declaration of the area as a sanctuary under the notification dated 1.1.1975 declaring the area as protected forest under the Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953 is to protect the Forest Wealth and Wild Life of the areas; Tarun Bharat Sangh, Alwar v. Union of India, AIR 1992 SC 514.

(ii) The respondents are entitled to declare any area other than area comprised with any reserve forest or territorial waters as a sanctuary as per the provisions of section 18 of the Act, but that can be done only after following the provisions contained in the Act. The respondents can take follow up action for evicting persons from the area falling within the declared sanctuary in accordance with the provisions as contained in CHAPTER IV of the Act. None of this things has been found to be followed by the respondents in passing the orders prejudicially affecting the petitioners. Therefore, the impugned orders are not sustainable in law and accordingly they deserve to be quashed; Jaladhar Chakma v. Deputy Commissioner, Aizwal, Mizoram, AIR 1983 Gau 18.

19. Collector to determine rights. - When a notification has been issued under section 18 the controller shall inquire into, and determine, the existance, nature and extent of the rights of any person in or over the land comprised within the limits of the sanctuary.

20. Bar of accrual of rights.- After the issue of a notification under section 18, no right shall be acquired in, on or over the land comprised within the limits of the area specified in such notification, except by tastamentary or intestate.

21. Proclamation by Collector.- When a notification has been issued under section 18, the collector shall publish in the regional language in every town and village in or in the neighbourhood of the area comprised therein, a proclamation-

(a) specifying, as nearly as possible, the situation and the limits of the sanctuary; and
(b) requiring any person, claiming any right mentioned in section 19, to prepare before the Collector, within two months from the date of such proclamation, a written claim in the prescribed form, specifying the nature and extent of such right with necessary details and the amount and particulars of compensation, if any, claimed the respect thereof.

22. Inquiry by collector.- The Collector shall, after service of the prescribed notice upon the claimant, expeditiously inquire into-

(a) the claim preferred before him under clause (b) of section 21, and
(b) the existence of any right mentioned in section 19 and not claimed under clause (b) of section 21, so far as the same may be
ascertainable from the records of the State Government and the
evidence of any person acquainted with the same.

23. Powers of Collector.- For the purpose of such inquiry, the Collector may
exercise the following powers, namely:--

(a) the power to enter in or upon any land and to survey, demarcate
and make a map of the same or to authorise any other officer to do
so;
(b) the same powers as are vested in a civil court for the trial of suits.

24. Acquisition of rights.- (1) In the case of a claim to a right in or over any land
referred to in section 19, the Collector shall pass an order admitting and rejecting
the same in whole or in part,

(2) If such claim is admitted in whole or in part, the Collector may either-

(a) exclude such land from
the limits of the proposed
sanctuary, or

(b) proceed to acquire such
land or rights, except where
by an agreement between
the owner of such land or
holder of rights and the
Government, the owner or
holder of such rights has
agreed to surrender his
rights to the Government, in
or over such land, and on
payment of such
compensation, as is
provided in the Land
Acquisition Act, 1894.

[(c) allow, in consultation with the Chief Wild Life
Warden, the continuation of any right of any person in
or over any land within the limits of the sanctuary.]

25. Acquisition proceedings.- (1) For the purpose of acquiring such
land, or rights in or over such land,-
(a) the Collector shall be deemed to be a Collector, proceeding under
the Land Acquisition Act, 1894;
(b) the claimant shall be deemed to be a person interested and
appearing before him in pursuance of a notice given under section 9 of
that Act;
(c) the provision of the sections, preceding section 9 of that Act, shall
be deemed to have been compiled with;
(d) where the claimant does not accept the award made in his favour
in the matter of compensation, he shall be deemed, within the
meaning of section 18 of the Act, to be a person interested who has not accepted the award, and shall be entitled to proceed to claim relief against the award under the provisions of Part III of that Act; (e) the Collector, with the consent of claimant, or the court, with the consent of both the parties, may award compensation in land or money or partly in land and partly in money; and (f) in the case of the stoppage of a public way or a common pasture, the Collector may, with the previous sanction of the State Government, provide for an alternative public way or common pasture, as far as may be practicable or convenient.

(2) The acquisition under this Act of any land or interest therein shall be deemed to be acquisition for a public purpose.

26. Delegation of Collector's powers. - The State Government may, by general or special order, direct that the powers exercisable or function to be performed by the Collector under sections 19 to 25 (both inclusive) may be exercised and performed by such other officer as may be specified in the order.

1[26A. Declaration of area as sanctuary.-(1) When-

(a) a notification has been issued under section 18 and the period for preferring claims has elapsed, and all claims, if any, made in relation to any land in an area intended to be declared as a sanctuary, have been disposed of by the State Government; or
(b) any area comprised within any reserve forest or any part of the territorial waters, which is considered by the State Government to be of adequate ecological faunal floral geomorphological, natural or zoological significance for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment, is to be included in a sanctuary,

the State Government shall issue a notification specifying the limits of the area which shall be comprised within the sanctuary and declare that the said area shall be sanctuary on and from such date as may be specified in the notification:

Provided that where any part of the territorial waters is to be so included, prior concurrence of the Central Government shall be obtained by the State Government:

Provided further that the limits of the area of the territorial waters to be included in the sanctuary shall be determined in consultation with the Chief Naval Hydrographer of the Central Government and after taking adequate measures to protect the occupational interest of the local fishermen.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the right of innocent passage of any vessel or boat through the territorial waters shall not be affected by the notification issued under sub-section (1).
(3) No alteration of the boundaries of a sanctuary shall be made except on a resolution passed by the Legislature of the state.]

27. Restriction on entry in sanctuary. - (1) No person other than, -

(a) a public servant on duty,
(b) a person who has been permitted by the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer to reside within the limits of the sanctuary,
(c) a person who has any right over immovable property within the limits of the sanctuary,
(d) a person passing through the sanctuary along a public highway, and
(e) the dependents of the person referred to in clause (a), clause (b) or clause (c), shall enter or reside in the sanctuary, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a permit granted under section 28.

(2) Every person shall, so long as he resides in the sanctuary, be bound-

(a) to prevent the commission, in the sanctuary, of an offence against this Act;
(b) where there is reason to believe that any such offence against this Act has been committed in such sanctuary, to help in discovering and arresting the offender;
(c) to report the death of any wild animal and to safeguard its remains until the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer takes charge thereof;
(d) to extinguish any fire in such sanctuary of which he has knowledge or information and to prevent from spreading, by any lawful means in his power, any fire within the vicinity of such sanctuary of which he has knowledge or information; or
(e) to assist any Forest Officer, Chief Wild Life Warden, Wild Life Warden or Police Officer demanding his aid for preventing the commission of any offence against this Act or in the investigation of any such offence.

1[(3) No person shall, with intent to cause damage to any boundary-mark of a sanctuary or to cause wrongful gain as defined in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860), alter, destroy, more or deface such boundary-mark.

(4) No person shall tease or molest any wild animal or litter the grounds of sanctuary.]

28. Grant of permit. -(1) The Chief Wild Life Warden may, on application, grant to any person a permit to enter or reside in a sanctuary for all or any of the following purposes, namely :-
(a) investigation or study of wild life and purposes ancillary or incidental thereto;
(b) photography;
(c) scientific research;
(d) tourism;
(e) transaction of lawful business with any person residing in the sanctuary.

(2) A permit to enter or reside in a sanctuary shall be issued subject to such conditions and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

1[29.Destruction, etc., in a sanctuary prohibited without permit.]- No person shall destroy, exploit or remove any wild life from a sanctuary or destroy or damage the habitat of any wild animal or deprive any wild animal of its habitat within such sanctuary except under and in accordance with a permit granted by the Chief Wild Life Warden and no such permit shall be granted unless the State Government, being satisfied that such destruction, exploitation or removal of wild life from the sanctuary is necessary for the improvement and better management of wild life therein, authorises the issue of such permit.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this section, grazing or movement of live-stock permitted under clause (d) of section 33 shall not be deemed to be an act prohibited under this section.]

30. Causing fire prohibited.- No person shall set fire to a sanctuary, or kindle any fire, or leave any fire burning, in such manner as to endanger such sanctuary.

31. Prohibition of entry into sanctuary with weapon.- No person shall enter a sanctuary with any weapon except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer.

32. Ban on use of injurious substances.- No person shall use, in a sanctuary, chemicals, explosives or any other substances which may cause injury to or endanger, any wild life in such sanctuary.

33. Control of sanctuaries.- The Chief Wild Life Warden shall be the authority who shall control, manage and maintain all sanctuaries and for that purpose, within the limits of any sanctuary,-

(a) may construct such roads, bridges, buildings, fences or barrier gates, and carry out such other works as he may consider necessary for the purposes of such sanctuary;
(b) shall take such steps as will ensure the security of wild animals in the sanctuary and the preservation of the sanctuary and wild animals therein;
(c) may take such measures, in the interests of the wild life, as he may consider necessary for the improvement of any habitat;
(d) may regulate, control or prohibit, in keeping with the interests of wild life, the grazing or movement of 2[live-
34. Immunisation of live-stock.- (1) The Chief Wild Life Warden shall take such measures in such manner, as may be prescribed, for immunisation against communicable diseases of the live-stock kept in or within five kilometres of a sanctuary.

(2) No person shall take or cause, to be taken or grazed, any live-stock in a sanctuary without getting it immunised.

34. Registration of certain persons in possession of arms.- (1) Within three months from the declaration of any area as a sanctuary, every person residing in or within ten kilometres of any such sanctuary and holding a licence granted under the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), for the possession of arms or exempted from the provisions of that Act and possessing arms, shall apply in such form, on payment of such fee and within such time as may be prescribed, to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer, for the registration of his name.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-section (1) the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer shall register the name of the applicant in such manner as may be prescribed.

1[(3) No new licences under the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959) shall be granted within a radius of ten kilometres of a sanctuary without the prior concurrence of the Chief Wild Life Warden.]

National Parks

35. Declaration of National Parks.- (1) Whenever it appears to the State Government that an area, whether within a sanctuary or not, is, by reason of its ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological or zoological association or importance, needed to be constituted as National Park for the purpose of protecting, propogating or developing wild life therein or its environment, it may, by notification, declare its intention to constitute such area as a National Park:

(2) The notification referred to in sub-section (1) shall define the limits of the area which is intended to be declared as a National Park.

(3) Where any area is intended to be declared as a National park, the provisions of sections 3[19 of 26A (both inclusive except clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 24)] shall, as far as may be, apply to the investigation and determination of claims, and extinguishment of rights, in relation to any land in such area as they apply to the said matters in relation to any land in a sanctuary.

(4) When the following events have occurred, namely:-

National Parks
(a) the period for preferring claims has elapsed, and all
claims, if any, made in relation to any land in an area
intended to be declared as a National Park, have been
disposed of by the State Government, and
(b) all rights in respect of lands proposed to be included
in the National Park, have become vested in the State
Government, the State Government shall publish a
notification specifying the limits of the area which shall
be comprised within the National Park and declare that
the said area shall be National Park on and from such
date as may be specified in the notification.

(5) No alteration of the boundaries of a National Park shall be made
except on a resolution passed by the Legislature of the State.
(6) No person shall destroy, exploit or remove any wild life from a
National Park or destroy or damage the habitat of any wild animal or
deprive any wild animal of its habitat within such National Park except
under and in accordance with a permit granted unless the State
Government, being satisfied that such destruction, exploitation or
removal of wild life therein, authorises the issue of such permit.
(7) No grazing of any live-stock shall be permitted in a National
Park and no live-stock shall be allowed to enter therein except
where such live-stock is used as a vehicle by a person authorised to
enter such National Park.
(8) The provisions of sections 27 and 28, sections 30 to 32 (both
inclusive), and clauses (a), (b) and (c) of section 33, section 33 A
and section 34 shall, as far as may be apply in relation to a National
Park as they apply in relation to a sanctuary.

Closed Area

37. Declaration of closed area.-

(1) The State Government may, by notification, declare any area
closed to hunting for such period as may be specified in the
notification.

(2) No hunting of any wild animal shall be permitted in a closed area
during the period specified in the notification referred to in sub-section
(1).

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Sanctuaries or National Parks declared by Central Government

38. Power of Central Government to declare areas as sanctuaries or
National Parks.-

(1) Where the State Government leases or otherwise transfers any
area under its control, not being an area within a sanctuary, to the
Central Government, the Central Government may, if it is satisfied that the conditions specified in section 18 are fulfilled in relation to the area so transferred to it, declare such area, by notification, to be a sanctuary and the provisions of sections 18 of 35 (both inclusive), 54 and 55 shall apply in relation to such sanctuary as they apply in relation to a sanctuary declared by the State Government.

(2) The Central Government may, if it is satisfied that the conditions specified in section 35 are fulfilled in relation to any area referred to in sub-section (1), whether or not such area has been declared, to be a sanctuary by the Central Government or the State Government, declare such area, by notification, to be a National Park and the provisions of sections 35, 54 and 55 shall apply in relation to such National Parks as they apply in relation to a National Park declared by the State Government.

(3) In relation to a sanctuary or National Park declared by the Central Government, the powers and duties of the Chief Wild Life Warden under the sanctions referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2), shall be exercised and discharged by the Director or by such other officer as may be authorised by the Director in this behalf and references, in the sections aforesaid, to the State Government shall be construed as references to the Central Government and reference therein to the Legislature of the State shall be construed as a reference to Parliament.

1[CHAPTER IV]

CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY AND RECOGNISATION OF ZOOS

38A. Constitution of Central Zoo Authority. -

(1) The Central Government shall constitute a body to be known as the Central Zoo Authority (hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as the Authority), to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it under this Act.

(2) The Authority shall consists of-

- (a) chairperson;
- (b) such number of members not exceeding ten; and
- (c) member-secretary, to be appointed by the Central Government.

38B. Term of office and conditions of service of Chairperson and members, etc.-

(1) The chairperson and every member shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be specified by the Central Government in this behalf.

(2) The chairperson or a member may by writing under his hand addressed to the Central Government, resign from the office of chairperson or, as the case may be, of the member.
(3) The Central Government shall remove a person from the office of chairperson or member referred to in sub-section (2) if that person-

(a) becomes an undischarged insolvent;
(b) gets convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which in the opinion of the Central Government involves moral turpitude;
(c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
(d) refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting;
(e) is, without obtaining leave of absence from the authority, absent from three consecutive meetings of the Authority; or
(f) in the opinion of the Central Government has so abused the position of chairperson or member as to render that person's continuance in office detrimental to the public interest:

Provided that no person shall be removed under this clause unless that person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(4) A vacancy caused under sub-section (2) or otherwise shall be filled by fresh appointment.
(5) The salaries and allowances and other conditions of appointment of chairperson, members and member-secretary of the Authority shall be such as may be prescribed.
(6) The Authority shall, with the previous sanction of the Central Government, employ such officers and other employees as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.
(7) The terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees of the Authority shall be such as may be prescribed.
(8) No act or proceeding of the Authority shall be questioned or shall be invalid on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancies or defect in the constitution of the Authority.

38C. Functions of the Authority.--The Authority shall perform the following functions, namely:

(a) specify the minimum standards for housing, upkeep and veterinary care of the animals kept in a zoo;
(b) evaluate and assess the functioning of zoos with respect to the standards or the norms as may be prescribed;
(c) recognise or derecognise zoos;
(d) identify endangered species of wild animals for purposes of captive breeding and assigning responsibility in this regard to zoo;
(e) co-operate the acquisition, exchange and loaning of animals for breeding purposes;
(f) ensure maintenance of stud-books of endangered species of wild animals bred in captivity;
(g) identify priorities and themes with regard to display
of captive animals in a zoo;
(h) co-ordinate training of zoo personnel in India and outside India;
(i) co-ordinate research in captive breeding and educational programmes for the purposes of zoos;
(j) provide technical and other assistance to zoos for their proper management and development on scientific lines;
(k) perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act with regard to zoos.

38D. Procedure to be regulated by the Authority.-

(1) The Authority shall meet as and when necessary and shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson may think fit.
(2) The Authority shall regulate its own procedure.
(3) All orders and decisions of the Authority shall be authenticated by the Member-Secretary in this behalf.

38E. Grants and loans to Authority and Constitution of Fund.-

(1) The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, make to the Authority grants and loans of such sums of money as that Government may consider necessary.
(2) There shall be constituted a Fund to be called the Central Zoo Authority and there shall be credited thereto any grants and loans made to the Authority by the Central Government, all fees and charges received by the Authority under this Act and all sums received by the Authority from such other sources as may be decided upon by the Central Government.
(3) The Fund referred to in sub-section (2) shall be applied for meeting salary, allowances and other remuneration of the members, officers and other employees of the Authority and the expenses of Authority in the discharge of its functions under this Chapter and expenses on objects and for purposes authorised by this Act.
(4) The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.
(5) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General at such intervals as may be specified by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Authority to the Comptroller and Auditor-General.
(6) The Comptroller and Auditor-General and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Authority under this Act shall have the same rights and privilege and the authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Audit-General generally has in connection with the audit of the Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Authority.
(7) The accounts of the Authority, as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf, together with the audit report thereon, shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government by the Authority.

38F. Annual report. - The Authority, shall prepare in such form and at such time, for each financial year, as may be prescribed, its annual report, giving a full account of its activities during the previous financial year and forward a copy thereof to the Central Government.

38G. Annual report and audit report to be laid before Parliament. - The Central Government shall cause the annual report together with a memorandum of action taken on the recommendations contained therein, in so far as they relate to the Central Government, and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations and the audit report to be laid as soon as may be after the reports are received before each House of Parliament.

38H. Recognition of zoos. -

(1) No zoo shall be operated without being recognised by the Authority: Provided that a zoo being operated immediately before the date of commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1991 may continue to operate without being recognised for a period of 1[eighteen months from the date of such commencement] and if the application seeking recognition is made within that period, the zoo may continue to be operated until the said application is finally decided or withdrawn and in case of refusal for a further period of six months from the date of such refusal.

(2) Every application for recognition of a zoo shall be made to the Authority in such form and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) Every recognition shall specify the conditions, if any, subject to which the applicant shall operate the zoo.

(4) No recognition to a zoo shall be granted unless the Authority, having due regard to the interests of protection and conservation of wild life, and such standards, norms and other matters as may be prescribed, is satisfied that recognition should be granted.

(5) No application for recognition of a zoo shall be rejected unless the applicant has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(6) The Authority may, for reasons to be recorded by it, suspend or cancel any recognition granted under sub-section(4): 

(7) An appeal from an order refusing to recognise a zoo under sub-section (5) or an order suspending or cancelling a recognition under sub-section (6) shall lie to the Central Government.

(8) An appeal under sub-section (7) shall be preferred within thirty days from the date of communication to the applicant of the order appealed against:

Provided that the Central Government may admit any appeal preferred after the expiry of the period aforesaid if it satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal in time.
38I. Acquisition of animals by a zoo.- Subject to the other provisions of this Act no zoo shall acquire or transfer any wild animal specified in Schedule I and Schedule II except with the previous permission of the Authority.

38J. Prohibition of teasing, etc., in a zoo.- No person shall tease, molest, injure or feed any animal or cause disturbance to the animals by noise or otherwise or litter the grounds in a zoo.]

CHAPTER V

TRADE OR COMMERCE IN WILD ANIMALS, ANIMAL ARTICLE AND TROPHIES

39. Wild animals, etc., to be Government property.- (1) Every-

(a) wild animal, other than vermin, which is hunted under section 11 or sub-section (1) of section 29 or sub-section (6) of section 35 or kept or bred in captivity or hunted in contravention of any provision of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder or found dead, or killed by mistake; and
(b) animal article, trophy or uncured trophy or meat derived from any wild animal referred to in clause (a) in respect of which any offence against this Act or any rule or order made thereunder has been committed;
(c) ivory imported into India an article made from such ivory in respect of which any offence against this Act or any rule or order made thereunder has been committed;
(d) vehicle, vessel, weapon, trap or tool that has been used for committing an offence and has been seized under the provision of this Act,

shall be the property of the State Government, and, where such animal is hunted in a sanctuary or National Park declared by the Central Government, such animal or any animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat derived from such animal, or any vehicle, vessel, weapon, trap or tool used in such hunting] shall be the property of the Central Government.

(2) Any person who obtains, by any means, the possession of Government property, shall, within forty-eight hours from obtaining such possession, make a report as to the obtaining of such possession to the nearest police station or the authorised officer and shall, if so required, hand over such property to the officer-in-charge of such police station or such authorised officer, as the case may be.

(3) No person shall, without the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer-

(a) acquire or keep in his possession, custody or control,
or
(b) transfer to any person, whether by way of gift, sale
or otherwise, or
(c) destroy or damage, such Government property.

COMMENTS

The wild animals which are dead in a private land, the owner of the land is entitled to claim ownership of the dead animal. The body of a wild animal which is found on a particular land becomes the absolute property of the owner of the soil even if killed by a trespasser, unless, the trespasser chased the animal on the land of one person and killed it on the land of another. The dead elephant in question had not been chased or pursued by the forest authorities, but it had been shot by some unknown persons and it voluntarily quit the reserve forest and entered the private land where it died. In this view, the order of the lower Appellate Court cannot be sustained; B. Natwall Valid v. State of Tamil Nadu, AIR 1979 Mad 218.

40. Declarations.-

(1) Every person having at the commencement of this Act the control, custody or possession of any captive animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II, or any uncured trophy derived from such animal or salted or dried skins of such animal or the musk of a musk deer or the horn of a rhinoceros, shall, within thirty days from the commencement of this Act, declare to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer the number and description of the animal, or article of the foregoing description under his control, custody or possession and the place where such animal or article is kept.

(2) No person shall, after the commencement of this Act, acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody or possession, sell, offer for sale or otherwise transfer or transport any animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II or any uncured trophy or meat derived from such animal, or the salted or dried skins of such animal or the musk of a musk deer or the horn of a rhinoceros, except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer.

(3) Nothing in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall apply to a recognised zoo subject to the provisions of section 381 or to a public museum.

(4) The State Government may, by notification, require any person to declare to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer any animal article or trophy (other than a musk of a musk deer or horn of a rhinoceros) or salted or dried skins derived from an animal specified in Schedule I or Schedule II in his control, custody or possession in such form, in such manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.

41. Inquiry and preparation of inventories.-

(1) On receipt of a declaration made under section 40, the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officers may, after such notice, in such manner and at such time, as may be prescribed,-
(a) enter upon the premises of a person referred to in section 40;
(b) make inquiries and prepare inventories of animal articles, trophies, uncured trophies, salted and dried skins and captive animals specified in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II and found thereon; and
(c) affix upon the animals, animal articles, trophies or uncured trophies identification marks in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) No person shall obliterate or counterfeit any identification mark referred to in this Chapter.

42. Certificate of ownership.- The Chief Wild Life Warden may, for the purposes of section 40, issue a certificate of ownership in such form, as may be prescribed, to any person who, in his opinion, is in lawful possession of any wild animal or any animal article, trophy, uncured trophy and may, where possible, mark, in the prescribed manner, such animal article, trophy or uncured trophy for purposes of identification.

43. Regulation of transfer of animal, etc.-

(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), sub-section (3) and sub-section (4), a person (other than a dealer) who does not possess a certificate of ownership shall not-

(a) sell offer for sale or transfer whether by way of sale, gift or otherwise, any wild animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II or any captive animal belonging to that category or any animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat derived therefrom;
(b) make animal articles containing part or whole of such animal;
(c) put under a process of taxidermy an uncured trophy of such animal, except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer.

(2) Where a person transfers or transports from the State in which he resides to another State or acquires by transfer from outside the State any such animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy as is referred to in sub-section (1) in respect of which he has a certificate of ownership, he shall, within thirty days of the transfer or transport, report the transfer or transport to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer within whose jurisdiction the transfer or transport is effected.

(3) No person who does not possess a certificate of ownership shall transfer or transport from one State to another State or acquire by transfer from outside the State any such animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy as is referred to in sub-section (1) except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer within whose jurisdiction the transfer or transport is
to be effected.
(4) Before granting any permission under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3), the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer shall satisfy himself that the animal or article referred to therein has been lawfully acquired.
(5) While permitting the transfer or transport of any animal article, trophy or uncured trophy, as is referred to in sub-section (1), the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer-

(a) shall issue a certificate of ownership after such inquiry as he may deem fit;
(b) shall, where the certificate of ownership existed in the name of the previous owner, issue a fresh certificate of ownership in the name of the person to whom the transfer has been effected;
(c) may affix an identification mark on any such animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy.

(6) Nothing in this section shall apply-
1[(a) to tail feather of peacock and the animal articles or trophies made therefrom;]
2[(b) to any transaction entered into by a recognised zoo subject to the provisions of section 38I or by a public museum with any other recognised zoo or public museum.]

44. Dealings in trophy and animal articles without licence prohibited.-

(1) Subject to the provisions of Chapter VA, no person shall, except under, and in accordance with, a licence granted under sub-section (4)

(a) commence or carry on the business as-

(i) a manufacturer of or dealer in, any animal article; or 4[( * * *)
(ii) a taxidermist; or
(iii) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy; or
(iv) a dealer in captive animals; or
(v) a dealer in meat or

(b) cook or serve meat in any eating-house; 5[(c) derive, collect or prepare, or deal in, snake venom:]

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall prevent a person, who immediately before the commencement of this Act was carrying on the business occupation specified in this sub-section, from carrying on such business or occupation for a period of thirty days from such commencement, or where he has made an application within that period for the grant of a licence to him, until the licence is granted to
him or he is informed in writing that a licence cannot be granted to
him:

1[Provided further that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to the
dealers in tail feathers of peacock and articles made therefrom and the
manufacturers of such articles.]

Explanation.-For the purposes of this section, "eating-house" includes
a hotel, restaurant or any other place where any eatable is served on
payment, whether or not such payment is separately made for such
eatable or is included in the amount charged for board and lodging.
(2) Every manufacturer of, or dealer in, animal article, or dealer in
captive animals, trophies or uncured trophies, or every taxidermist
shall, within fifteen days from the commencement of this Act, declare
to the Chief Wild Life Warden his stocks of animals articles captive
animals, trophies and uncured trophies as the case may be as on the
date of such declaration and the Chief Wild Life Warden or the
authorised officer may place an identification mark on every animal
article, captive animal trophy or uncured trophy as the case may be.
(3) Every person referred to in sub-section (1) who intends to obtain a
licence, shall 2[* * *] make an application to the Chief Wild Life
Warden or the authorised officer.
(4) (a) Every application referred to in sub-section (3) shall be made
in such form and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed to the
Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer.
3[(b) No licence referred to in sub-section (1) shall be granted unless
the Chief Wild Life Warden, or the authorised officer having regard to
antecedents and previous experience of the applicant, the implication
which the grant of such licence would have in the status of wildlife to
such other matters as may be prescribed in this behalf and after
making such inquiry in respect of those matters as may think fit, is
satisfied that the licence should be granted.]
(5) Every licence granted under this section shall specify the premises
in which and the conditions, if any subject to which the licence shall
carry on his business.
(6) Every licence granted under this section shall-

(a) be valid for one year from the date of its grant;
(b) not be transferable; and
(c) be renewable for a period not exceeding one year at
a time.

(7) No application for the renewal of a licence shall be rejected unless
the holder of such licence has been given a reasonable opportunity of
presenting his case and unless the Chief Wild Life Warden or the
authorised officer is satisfied that-

(i) the application for such renewal has
been made after the expiry of the period
specified therefor, or
(ii) any statement made by the applicant
at the time of the grant or renewal of the
licence was incorrect or false in material
particulars, or
(iii) the applicant has contravened any term or condition of the licence or any provision of this Act or any rule made thereunder, or
(iv) the applicant does not fulfil the prescribed conditions.

(8) Every order granting or rejecting an application for the grant or renewal of a licence shall be made in writing.
(9) Nothing in the foregoing sub-sections shall apply in relation to vermin.

**COMMENTS**

Section 44 prohibit any dealing in trophies without a licence; Pyarelal v. State (*Delhi Administration*), AIR 1995 SC 1159.

**45. Suspension or cancellation of licences.**- Subject to any general or special order of the State Government, the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer may, for reason to be recorded by him in writing suspend or cancel any licence granted or renewed under section 44:

Provided that no such suspension or cancellation shall be made except after giving the holder of the licence a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

**46. Appeal.**-

(1) As appeal from an order refusing to grant a renew a licence under section 44 or an order suspending or cancelling a licence under section 45 shall lie-

(a) if the order is made by the authorised officer, to the Chief Wild Life Warden; or
(b) if the order is made by the Chief Wild Life Warden, to the State Government.

(2) In the case of an order passed by the Chief Wild Life Warden under clause (a) of sub-section (1), a second appeal shall lie to the State Government.

(3) Subject as aforesaid,every order passed in appeal under this section shall be final.

(4) An appeal under this section shall be preferred within thirty days from the date of communication, to the applicant, of the order appealed against:

Provided that the appellate authority may admit any appeal preferred after the expiry of the period aforesaid if it is satisfied that the order appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal in time.

**47. Maintenance of records.**-A licensee under this Chapter shall-
(a) keep records and submit such returns of his dealings, as may be prescribed,—

(i) to the Director or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf, and
(ii) to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer; and

(b) make such records available on demand for inspection by such officers.

48. Purchase of animal, etc., by licensee.- No licensee under this Chapter shall -

(a) keep in this control, custody or possession,—

(i) any animal, animal articles, trophy or uncured trophy in respect of which a decision under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 44 has to be made but has not been made;
(ii) any animal or animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat which has not been lawfully acquired under the provisions of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder;

(b) (i) capture any wild animal, or
(ii) acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody or possession, or sell, offer for sale or transport, any captive animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II or any animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat derived therfrom or serve such meat, or put under a process of taxidermy or make animal article containing part or whole of such animal, except in accordance with such rules as may be made under this Act:

Provided that where the acquisition or possession, control or custody of such animal or animal article, trophy or uncured trophy entails the transfer or transport from one State to another, no such transfer or transport shall be effected except with the previous permission in writing of the Director or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf:

Provided further that no such permission under the foregoing proviso shall be granted unless the Director or the officer authorised by him is satisfied that the animal or article aforesaid has been lawfully acquired.
1[48A. Restriction on transportation of wild life.- No person shall accept any wild animal (other than vermin), or any animal article, or any specified plant or part of derivative thereof, for transportation except after exercising due care to ascertain that permission from the Chief Wild life Warden or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf has been obtained for such transportation.]

49. Purchase of captive animal, etc., by a person other than licensee.- No person shall purchase, receive or acquire any captive animal, wild animal, other than vermin, or any animal article, trophy, uncurled trophy or meat derived therefrom otherwise than from a dealer or from a person authorised to sell or otherwise transfer the same under this Act:

2[Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to a recognised zoo subject to the provisions of section 38I or to public museum.]

3[CHAPTER VA

PROHIBITION OF TRADE OR COMMERCE IN TROPHIES, ANIMAL ARTICLES, ETC. DERIVED FROM CERTAIN ANIMALS

49A. Definitions.- In this Chapter,-

(b) "scheduled animal article" means an article made from any scheduled animal and includes an article or object in which the whole or any part of such animal has been used but does not include tail feather of peacock, an article or trophy made therefrom and snake venom or its derivative;]

(c) "specified date" means-

(i) in relation to a scheduled animal on the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1986, the date of expiry of two months from such commencement; 2[* * *]

(ii) in relation to any animal adding or transferred to Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II at any time after such commencement, the date of expiry of two months from such addition or transfer; 3[(iii) in relation to ivory imported into India or an article made from such ivory, the date of expiry of six months from the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1991.]

49B. Prohibition of dealings in trophies, animal articles, etc., derived from schedule animals.-

(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, on and after the specified date, no person shall,-
(a) commence or carry on the business as-

(i) a manufacturer of, or dealer in scheduled animal articles; or 4[(ia) a dealer in ivory imported into India or articles made therefrom or a manufacturer of such articles; or (ii) a taxidermist with respect to any scheduled animals or any parts of such animals; or (iii) a dealer in trophy or uncured trophy derived from any scheduled animal; or (iv) a dealer in any captive animals being scheduled animals; or (v) a dealer in meat derived from any scheduled animal; or

(b) cook serve meat derived from any schedule animal in eating-house.

Explanation.-For the purposes of this sub-section, "eating-house" has the same meaning as the Explanation below sub-section (1) of section 44.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, no licence granted or renewed under section 44 before the specified date shall entitle the holder thereof or any other person to commence or carry on the business referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of this section or occupation referred to in clause (b) of the sub-section date.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) where the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, it may, by general or special order published in the official Gazette, exempt, for purposes of export, any corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government (including a Government company within the meaning of section 617 of the companies Act, 1956 (1 to 1956) or any society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) or any other law for the time being in force, wholly or substantially financed by the Central Government from the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2).

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), but subject to any rules which may be made in this behalf, a person holding a licence under section 44 to carry on the business as a taxidermist may put under a process of taxidermy any scheduled animal or any part thereof,-

(a) for or on behalf of the Government or any corporation or society exempted under sub-section (3), or (b) With the previous authorisation in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden, for and on behalf of any person for educational or scientific purposes.
49C. Declaration by dealers.-

(1) Every person carrying on the business or occupation referred to in sub-section (1) of section 49B shall, within thirty days from the specified date, declare to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer,-

(a) his stocks, if any, as at the end of the specified date of-

(i) scheduled animal articles;
(ii) scheduled animals and parts thereof;
(iii) trophies and uncured trophies derived from scheduled animals;
(iv) captive animals, being scheduled animals;
1[(v) ivory imported into India or articles made therefrom;]

(b) the place or places at which the stocks mentioned in the declaration are kept; and
(c) the description of such items, if any, of the stocks mentioned in the declaration which he desires to retain with himself for his bona fide personal use.

(2) On receipt of a declaration under sub-section (1), the person making the declaration under sub-section (1), the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer may take all or any of the measures specified in section 41 and for this purpose the provisions of section 41 shall so far as may be, apply.

(3) Where, in a declaration made under sub-section (1), the person making the declaration expresses his desire to retain with himself any of the items of the stocks specified in the declaration for his bona fide use, the Chief Wild Life Warden, with the prior approval of the Director, may, if he is satisfied that the person is in lawful possession of such items, issue certificates of ownership in favour of such person with respect to all, or as the case may be, such of the items as in the opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden, are required for the bona fide personal use of such person and affix upon such items identification marks in such manner as may be prescribed:
Provided that no such item shall be kept in any commercial premises.

(4) No person shall obliterate or counterfeit any identification mark referred to in sub-section (3).

(5) An appeal shall lie against any refusal to grant certificate of ownership under sub-section (3) and the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of section 46 shall, so far as may be, apply in relation to appeals under this sub-section.

(6) Where a person who has been issued a certificate of ownership under sub-section (3) in respect of any item,-

(a) transfers such item of any person, whether by way of gift, sale or otherwise, or
(b) transfers or transports from the State in which he reside to another State any such item, he shall, within thirty days of such transfer or transport, report the transfer or transport to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer within jurisdiction the transfer or transport is effected.

(7) No person, other than a person who has been issued a certificate of ownership under sub-section (3) shall, on and after the specified date, keep under his control, sell or offer for sale or transfer to any person 1[any scheduled animal or a scheduled animal article or ivory imported into India or any article made therefrom].]

CHAPTER VI

PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF OFFENCE

50. Power of entry, search, arrest and detention.-

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Director or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf or the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer or any forest officer or any police officer not below the rank of a sub-inspector, may, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that any person has committed an offence against this Act,-

(a) require any such person to produce for inspection any captive animal, wild animal, animal article, meat, 2[trophy, uncured trophy-specified plant or part or derivative thereof] in his control, custody or possession, or any licence, permit or other document granted to him or required to be kept by him under the provisions of this Act;
(b) stop any vehicle in order to conduct search or inquiry or enter upon and search any premises, land, vehicle or vessel, in the occupation of such person, and open and search any baggage or other things in his possession;
2[(c) seize any captive animal, wild animal, animal article, meat, trophy or uncured trophy, or any specified plant or part or derivative thereof, in respect of which an offence against this Act appears to have been committed, in the possession of any person together trap, tool, vehicle, vessel or weapon used for committing any such offence and, unless he is satisfied that such person will appear and answer any charge which may be}
preferred against him, arrest him without warrant, and detain him:

Provided that where a fisherman residing within ten kilometres of a sanctuary or National Park, inadvertently enters on a boat, not used for commercial fishing, in the territorial waters in that sanctuary or National Park, a fishing tackle or net on such boat shall not be seized.]

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(3) It shall be lawful for any of the officers referred to in sub-section (1) to stop and detain any person, whom he sees doing any act for which a licence or permit is required under the provisions of this Act, for the purposes of requiring such person to produce the licence or permit and if such person fails to produce the licence or permit, as the case may be, he may be arrested without warrant, unless he furnishes his name and address, and otherwise satisfies the officer arresting him that he will duly answer any summons or other proceedings which may be taken against him.

2[(3A) Any officer of rank not inferior to that of an Assistant Director of Wild Life Preservation or Wild Life Warden, who, or whose subordinate, has seized any captive animal or wild animal under clause (c) of sub-section (1) may give the same for custody on the execution by any person of a bond for the production of such animal if and when so required, before the Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the offence on account of which the seizure has been made.]

(4) Any person detained, or things seized under the foregoing power, shall forthwith be taken before a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

(5) Any person who, without reasonable cause, fails to produce anything, which he is required to produce under this section, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(6)(a) Where any [meat, uncured trophy, specified plant, or part or derivative thereof] is seized under the provisions of this section, the Assistant Director of Wild Life Preservation or any other officer of gazetted rank authorised by him in this behalf or the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer may arrange for the sale of the same and deal with the proceeds of sale in such manner as may be prescribed.

(b) Where it is proved that the [meat, uncured trophy, specified plant, or part of derivative thereof] seized under the provisions of this section is not Government property, the proceeds of the sale shall be returned to the owner.

(7) Whenever any person is approached by any of the officers referred to in sub-section (1) for assistance in the prevention or detection of an offence against this Act, or in apprehending person charged with the violation of this Act, or for seizure in accordance with clause (c) of sub-section (1), it shall be the duty of such person or persons to render such assistance.

2[(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, any officer not below the rank of an Assistant Director
of Wild Life Preservation or Wild Life Warden shall have the powers, for purposes of making investigation into any offence against any provision of this Act,-

(a) to issue a search warrant;

(b) to enforce the attendance of witnesses;

(c) to compel the discovery and production of documents and material objects; and

(d) to receive and record evidence.

(9) Any evidence recorded under clause (d) of sub-section (8) shall be admissible in any subsequent trial before a Magistrate provided that it has been taken in the presence of the accused person.]

51. Penalties.-

(1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act or any rule order and made thereunder or who commits a breach of any of the conditions of any licence or permit granted under this Act, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that where the offence committed is in relation to any animal specified in Schedule I or part II or meat of any such animal or animal article, trophy or uncured trophy derived from such animal or where the offence relates to hunting in, or altering the boundaries of] a sanctuary or a National Park, such offence shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but may extend to six years and also with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees:]

[Provided further that in the case of a second or subsequent offence of the nature mentioned in this sub-section, the term of imprisonment may extend to six years and shall not be less than two years and the amount of fine shall not be less than ten thousand rupees.]

9[(1A) Any person who contravenes any provisions of Chapter VA, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and also with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees.]

10[(1B) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 38J shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to
six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both:

Provided that in the case of a second or subsequent offence the term of imprisonment may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.]

(2) When any person is convicted of an offence against this Act, the court trying the offence may order that any captive animal, wild animal, animal article, trophy, 2[uncured trophy, meat, ivory imported into India or an article made from ivory, any specified plant, or part or derivative thereof] in respect of which the offence has been committed, and any trap, tool, vehicle, vessel or weapon, used in the commission of the said offence be forfeited to the State Government and that any licence or permit, held by such person under the provisions of this Act, be cancelled.

(3) Such cancellation of licence or permit or such forfeiture shall be in addition to any other punishment that may be awarded for such offence.

(4) Where any person is convicted of an offence against this Act, the court may direct that the licence, if any, granted to such person under the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1954), for possession of any arm with which an offence against this Act has been committed, shall be cancelled and that such person shall not be eligible for a licence under the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1954), for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

1[(5) Nothing contained in section 360 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) or in the Probation of offenders Act, 1958 (20 of 1958) shall apply to a person convicted of an offence with respect to hunting in a sanctuary or a National Park or of an offence against any provision of Chapter VA unless such person is under eighteen years of age.]

**COMMENTS**

(i) The accused was convicted for possession of lion shaped trophies of Chinkara skins meant for sale without licence. But there was no evidence whatsoever as to when the accused came into possession of these trophies. The proviso to section 51 of the Act providing minimum sentence of 6 months is not attracted; Pyarelal v.State (Delhi Administration), AIR 1995 SC 1159.

(ii) To convict a person under the Act, it is necessary to prove that he had either killed or attempted to kill one of the animals or birds mentioned in the Schedules. It is no offence for a person holding a licence to go about with a gun in his possession; Batan Singh v. Emperor, 29 Cri LJ 238 (Lah).
52. **Attempted and abetment.**—Whoever attempts to contravene, or abets the contravention of, any of the provisions of this Act or of any rule or order made thereunder shall be deemed to have contravened that provision or rule or order, as the case may be.

53. **Punishment for wrongful seizure.**—If any person, exercising powers under this Act, vexatiously and unnecessarily seizes the property of any other person on the pretence of seizing it for the reasons mentioned in section 50, he shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

54. **Power to compound offence.**

(1) **The Central Government may,** by notification, empower the Director of Wild Life Preservation or any other officer and the State Government, may, by notification, empower the Chief Wild Life Warden or any officer of a rank not inferior to that of Deputy Conservator of Forests,—

(a) to accept, from any person against whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed an offence against this Act, payment of a sum of money by way of composition of the offence which such person is suspected to have committed; and

(b) when any property has been seized is liable to be forfeited, to release the same on payment of the value thereof as estimated by such officer.

(2) On payment of such sum of money or such value, or both, as the case may be, to such officer, the suspected person, if in custody, shall be discharged, and the property, other than Government property, if any, seized, shall be released and no further proceedings in respect of the offence shall be taken against such person.

(3) The officer compounding any offence may order the cancellation of any licence or permit granted under this Act to the offender, or if not empowered to do so, may approach an officer so empowered, for the cancellation of such licence or permit.

(4) The sum of money accepted or agreed to be accepted as composition under clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall, in no case, exceed the sum of two thousand rupees:

Provided that no offence, for which a minimum period of imprisonment has been prescribed in sub-section (1) of section 51, shall be compounded.
55. Cognizance of offences.- No court shall take cognizance of any offence against this Act except on the complaint of any person other than-

(a) the Director of Wild Life Preservation or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the Central Government; or

(b) the Chief Wild Life Warden, or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the State Government; or

(c) any person who has given notice of not less than sixty days, in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and of his intention to make a complaint to the Central Government or the State Government or the officer authorised as aforesaid.]

56. Operation of other laws not barred.- Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prevent any person from being prosecuted under any other law for time being in force, for any act or omission which constitutes an offence against this Act or from being liable under such other law to any higher punishment or penalty than that provided by this Act:

Provided that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

57. Presumption to be made in certain cases.- Where, in any prosecution for an offence against this Act, it is established that a person is in possession, custody or control of any captive animal, animal article, meat, [trophy, uncured trophy, specified plant, or part or derivative thereof] it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, the burden of proving which shall lie on the accused, that such person is in unlawful possession, custody or control of such captive animal, animal article, meat [trophy, uncured trophy, specified plant, or part or derivative thereof].

58. Offences by companies.-

(1) Where an offence against this Act has been committed by a company, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company as well as company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an
offence against this Act has been committed by a company and it
proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or
connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any
director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such
director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also be deemed to
be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against
and punished accordingly.

Explanations.- For the purposes of this section,-

(a) "company" means any body corporate and includes a firm or other
association of individuals; and

(b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

CHAPTER VII

MISCELLANEOUS

59. Officers to be public servants.- Every officer referred to 1[in
Chapter II and the chairperson, members, member-secretary and
other officers and employees referred to in Chapter IVA] and every
other officer exercising any of the powers conferred by this Act shall be
deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the
Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860).

60. Protection of action taken in good faith.-

(1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any
officer or other employee of the Central Government or the State
Government of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be
done under this Act.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central
Government or the State Government or any of its officers or other
employees for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything
which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

2[(3) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Authority
referred to in Chapter IV A and its chairperson, members,, member-
secretary, officers and other employees for anything which is in good
faith done or intended to be done under this Act.]

3[60A. Reward to persons.-

(1) When a court imposes a sentence of fine or a sentence of which
fine forms a part, the court may, when passing judgement, order that
the reward be paid a person who renders assistance in the detection of
the offence or the apprehension of the offenders out of the proceeds of
fine not exceeding twenty percent. of fine.
(2) When a case is compounded under section 54, the officer compounding may order reward to be paid to a person who renders assistance in the detection of the offence or the apprehension of the offenders out of the sum of money accepted by way of composition not exceeding twenty percent. of such money.

61. Power to alter entries in Schedules.-

(1) The Central Government may, if it is of opinion that it is expedient so to do, by notification, "[add or delete any entry to or from any Schedule] or transfer any entry from one part of Schedule to another Part of the same Schedule or from one Schedule to another.

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(3) On the issue of a notification under sub-section (1) 6[* * *] the relevant Schedule shall be deemed to be altered accordingly, provided that every such alteration shall be without prejudice to anything done or omitted to be done before such alteration.

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62. Declaration of certain wild animals to be vermin.- 2[The Central Government] may, by notification, declare any wild animal other than those specified in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II to be vermin for any area and for such period as may be specified therein and so long as such notification is in force, such wild animal shall be deemed to have been included in Schedule V.

63. Power of Central Government to make rules.- 3[(1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) conditions and other matters subject to which a licensee may keep any specified plant in his custody or possession under section 17F;

(b) the salaries and allowances and other conditions of appointment of chairperson, members and member-secretary under sub-section (5) of section 38B;

(c) the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees of the Central Zoo Authority under sub-section (7) of section 38B;

(d) the form in which the annual statement of accounts of the Central Zoo Authority shall be prepared under sub-section (4) of section 38E;]
(e) the form in which and the time at which the annual reports of the Central Zoo Authority shall be prepared under section 38F;

(f) the form in which and the ice required to be paid with the application for recognition of a zoo under sub-section (2) of section 38H;

(g) the standards, norms and other matters to be considered for granting recognition under sub-section (4) of section 38H;

(h) the form in which declaration shall be made under sub-section (2) of section 44;

(i) the matters to be prescribed under clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 44;

(j) the terms and conditions which shall govern transactions referred to in clause (b) of section 48;

(k) the manner in which notice may be given by a person under clause (c) of section 55;

(l) the manner specified in sub-section (2) of section 64 in so far as they relate to sanctuaries and National Parks declared by the Central Government.

(2) Every rule made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should be made, the rule shall be thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

64. Power of State Government to make rules.-

(1) State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act in respect of matters which do not fall within the purview of section 63.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rule may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) the term of office of the members of the Board referred to in clause (g)
of sub-section (1) of section 6 and the manner of filling
vacancies among them;

(b) allowances referred to in sub-section(4) of section 6;

(c) the forms to be used for any application, certificate,
claim, declaration, licence, permit, registration, return or
other document, made, granted or submitted under the
provisions of this Act and the fees, if any, therefor;

(d) the conditions subject to which any licence or permit
may be granted under this Act;

(e) the particulars of the record of wild animals
(captured or killed) to be kept and submitted by the
licensee;

1[(ee) the manner in which measures for immunisation
of live-stock shall be taken;]

(f) regulation of the possession, transfer and the sale of
captive animals, meat, animal articles, trophies and
uncured trophies;

(g) regulation of taxidermy;

(h) any other matter which has to be, or may be
prescribed under this Act.

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65. Rights of Scheduled Tribes to be protected.- Nothing in this Act shall affect
the hunting rights conferred on the Scheduled Tribes of the Nicobar Islands in the
Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands by notification of the Andaman and

66. Repeal and savings.-

(1) As from the commencement of this Act, every other Act relating to any matter
contained this Act and in force in a State shall, to the extent to which that Act or any
provision contained therein corresponds, or is repugnant, to this Act or any provision
contained in this Act, stand repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not,-

(i) affect the previous operation of the Act so repealed, or anything
duly done or suffered thereunder;

(ii) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability aquired, accrued or
incurred under the Act so repealed;
(iii) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against the Act so repealed; or

(iv) affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid; and any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture and punishment may be imposed, as if the aforesaid Act had not been repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal,-

(a) anything done or any action taken under the Act so repealed (including any notification, order, certificate, notice or receipt issued, application made, or permit granted) which is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act, as if this Act were in force at the time such thing was done or action was taken, and and shall continue to be in force, unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under this Act;

(b) every licence granted under any Act so repealed and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been granted under the corresponding provisions of this Act and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, continue to be in force for the unexpired portion of the period for which such licence had been granted.

(3) For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that any sanctuary or National Park declared by a State Government under any Act repealed under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be a sanctuary or National Park, as the case may be, declared by the State Government under this Act and where any right in or over any land in any such National Park which had not been extinguished under the said Act, at or before the commencement of this Act, the extinguishment of such rights shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(4) For the removal of doubts, it is hereby further declared that where any proceeding under any provision of sections 19 to 25 (both inclusive) is pending on the date of commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) (Amendment) Act, 1991 any reserve forest or a part of territorial waters comprised within a sanctuary declared under section 18 to be a sanctuary before the date of such commencement shall be deemed to be a sanctuary declared under section 26A.

(See secs. 2, 8, 9, 11, 40, 41, 48, 51, 61 and 62)

PART I

Mammals

1[Andaman Wild pig(Sus soeofo andamanensis)]
2[1-A. Bharal (ovisnohura)]
2[1-B. Binturong (Arctictis binturong)]
2. Black Buck (Antelope cervicapra)
2[2-A. * * *]
3. Brow-antlered Deer or Thamin (Cervus eldi)
3[3-A. Himachal Brown bear (Ursus Arctos)]
1[3-B. Capped Langur (Presbytis pileatus)]
4. Caracal (Felis caracal)
2[4-A. Catecean specils]
5. Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus)
4[5-A. Chinese Pangolin (Mainis pentadactyla)]
1[5-B. Chinkara or Indian Gazelle (Gazella gazella bennetti)]
6. Clouded Leopard (Neofelis nebulosa)
2[6-A. Crab-eating Macaque (Macaca irus umbrosa)]
2[6-B. Desert Cat (Felis libyca)]
3[6-C. Deser fox (Vulpes bucapus)]
7. Dugong (Dugong dugon)
2[7-A. Ermine (Mustele erminea)]
8. Fishing Cat (Felis viverrina)]
1[8-A. Four-horned antelope (Tetraceross quadricornis)]
2[8-B. * * *]
3[8-C. * * *]
3[8-D. Gangetic dolphin (Platanista gangetica)]
3[8-E. Gaur or Indian bison (Bos gaurus)]
9. Golden Cat (Felis temmincki)
10. Golden Langur (Presbytis geei)

3[10-A. Giant squirrel (Ratufa macroura)]

3[10-B. Himalayan Ibex (Capra ibex)]

1[10-C. Himalayan Tahr (Hemitragus jemlachius)]

11. Hispid Hare (Caprolagus hispidus)

1[11-A. Hog badger (Arconyx collaris)]

12. Hoolock (Hylabates hoolock)

2[12-A. * * *]

1[12-B. Indian Elephant (Elephas maximus)]

13. Indian Lion (Panthera leo persica)

14. Indian Wild Ass (Equus hemionus Khur)

3[15. Indian Wolf (Canis lupas pallipes)]

16. Kashmir Stag (Cervus elaphus hanglu)

2[16-A. Leaf Monkey (Presbytis phayrei)]

2[16-B. Leopard or Panther (Panthera pardus)]

17. Leopard Cat (Felis bengalensis)

18. Lesser or Red Panda (Ailurus fulgens)

19. Lion-tailed Macaque (Macaca silenus)

20. Loris (Loris tardigradus)

1[(20-A. Little Indian Porpoise (Neomeris phocenoides)]

21. Lynx (Felix lynx isabellinus)

22. Malabar Civet (Viverra megaspila)

1[22-A. Malay or Sun Bear (Helarctos malayanus)]

23. Marbled Cat (Felis marmorata)

24. Markhor (Capra falconeri)
4[24-A. Mouse Deer (Tragulus memminna)]
25. Musk Deer (Moschus moschiferus)
1[25-A. Nilgiri Lungur (Presbytis johni)]
1[(25-B. Nilgiri Tahr (Hermitragus hylocrius)]
26. Nyan or Great Tibetan Sheep (Ovis ammon hodgsoni)
27. Palla's Cat (Felis manul)
28. Pangolin (Manis crassicaudata)
29. Pygmy Hog (Sus salvanius)
2[29-A. Ratel (Mellivora capensis)]
30. Rhinoceros (Rhinoceros unicornis)
31. Rusty spotted Cat (Felis rubiginosa)
4(31-A. Serow (Capricornis sumatraensis)
1[31-B. Clawless Otter (Aonyx cinerea)]
1[31-C. Sloth Bear (Melursus ursinus)]
32. Slow Loris (Nycticebus couceang)
1[32-A. Small Travencore Flying Squirrel (Petinomys fuscocapillus)]
33. Snow Leopard (Panthera uncia)
1[33-A. Snubfin Dolphin (Oreaella brevezastris)]
34. Spotted Linsang (Prionodon paradicolor)
35. Swamp Deer (All sub-species of Cervus duvaucell)
36. Takin or Mishmi Takin (Budorcas taxicolor)
1[36-A. Tibetan Antelope or Chiru (Panthelops hodgsoni)]
1[36-B. Tibetan Fox (Vulpes ferrilatus)]
37. Tibetan Gazelle (Procapra picticaudata)
38. Tibetan Wild Ass (Equus hemionus kiang)
39. Tiger (Panthera tigris)
40. Urial or Shapu (Ovis vignei)
41. Wild Buffalo (Bubalus bubalis)
2[41-A. Wild Yak (Bos grunniens)]
1[41-B. Tibetan Wolf (Canis lupus chanco)]

PART II

Amphibians and Reptiles

2[1. Agra Monitor Lizard [Varanus griseus (Daudin)]
3[1-A. * * *]
1[1-B. Audithia Turtle (Pelochelys bibroni)]
1[1-C. Barred, Oval, or Yellow Monitor Lizard (Varanus flavescens)]
1[1-D. Crocodiles (Including the Estuarine or salt water crocodile) (Crocodilus porosus and Crocodilus palustris)]
1[1-E. Terrapin (Batagur basika)]
1-F. Eastern Hill Terrapin (Melanochelys tricarinata)
2. Gharial (Gravialis gangeticus)
4[3. Ganges Soft-shelled Turtle (Trionyx gangeticus)]
1[3-A. Golden Gecko (Caloductyloides aureus)]
4. Green Sea Turtle (Chelonia Mydas)
5. Hawksbill Turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata inlscata)
1[6. * * *]
7. Indian Egg-eating Snake (Elachistodon westermanni)
8. Indian Soft-shelled Turtle (Lissemys punctata punctata)
9. Indian Tent Turtle (Kachuga tecta tecta)
9-A. Kerala Forest Terrapin (Hoesemy sylratica)
10. Large Bengal Monitor Lizard (Varanus bengalensis)
11. Leathery Turtle (Dermochelys coriacea)
12. Logger Head Turtle (Caretta caretta)
13. Olive Back Logger Head Turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea)
14. Peocock-marked Soft-shelled Turtle (Trionyx hurum)
1[14-A. Pythons (Genus Python)]
1[14-B. Sail terrapin (Kachuga Kachuga)]
14-C. Spotted black Terrapin (Geoclemys hamiltoni)
2[15. * * *]
2[16. * * *]
2[17. * * *]
3[17-A. Water Lizard (Varanus salvator)

**PART IIIA**

**Fishes**

[1. Whole shark (Rhincodar typus]
s[2. Shark & Ray (All Elasmobranchio]
3. Sea horse (All Sygnathidiang)
4. Giant Grouper (Epinephelus larceolatus)

**PART III**

**Birds**

4[1. Andaman Teal (Anas gibberifrons allagularis)]
1-A. Assam Bamboo Partidge (Bambusicola fytchii)
3[1-B. Bazas (Aviceda jeordone and Aviceda leuphotes)]
2[1-C. Bengal Florican (Eupodotis bengalensis)]
1-D. Black-necked Crane (Grus nigricollis)
1. E. Blood Pheasants (Itaginis cruentus tibetanus, Ithagins Cruentus kuseri)

2. Cheer Pheasant (Catreus wallichii)

2[2-A. Eastern White Stork (Ciconia boyciana)]

2[2-B. Forest-spotted Owlet (Athene blewitti)]

2[2-C. Frogmouth (Genus batrachostomus)]

3. Great Indian Bustard (Choriotis nigriceps)

4. Great Indian Hornbill (Buceros bicornis)

2[4-A. Hawks (Accipitridae)]

3[4-B. Hooded Crane (Grus monacha)]

3[4-C. Hornbills (Ptilolaemus tickelli austeni, Aceros nipalensis, undulatus ticehursti)]

1[4-D. Houbara Bustard (Chlamydotis undulata)]

1[4-F. Indian Pied Hornbill (Anthracoceros malabaricus)]

5. Jerdon's Courser (Cursoritus bitorquatus)

6. Lammergier (Gypaetus barbatus)

7. Large Falcons (Falco peregrinus, Falco biarmicus and Falco chicuera)

1[7-A. Large Whistling Teal (Anatidae)]

2[7-B. Lesser Florican (Syopeotides indica)]

2[7-C. Monal Pheasants (Lophophorus impeyanus, Lophophorus Sclateri)]

8. Mountain Quail (Ophrysia supercillosa)

9. Narcondam Hornbill [Rhyticeros (undulatus) narcondami]

2[9-A. * * *]

10. Nicobar Megapode (Magapodius freycinet)
10-A. Nicobar Pigeon (Caloenas nicobarica pelewensis)
10-B. Osprey or Fish-eating Eagle (Pandion haliaetus)
10-C. Peacock Pheasants (Polyplectron bicalcaratum)
11. Peafowl (Pavo cristatus)
12. Pink-headed Duck (Rhodonessa caryophyllacea)
13. Scatter's Monal (Lophophorus sclateri)
14. Siberian White Crane (Grus leucogeranus)

3-A. * * *

14-B. Tibetan Snow-Cock (Tetraogallus tibetanus)

15. Tragopan Pheasants (Tragopan melanocephalus Tragopan blythi, Tragopan satyra, Tragopan temminckii)
16. White-bellied Sea Eagle (Haliaetus leucogaster)
17. White-eared Pheasant (Crossoptilon crossoptilon)

2-A. White Spoonbill (Platalea leucorodia)

18. White-winged Wood Duck (Cairina scutulata)

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**PART IV**

**Crustacea and Insects**

2. Butterflies and Moths

**Family Amathusidae**
- Discophora deo deo: Duffer, banded
- Discophora sondaica muscina: Duffer, common
- Faunis fauula faunuloides: Pallid fauna

**Family Danaidae**
- Danaus gautama gautamoides: Tigers
- Euploea crameri nicevillei: Crow, spotted Black
- Euploea midamus roepstorfti: Crow, Blue-spotted

**Family Lycaenidae**
- Allotinus drumila: Darkie, crenulate/Great
- Allotinus fabius penormis: Angled darkie
- Amblopala avidiena: Hairstreak, Chinese
- Amblypodia ace arata: Leaf Blue
Amblypodia alea constanceae
Amblypodia ammonariel
Amblypodia arvina ardea
Amblypodia asopia
Amblypodia comica
Amblypodia palaprima
Amblypodia zeta

**Biduanda Melisa Cyana**
Biduanda melisa cyana
Callophrys leechi
Castalius rosimon alaebus
Charana cepheis
Chiloria othona
Deudoryx epijaras amatius
Everes morei
Gerydus biggsii
Gerydus symethus diopeithes
Heliophorus hybrida
Horaga albimacula
Jamides ferrari
Liphyra brassolis
Listeria dudgenni
Logania Watsoniana subfasciata
Lycaenopsis binghami
Lycaenopsis haraldus ananga
Lycaenopsis puspa prominens
Lycaenopsis quadriplaga dohertyi
Nacaduba noreia hampsoni
Polymmatus oritulus leela
Pratapa Icetas mishmia
Simiskina phalena harterti
Sinthusa Virgo
Spindasis elwesi
Spindasis rukmini
Strymoni mackwoodi
Tajuria ister
Tajuria luculentus nela
Tajuria yajna yajna
Thecla ataxus zulla
Thecla bleti mendera
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Polydorus hector
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Polydorus polla

**Family Pleridae**
Aporia harrietae harrietae
Baltia butleri sikkima
Colias colias thrisibuclus
Colias dubi
Delias samaca
Pieris krueperi devta

**Family Satyriidae**
Coelitis mothis adamsoni
Cyliogenes janetae
Elymnias peali
Elymnias penanga chilensis
Erebia annada annada
Erebia nara singha nara singha
Lethe, distans
Lethe dura gammiel
Lethe europa tamuna
Lethe gemina gafuri
Lethe guluihal guluihal
Lethe margaritae
Lethe ocellata lyncus
Lethe ramadeva
Lethe satyabati
Mycalesis orseis nautilus
Parage menava maeroides
Ypthima dohertyi persimillis

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1[A. Coconut or Robber Crabe
(Bigrus latro)]

1[2. Dragon Fly (Epioplebia laidlawi)]

**SCHEDULE II**

(See secs. 2, 8, 9, [* * *], 11, 40, 41, 48, 51, 61 and 62)

2[* * *]
PART I

1. * * *

3[1-A. Assamese macaque (Macaca assamensis)]

4[2. Bengal Porcupine (Atherurus mecrourus assamensis)]

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3[3-A. Bonnet macaque (Macaca radiata)]

4[3-B. * * *]

5[3-C. Catatean spp. (other than those listed in Sch. I and Sch. II, part II)]

4[4. * * *]

3[4-A. Common langur (Presbytis entellus)]

1[5. * * *]

2[6. * * *]

7. Ferret Badgers (Melogale moschata, Melogale personata)

2[8. * * *]

2[9. * * *]

2[10. * * *]

11. Himalayan Crestless Porcupine (Hystrix hodgsoni)

3[11-A. Himalayan Newtor Salamander (Tyletotriton verrucusus)]

1[12. * * *]

1[13. * * *]

1[14. * * *]

2[15. * * *]

16. Pig-tailed macaque (Macaca nemestrina)

2[17. * * *]
2[17-A. Rhesus macaque (Macaca mulatta)

1[18. * * *]

19. Stump-tailed macaque (Macaca speciosa)

1[20. * * *]

21. * * *

22. Wild dog or dhole (Cuon alpinus)

1[23. * * *]

2[24. Chameleon (Chameleon calcaratus)]

25. Spiny-tailed Lizard or Sanda (Uromastix hardwickii)

PART II

1[1.] Beetles

Family Carabidae
Agonotrechus andrewesi Calathus amaroides
Amara brucei Callistominus belli
Amara eleganfula Chlaenius championi
Brachius atripennis Chlaenius kanarae
Brososoma gracile Chlaenius masoni
Brosous bipillifer Chlaenius nilgiricus
Broter ovicollis

Family Chrysomelidae
Acrocrypta rotundata Thauria allris amplifascia
Bimala indica
Clitea indica
Gopala pita Family Danaidae
Griva cyanipennis Euploea melanaleuca
Nisotra cardoni Euploea midamus rogenhofer
Nisotra madurensis
Nisotra nigripennis Family Erycinidae
Nisotra semicoerulea Abisara kausambi
Nisotra striatipennis Dodona adonira
Nonarthra patkaia Dodona dipoea
Psylliodes plana Dodona egeon
Psylliodes shira Libythea lepita
Sebaethe cervina
Sebaethe patkaia Family Hesperiidae

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Sphaeroderma brevicorne  
Bebasa sena  
**Family Cucujidae**  
Carinophlocua raffrayi  
Cucujus bicolor  
Cucujus grouvelle  
Cucujus imperialis  
Heterojinus semilaetaneus  
Laemophloeus belli  
Laemophloeus incertus  
Pediaucus rufipes  
Amblypodia apidanus ahamus  
**Family Inopeplidae**  
Inopephus albonotalus  
Amblypodia camdeo  
**Family Amathueidae**  
Aemona amathusia amarthusia  
Aemona phidippus andamanicus  
Amathuxida amythaon amythaon  
Discophora deo deodoides  
Discophora lepida lepida  
Discophora timora andamanensis  
Enispe cycnus  
Faunis sumeus assama  
Sticopthalma nourmahal  
Artipe erynx  
Bindahara phocides  
Bothrinia chennellia  
Castalius roxus manluena  
Catapoecilma delicatum  
Catapoecilma elegans myositina  
Charana jalindra  
Cheritrella truncipennis  
Chiliaria kina  
Deudoryx hypargyria gaetulia  
Enchrysops cnejus  
Everes diporoides  
Everes kala  
Helipphorus androcles moorei  
Horage onyx  
Horage viola  
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Baoris phidippina  
Halpe homolea  
Family Lycaenidae  
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Amblypodia agrata  
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Amblypodia bazaloides  
Amblypodia ellisi  
Amblypodia fulla ignara  
Amblypodia genesa watsoni  
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Amblypodia paralea  
Amblypodia silhetensis  
Amblypodia suffusa suffusa  
Amblypodia yendava  
Apharitis lilacinus  
Araotes lapithis  
Orthomiella pontis  
Pitheops fulgens  
Polymmatus devanica devanica  
Polymmatus metallica metallica  
Polymmatus orbitulus jaloka  
Polymmatus yeonghusbandi  
Poritia erycinoides elsiei  
Poritia hewitsoni  
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Pratapa bhetes  
Pratapa blanka  
Pratapa deva  
Pratapa icetas  
Rapala buxaria  
Rapala chandrana chandrana  
Rapala nasaka  
Rapala refulgens  
Rapala rubida  
Rapala scintilla
Jamides alectokandulana
Jamides celeodus pura
Jamides coeruler
Jamides kankena
Lampides boeticus
Lilacea albocaerulea
Lilacea atroguttata
Lilacea lilacea
Lilacea melaena
Lilacea minima
Logania massalia
Lycaenesthes lycaenina
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Nacaduba aluta coelestis
Nacaduba ancrya aberrans
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Nacaduba helicon
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**Family Nymphalidae**

Adolias cyanipardus
Adolias dirtea
Adolias khasia
Apartura chevana
Apartura parvata

Rapala sphinx sphinx
Rapala varuna
Spindasis elimia elimia
Spindasis lohita
Spindasis nipalicus
Suasa lisides
Surendra todra
Tajuria albiplaga
Tajuria cippus cippus
Tajuria culta
Tajuria diaeus
Tajuria illurgiodes
Tajuria illurgis
Tajuria jangala andamanica
Tajuria melastigma
Tajuria sebonga
Tajuria thyia
Tajuria yajna istroides
Tarucus callinara
Tarucus dharta
Thaduka multicaudata kanara
Eriboea delphis
Eriboea dolen
Eriboea harcorea lissainei
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Euripus halitherses
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Euthalia cocytus
Euthalia duda
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Euthalia evalina landabilis
Euthalia franciae
Euthalia garuda acontius
Euthalia lepidea
Euthalia merta eriphyle
Euthalia nara nara
Euthalia teuta
Horona marathus andamana
Hypolimnas missipus
Hypolimnas polynice birmana
Kallima albofasciata
Kallima alompra
Apatura sordida
Apartura ulupi florenciae
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Argynnis altissima
Argynnis clara clara
Argynnis pales horia
Atella alciope
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Cyrestis cocles
Diagora persimilis
Eriboea anthames andamanicus
Pantoporia laymna siamensis
Pantoporia pravara acutipennis
Pantoporia ranga
Parthenos sylvia
Penthema lisarda
Symbrenthia niphanda
Vanessa egea agnicula
Vanessa lalbum
Vanessa polychorous
Venesa prasoides dohertyi
Venesa urtico rizama
Euchloe charlonia lucilla

**Family Papilionide**

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Chilasa paradoxa telarchus
Chilasa slateri slateri
Graphium aristeus anticrates
Graphium aricles aricles
Graphium eurypylus macronius
Graphium evemon albociliates
Graphium gyas gyas
Graphium megarus megarus
Papilio bootes
Papilio buddha
Papilio fuscus andamanicus
Papilio machaon verityi

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Neptis soman
Neptis zaida
Neurosigma doubladayi doublodayi
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Pantoporia kanwa phorkys
Appias lyncida latifasciata
Appias wardi
Baltia butleri butleri
Cepora nadian remba
Cepora nerissa dapha
Colias ecocandiea hinducucica
Colias eogene
Colias ladaensis
Colias stoliczkana miranda
Delias lativitta
Dercas lycorias
Eurema andersoni ormistoni
Metaporia agathon
Pieris deota
Pontia chloridice alipina
Saletara panda Chrysaea
Valeria avatar avatar

**Family Saryridae**

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1.1-A. Civets (all species of Viverridae except Malabar civet)

1.1-B. Common fox (Vulpes bengalensis)

1.1-C. Flying squirrels (all species of all genera Bulopetes, Petaurista, Pelomys and Eupetaurus)

1.1-D. Giant squirrels (Ratufa macroura Ratufa indica, and Ratufa bicolor)]

1.2. Himalayan brown bear (Ursus arcotos)

2.2-A. Himalayan black bear (Selenarctos thibetanus)
1. Jackal (Canis aureus)
2-C. Jungle cat (Felis chaus)
2-D. Marmots (Marmata bobak himalayana, Marmota caudata)
2-E. Martens (Martes foria intermedia, Marte flovigule, Martes gwatkinsii)
3. *
4. Otters (Luthra, L. perspicillata)
3[4-A. Pole cats (Vormela peregusna, Mustila poturius)
4-B. Red fox (Vulpes vules, vules montana, vulpes griffithi, vulpes pusilla)
3[5. Sloth bear (Melursus ursinus)]
3[5-A. Sperm whale (Physeter macrocephalus)]
1[6. *
1[7. Weasels (Mustela Sibirica, Mustela Kathian, Mustela Altaica)]
1[8. Checkered keelback snake (Xenochrophis piscatar)]
9. Dhaman or rat snake (Plyas mucosus)
10. Dog-faced water snake (Carbrus rhynchops)
11. Indian cobras (all sub-species belonging to genus Naja)
12. King cobra (Ophilophagus hannah)
13. Oliveceous keekback (Artaetium schistosum)
14. Russel's viper (Vipera ruselli)
15. Varanus species (excluding yellow monitor lizard)

**SCHEDULE III**

(See secs. 2, 8, 3[***] 9, 11 and 61)

2. Barking deer or muntjac (Muntiacus muntjak)
5. Chital (Axix axis)

7. Gorals (Nemorhaedus goral, Nemorhaedus hodgsoni)

11. Hogdeer (Axis porcinus)

12. Hyaena (Hyaena hyaena)

14. Nilgai (Boselophus tragocamelus)

16. Sambar (Cervus unicolor)

19. Wild pig (Sus scrofa)

20. Sponges (all calcarears)

**SCHEDULE IV**

(See secs. 2, 8, 9, 11 and 61)
3. Five-striped palm squirrel (Funambulus pennanti)

4. Hares (Black Naped, Common Indian, Desert, Himalayan mouse hare)

4-A. Hegde hog (Hemiechinus auritus)

2-B. * * *

2-C. * * *

2-D. * * *

2-E. Indian porcupine (Hystrix indica)

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4. Mangooses (All species of genus Herpestes)

5. * * *

4-A. Pole cats (Vormela peregusna, Mustela putorius)

5-B. * * *

8. * * *

5-A. * * *

2-A. * * *

10. * * *

6. Birds (other than those which appear in other Schedules):

1. Avadavat (Estrildinae)

2. Avocet (Recurvirostridae)

3. Babblers (Timaliinae)

4. Barbets (Capitonidae)

5. Barnowls (Tytonknae)

6. Bitterns (Ardeidae)
7. Brown-headed gull (Larus brunnicephalus)
8. Bullbuls (Psycnonotidae)
9. Butings (Euberizidae)
10. Bustorda (Otididae)
11. Bustorda-Qualis (Turnicidae)
12. Chloropsis (Irenidae)
13. Comb duck (Sarkidiornis melanotes)
14. Coots (Rallidae)
15. Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidie)
16. Cranes (Gruidae)
17. Cuckoos (Cuculidae)
17-A. Curlews (seoalopacinae)
18. Darters (Phalacrocoracidae)
19. Doves including the Emerald Dove (Columbidae)
20. Drongos (Dicruridae)
21. Ducks (Anatidae)
22. Ergrets (Ardeidae)
23. Fairy Blue Birds (Irenidae)
24. Falcons (Falconidae), excepting the Shaheen and Peregrine falcons (Falco peregrinua), the shaker or chorrug, shanghar and lagger falcons (F. biarmicus), and the redheaded merlin (F.chicquera)
25. Finches including the chaffinch (fringillidae)
26. Falmingos (Phoenicopteriidae)
27. Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)
28. Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)
29. Guess (Antidae)
30. Goldfinch and allies (Carduelinae)
31. Grebes (Podicipedidae)
32. Gerons (Ardeidae)
33. Ibises (Threskiornithidae)
34. Iorars (Irenidae)
35. Jays (Corvidae)
36. Jacans (Jacinidae)
36-A. Junglefowl (Phasianidae)
37. Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)
38. Larks (Alaudidae)
39. Lorikeets (Psittacidae)
40. Magpies including the Hunting magpie (Corvidae)
41. Mannikins (Estrildinae)
42. Magapodes (Megapodidae)
43. Minivets (Campephagidae)
44. Munias (Estrildinae)
45. Mynas (Sturnidae)
46. Nightjara (Caprimulgidae)
47. Orioles (Oriolidae)
48. Owls (Strigidae)
49. Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)
50. Parakeets (Psittacidae)
51. Partridges (Phasianidae)
52. Pelicans (Pelecanidae)
53. Pheasants (Phasianidae)
54. Pigeons (Columbidae) except the Blue Rock Pigeon (Columba livia)
55. Pipitis (Motacillidae)
55-A. Pittas (Pittidae)
56. Plovers (Charadriinae)
57. Qualis (Rhasianidae)
58. Rails (Rallidae)
59. Rollers or Blue Jays (Coraciidae)
60. Sandgrouses (Pteroclididae)
61. Sandpipers (Scolopacinae)
62. Snipes (Scolopacinae)
63. Spurfowls (Phasianidae)
64. Starlings (Sturnidae)
65. Stone Curlew (Burhinidae)
66. Storks (Ciconiidae)
67. Stilts (Recurvirostridae)
68. Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)
69. Swans (Anatidae)
70. Teals (Anatidae)
71. Thurushes (Turdinae)
72. Tits (Paridae)
73. Tree pies (Corvidae)
74. Trogons (Trogonidae)
75. Vultures (Accipitridae)
76. Waxbills (Extrildinae)
77. Weaver Birds or Bayas (Ploceidae)
78. White-eyes (Zosteropidesa)

79. Woodpeckers (Picidae)

80. Wrens (Troglodytidae)

1[12. Snakes [other than those species listed in Sch.I, Pt.II; and Sch.II, Pt.II]:

(i) Amblycaphalidae

(ii) Amilidae

(iii) Boidae

(iv) Colubridae

(v) Dasypodidae (Egg-eating snakes)

(vi) Elapidae (Cobras, Kraits, and Coral Snakes)

(vii) Glaucophidae

(viii) Hydrophidae (Fresh water and sea snakes)

(ix) Tylsiidae

(x) Letotyphlopidae

(xi) Typhlopidae

(xii) Uropeltidae

(xiii) Viperidae

(xiv) Xenopeltidae]

1[13. Fresh Water Frogs (Rana spp.)]

1[14. Three-keeled Turtle (Geomydas tricarinata)]

1[15. Tortoise (Testudinidae, Tryonychidae)]

1[16. Viviparous toads (Nectophyrnoides sp.)]

1[17. Voles]

1[18. Butterflies and Moths]
**Family Danaidae**

Euploca core simulatrix
Euploca crassa
Euploca dioclctianus ramsayi
Euploca muleiber

**Family Hesperilidae**

Baoris farri
Hasora vitta
Hyarotis adrastus
Oriens concinna
Pelopidas assamensis
Pelopidas sinensis
Polytrema discreta
Polytrema rubricans
Thoressa horiorei

**Family Lycaenidae**

Tarucus ananda

**Family Nymphalidae**

Euthalia lubenina

**Family Pieridae**

Aporia agathon ariaca
Appias libythea
Appiad nero galba
Prioneris sita

SCHEDULE V
1. Common crow

2. Fruit bats

3. Mice

4. Rats

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3[SCHEDULE VI

(See section 2)

1. Beddomes' cycad (Cycas beddomei)

2. Blue Vanda (Vanda soerulce)

3. Kuth (Saussurea lappa)

4. Ladies slipper orchids (Paphiopedium spp.)

5. Pitcher plant (Nepenthes khasiana)

6. Red Vanda (Rananthera imschootiana)]

THE WILD LIFE (TRANSACTIONS AND TAXIDERMY) RULES, 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section 63 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) These rules, may be called the Wild Life (Transaction and Taxidermy) Rules, 1973.

(2) They extend to the Whole of the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.

(3) They shall come into force on the 9th April, 1973.

2. Definitions.-In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
3. Acquiring, receiving or keeping specified animal, etc. in control, custody or possession or put under process of taxidermy or make articles, etc.- (1) No licensee shall-

(i) acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody, or possession, any specified animal or any animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat derived therefrom, or

(ii) put under a process of taxidermy or make animal article containing part or whole of such animal, except with the previous permission of the Officer.

(2) Every application for such permission shall be made in Form I.

(3) On receipt of an application made under sub-rule (2), the Officer may, after making such inquiry as he may think fit and within the period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of the application, either grant or refuse to grant the permission:

Provided that no such permission shall be granted unless the Officer is satisfied that the specified animal or animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat, referred to in sub-rule (1) has been lawfully acquired.

(4) Whether the Officer refuses to grant the permission, he shall record the reasons for so doing and a copy of the reasons so recorded shall be communicated to the licensee applying for the permission.

(5) Every permission granted under sub-rule (3) shall be in Form II.

4. Submission of report of stocks.-
(1) Every licensee to whom permission has been granted under sub-rule (3) of rule 3 shall submit, to the Officer who had granted the said permission, report regarding the stocks of specified animal or animal article, trophy, uncured trophy or meat, referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 3, in Form III within a period of 1[thirty days] of the acquisition, receipt, or keeping of the same in his control, custody or possession.

(2) The Officer, after receiving such report, may arrange to affix identification marks on such stocks.

5. Sale of specified animal, etc.-

(1) No licensed dealer shall sell or offer for sale any specified animal or any animal article, trophy, or uncured trophy derived therefrom, except to a person authorized to purchase by a permission granted by the Officer and where the sale is effected the purchaser shall surrender the permission to the licenced dealer.

(2) Every application for permission to purchase shall be made in Form IV.

(3) On receipt of an application made under sub-rule (2), the Officer may, after making such inquiry as he may think fit, and within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of the application, either grant or refuse to grant the permission.

(4) Where the Officer refuses to grant the permission, he shall record the reasons for so doing and copy of the reasons so recorded shall be communicated to the person applying for the permission.

(5) Every permission granted under sub-rule (3) shall be in Form V.

(6) Every permission granted unde sub-rule (3) shall be valid up to a period of one month from the date of issue of the same.

(7) Every licensed dealer shall, at the time of each sale, issue a voucher in relation to the specified animal or animal article, trophy or uncured trophy referred to sub-rule (1), to the person authorized to purchase.

(8) Each voucher shall contain the following particulars, namely:-

(a) date of issue of voucher;

(b) the amount of price realized or to be realized;

(c) name and address of the licensed dealer issuing the voucher;

(d) name and address of the person to whom the voucher is issued;

(e) permission number of the person authorized to purchase;

(f) description of the specified animal/ animal article/ trophy/ uncured trophy derived therefrom and number;
(g) whether such specified animal/article/trophy/uncured trophy was/were required to be declared under section 44 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), and if so, whether it/they has/have been declared;

(h) signature of the licensed dealer issuing the voucher;

(i) signature of the person to whom the voucher is issued.

6. Taxidermy or making animal article.-

(1) Every licensed taxidermist or licensed manufacturer shall, at the time of returning the trophy or animal article, issue a voucher to the owner of the said trophy or animal article.

(2) Each voucher shall contain the following particulars, namely:-

(a) date of issue of voucher;

(b) charges realized or to be realized;

(c) name and address of the licensed taxidermist/manufacturer issuing the voucher;

(d) name and address of the person to whom the voucher is issued;

(e) description of the trophy/article and number;

(f) whether uncured trophy/trophy/article was required to be declared under section 40 or section 44 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), and if so, whether it/they has/ have declared;

(g) signature of the licensed taxidermist/manufacturer issuing the voucher.

7. Maintenance of vouchers.- (1) The voucher referred to in rule 6 shall be in triplicate and serially numbered.

(2) The duplicate and the triplicate copy of the voucher shall be retained by the licensed taxidermist, or licensed manufacturer, and the original copy of the voucher shall be given to the person referred to in sub-rule (7) of rule 5 or sub-rule (1) of rule 6.

(3) Every book containing blank vouchers shall be presented to the Officer for affixing his initials or stamps on such book before it is brought into use.

(4) (a) Every licensed dealer, licenced taxidermist, or licensed manufacturer shall send in monthly batches, not later than the seventh day of every month, the duplicate copies of vouchers retained by him, to the Officer.
(b) Every permission surrendered to a licensed dealer at time of sale also be enclosed along with the duplicate copies aforesaid.

8. Transport of specified animal, etc.-

(1) No licensee shall transport from one place to another within the State any specified animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy derived therefrom, except with the previous permission of the officer.

(2) Every application for such permission shall be made in Form VI.

(3) On receipt of an application made under sub-rule (2) the Officer may, after making such inquiry as he may think fit, and within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of the application, either grant or refuse to grant the permission: Provided that no such permission shall be granted unless the Officer is satisfied that the specified animal or animal or animal article, trophy or uncured trophy referred to in sub-rule (1), has been lawfully acquired.

(4) Where the Officer refuses to grant the permission, he shall record the reason for so doing and a copy of the reason so recorded shall be communicated to the licensee applying for the permission.

(5) Every permission granted under sub-rule (3) shall be in Form VII.

9. Appeal.-

(1) Any licensee or a person aggrieved by an order made by the Chief Wild Warden or any other officer granting the permission under sub-rule (3) of rule 3, sub-rule (3) of rule 5 or sub-rule (3) of rule 8, may prefer an appeal,-

   (i) if the order is made by an officer other than the Chief Wild Life Warden, to the Chief Wild Life Warden, or

   (ii) if the order is made by the Chief Wild Life Warden, to the State Government.

(2) In the case of an order passed in appeal by the Chief Wild Life Warden under clause (i) of sub-rule (1), a second appeal shall lie to the State Government.

(3) No appeal shall be entertained unless it is preferred within fifteen days from the date of the communication to the applicant of the order appealed against:

Provided that the appellate authority may admit any after the expiry of the period aforesaid, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal time.

FORM I

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 3]
Application for permission to acquire, receive, keep specified animal, animal article, etc. or put under process of taxidermy or make animal article

To

The............

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Sir,

I,........residing at........,Taluka........,District........,and holding License No........,granted under section 44 (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972), request that I may be granted permission to acquire/receive/keep in my control/custody/possession specified animal/animal article/trophy/uncured trophy/meat derived from specified animal and/or put under process of texidermy/make animal article containing part/whole of such animal.

2. I furnish below the particulars in relation to such specified animal/animal article/trophy/uncured trophy/meat:

(1) Species of animal............................

(2) Number......................................

(3) Description (including sex, if possible)........................

(4) Source from which to be obtained............................

(i) Address and Licence No. if any............................

(ii) Whether declaration made/permission/licence obtained under sections 40, 43 or 44 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and if so the particulars:................

(5) Particulars of certificate of ownership............... 

(6) Identification mark, if any.............................

(7) Premises in which intended to be kept..............

(8) Purposes for which to be acquired/received/kept in control/possession:..............

(9) If to be put under process of taxidermy or to make animal articles,-

(a) Number of tropies/articles to be made.............

(b) Description of such tropies/articles..............
(c) To whom they will be returned....................

(d) Probable date by which they will be so returned....................

3. I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information furnished herein is true and complete

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Signature of the applicant

Strike out whichever is not applicable.

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**FORM II**
[See sub-rule (5) of rule 5]

_Permision to acquire, receive, keep in control, custody or possession specified animal article, etc. or put under process of taxidermy or make animal article_

Shri...........holding Licence No..............granted under section 44 (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972), is hereby permitted to acquire, to keep under his control/custody/possesssion specified animal/animal article/trophy/uncured trophy/meat derived from specified animal, of the following description, or put under process of taxidermy or make animal article containing part or whole of such animal:-

(1) Species of animal.............

(2) Description (including sex, if given in the application).............

(3) Number......................

(4) Source from which to be obtained................

(5) Licence/Permission No. of the source from which to be obtained.............

(6) Particulars of the Certificate of Ownership.............

(7) Identification mark, if any......................

(8) Premises in which to be kept......................

(9) Purpose for which permitted to acquire/ keep in control/custody/possession............. receive/

(10) If permitted to put under process of taxidermy or to make animal article,-

(a) Number of tropies/articles to be made......................
FORM III
[See sub-rule (1) of rule 4]
Report of Stocks

To
The.............

............... 

............... 

1. Full name, address and Licensee.............

2. Stock held on the date of report in specified animals:
   (a) Species and sex.............
   (b) Number....................
   (c) Adult or juvenile.............
   (d) Premises where kept........

3. Stock held on the date of report in animal articles:
   (a) Description, including species of animal from which derived............
(b) Number..........................  
(c) Dimension or weight.........................  
(d) Premises where kept..........................  

4. Stock held on the date of report in trophies:  
(a) Description, including species of animal from which derived..............  
(b) Number......................  
(c) Dimension or weight..............  
(d) Premises where kept..............  

5. Stock held on the date of report in uncured trophies:  
(a) Description, including species of animal from which derived..............  
(b) Number......................  
(c) Dimension or weight..............  
(d) Premises where kept..............  

6. Remarks, if any.............................  

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  

Signature of the person making declaration  
Place:  
Date:  

Strike out whichever is not applicable  

**FORM III**  
[See sub-rule (2) of rule 5]  
Application for permission to purchase specified animal, etc.  

To  
The..................
Sir,

I/We............. residing at.......taluka........., District........, request that I/We may be granted permission to purchase specified animal article trophy / uncured trophy derived from specified animal of the following description, from a Licence :-

(1) Number and description of-
   (a) specified animal.............
   (b) animal article................
   (c) trophy.....................
   (d) uncured trophy.............

(2) Purpose for which the purchaser is to be made.............

(3) I/We hereby declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief the information furnished herein true and complete.

Signature (s) of the applicant (s)

Place:

Date:

Strike out whichever is not applicable.

**FORM V**

[See sub-rule (5) of rule 5]

Permission to purchase specified animal, etc.

Shri/Smt....................... of ..................is/are hereby permitted to purchase specified animal/animal article/trophy/uncured trophy derived from specified animal of the following description from......for the purpose of......

Number and description of-

(a) specified animal.............

(b) animal article................
(c) trophy

(d) uncured trophy

Issued by me this .....day of ....

Signature

Designation

Seal:

Place:

Date:

Note: This permission shall be valid up to a period of one month from the date of issue.

Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM VI

[See sub-rule (2) of rule 8]

Application for permission to transport specified animal etc.

To

The.................

........................

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Sir,

I,............residing at.......Taluk....... District holding Licence No........, granted under section 44 (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), request that I may be granted permission to transport the following:-

(1) Species of specified animal or from which the animal article/uncured trophy is derived.............

(2) Number.................

(3) Description (including sex, if possible).................
(4) Identification mark, if any............

(5) Source of procurement and the Licence/Permission No..................

(6) Certificate of Ownership, if any.........................

(7) Mode of transport.................

(8) Route...................

(9) Period required for transport......................

(10) Designation.........................

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information furnished herein is true and complete.

Signature of the applicant

Place:

Date:

Strike out whichever is not applicable.

FORM VII

[See sub-rule (5) of rule 8]

Permission to transport specified animal, etc.

Shri....holding Licence No............granted under section 44(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), is hereby permitted to transport in the manner prescribed below specified animal/ animal article/cured trophy/uncured trophy derived from specified animal, from.....to.....

(i) Mode of transport....................

(ii) Route.....................

(iii) Period allowed for transport..............

(iv) Remarks.............

Issued by me this...........day of..........

Signature
THE WILD LIFE (STOCK DECLARATION) CENTRAL RULES, 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 44 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Wild Life (Stock Declaration) Central Rules, 1973.

(2) They shall come into force in the State of Madhya Pradesh on the 25th January, 1973, and in other States2 and Union Territories on such date as the Central Government may, by notification appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different States and Union Territories.

2. Declaration by manufacturer of, dealer or taxidermist in, animal article, etc.- Every manufacturer of, or dealer in, animal article or every dealer in captive animals, trophies, or uncured trophies, or every taxidermist shall, within fifteen days from the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, declare his stock of animal articles, captive animals, trophies, and uncured trophies, as the case may be, as on the date of such declaration to the Chief Wild Life Warden in the form given below:

Form of Declaration

[See sub-section (2) of section 44]

To

The Chief Wild Life Warden

State or Union Territory of..............

1. Full name and address of the manufacturer/dealer/taxidermist making the declaration.....................
2. Actual stock held on the date of declaration in animal articles:

(i) Description including name of animal from which derived.

(ii) Number.

(iii) Dimensions or weight.

(iv) Premises where kept.

3. Actual stock held on the date of declaration in captive animals:

(i) Species and sex.

(ii) Number.

(iii) Adult or juvenile.

(iv) Premises where kept.

4. Actual stock held on the date of declaration in trophies:

(i) Description including name of animal from which derived.

(ii) Number.

(iii) Dimensions or weight.

(iv) Premises where kept.

5. Actual stock held on the date of declaration in uncured trophies:

(i) Description including name of animal from which derived.

(ii) Number.

(iii) Dimensions or weight.

(iv) Premises where kept.

6. Remarks, if any.

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of the person making the declaration

Place:
THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) LICENSING (ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION) RULES, 1983

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 63, read with clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 44 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.-

(1) These rules may be called the Wild Life (Protection) Licensing (Additional Matters for Consideration) Rules, 1983.

(2) They shall extend to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definition.- In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "Act" means the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972(53 of 1972).

3. Additional matters for consideration for grant of licence under section 44 of the Act.- For the purposes of granting a licence referred to in sub-section (1) of section 44 of the Act, the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorized officer, as the case may be, shall, in addition to the matters specified in clause (b) of sub-section (4) of that section, have regard to the following other matters, namely:-

(i) capacity of the applicant to handle the business concerned with reference to facilities, equipment and suitability of the premises for such business;

(ii) the source and the manner in which the supplies for the business concerned would be obtained.

(iii) number of licences for the relevant business already in existence in the area concerned;

(iv) implications which the grant of such licence would have on the hunting or trade of the wild animals concerned:

Provided that no such licence shall be granted if the said implications relate to any wild animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II to the Act, except with the previous consultation of the Central Government.

THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) RULES 1995 1
In exercise of powers conferred by clause (k) of sub-section (l) of section 63 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:–

1. **Short title and commencement.**– These Rules may be called Wild Life (Protection) Rules, 1995.

(2) They shall come into force from the date 2 of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Definitions.**– In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires–

(a) "Act" means the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

(b) "Section" means the section of the Act.

3. **The manner of the notice under clause (c) of section 55.**–

(1) The notice to the Central Government or the State Government or any authorised officer, as the case may be, shall be given in Form "A" annexed to these rules.

(2) The person giving notice to the Central Government or the State Government or any authorised officer shall send the notice by registered post to:

(a) The Director of Wild Life Preservation, Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi; and

(b) (i) The Secretary to the State Government/Union Territory incharge of Wildlife, or

(ii) The Chief Wild Life Warden of the concerned State Government/Union Territory, or

(iii) Any authorised officer of State Government/Union Territory.

**FORM "A"**

(See sub-rule (1) of Rule 3)

From :

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To :


Whereas an offence under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 has been committed/is being committed by [Full name(s) and complete address(es)]............. And whereas the brief facts of the offence(s) are enclosed;

I/We hereby give notice of 60 days under section 55 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 my/our intention to file a complaint in the Court of............for violation of section(s)...........of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

I am/We are enclosing the following documents as evidence of proof of the violation of the said Act.(Documentary evidence may include photographs/reports/statements of witness(es) for enabling enquiry into the alleged violation/offence).

THE WILD LIFE (SPECIFIED PLANTS-CONDITIONS FOR POSSESSION BY LICENSEE) RULES, 1995

In exercise of powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 63 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.-

(1) These rules may be called Wild Life (Specified Plants-Conditions for Possession by Licensee) Rules, 1995.

(2) These rules shall come into force from the date of commencement of provisions of Chapter III-A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. Definitions.-In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "Act" means the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972).

3. Conditions and other matters subject to which the licensee may keep any specified plants in his custody or possession.-

(1) No licensee shall acquire or receive or keep in his control, custody or possession any specified plant or part or derivative thereof in respect of which a declaration under section 17E of Act has not been made.

(2) No licensee shall acquire, purchase or receive any specified plant or part or derivative thereof from any person other than a licensed dealer in specified plants or cultivation having a license for cultivation of specified plants under the Act.
(3) Licensee shall keep the stock of specified plants so purchased by him only in the premises approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.


6. Sub-sectons (3) and (6) omitted by Act 44 of 1991, sec. 5 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).


2. Ins. by Act 44 of 1991, sec. 6 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).


1. Omitted by Act 23 of 1982, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 21-5-1982).


4. Ins. by Act 23 of 1982, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 21-5-1982).

1. Sections 13 to 17 (both inclusive) omitted by Act 44 of 1991, sec. 12 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).


1. Ins. by Act 44 of 1991, sec. 18 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).


1. Subs. by Act 26 of 1993, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 4-8-1992).


2. Omitted by 23 of 1982, sec. 3 (w.e.f. 21-5-1982).


1. Ins by Act 44 of 1991, sec. 31 (w.e.f. 2-10-1991).


1.Subs. by Notification No. G.S.R. 712(E), dated 16th December, 1983, for "seven days".


2. The same rule been extended to the following State:-


2. 18-4-1995.


2. 2-10-1991.