

OWNERSHIP OF CIRCUS ANIMALS

No.25/5/2000-AWD
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
(C.P.C.S.E.A.)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001
Dated the 12th May, 2000

To,
All Chief Wildlife Wardens

Subject: Cancellation of Certificate of Ownership issued in regard to five animals which shall not be exhibited or trained as performing animals.

Sir,
Kindly refer to Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's Notification No. G.S.R.No. 619(E) dated 14.10.98 (copy enclosed) by which five animals namely Bears, Monkeys, Tigers, Panthers and Lions shall not be exhibited or trained as a performing animals. This notification has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 22 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960).

2. Circuses have been issued certificate of ownership to these five animals under Section 42 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. These certificate of ownership have been issued for the purpose of exhibition or training of animals. However, Circuses cannot exhibit or train these live animals since the dated of issue of this Notification. Now in the changed circumstances and after issuance of the aforesaid notification, the cause of issuance of certificate of ownership to circuses is no more in existence. And, as such, there is no point to continue to issue such certificate to circuses. It is required that any certificate of ownership issued to circuses in regard to these live should be cancelled immediately.

3. It is, therefore, requested to cancel all the certificate of ownership issued in regard to these five animals to circuses immediately.

Yours faithfully,
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