

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau वन्यजीव अपराध नियंत्रण ब्यूरो

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA भारत सरकार

MENSTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय

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Sub: Intimation of arrest and conviction of wildlife criminals to the concerned police stations - reg

- 1. Forest officers are empowered to arrest wildlife criminals and investigate wildlife offences as per the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972. Wildlife criminals are therefore being apprehended in wildlife offences and many of them have also been convicted by courts.
- 2. Criminal records of residents especially that of convicts and habitual offenders are maintained by concerned police stations under whose jurisdiction such person normally resides. Antecedent verifications are therefore generally made from such record maintained at the police station.
- 3. During verification of antecedents of some of the notorious habitual wildlife offenders, it was found that the concerned police stations had no criminal record against them. This was because the arrests made by forest officers and the convictions by courts in the cases investigated by the forest departments are not communicated to the concerned police stations. It is a serious systemic deficiency due to which the wildlife criminals are not only getting clean record from police during verifications but also the concerned forest authorities are not able to use provisions for enhanced punishment against repeat offenders or adequately oppose their bail pleas. Wildlife offenders often give fake names & addresses and once released on bail vanish without a trace. For that reason too, it is essential that details of such criminals are communicated to the concerned police stations and the courts requested not to release detained criminals till their names and addresses are verified.
- 4. All the field formations under your command may therefore be appropriately advised to send details of wildlife criminals arrested by them or convicted by courts in wildlife offences to the concerned police stations on a format enclosed at APPENDIX.

Additional Director

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOF), and Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States and UTs with request for appropriate advice to the field formations.
- 2. The DGPs of all States and UTs for information.
- 3. Regional Deputy Directors, WCCB NRWR/SR/ER/CR for information.
- 3. PPS to the ADG (WL) for information.
- 4. Guard File.

<u>APPENDIX</u>

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