

BAN ON EXHIBITION/TRAINING OF FIVE PERFORMING ANIMALS

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th October, 1998

G.S.R.619(E) - Whereas the High Court of Delhi in C.W.P. No.890/91 by its order dated 21st August, 1997 directed that "the Central Government may take up the notification dated 2-3-1991 for consideration afresh" and "take into consideration such material as may be available with it or it may choose to collect through any of the authentic agencies or such other agency or committee of experts as it may choose to appoint".

Where in pursuance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the Central Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife) to have a fresh look at the notification G S P No. 252 dated 2-3-1991 in the light of the additional material available with any authenticated agencies such other agency or persons;

Whereas the said Committee submitted its report to the Central Government.

Whereas the Central Government has taken into consideration the report of the said committee:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), and in supersession of the Notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests G.S.R. No. 252 dated 2-3-1991 and G.S.R. No. 485 dated 7-8-1991, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government, hereby specifies that the following animals shall not be exhibited or trained as performing animals, with effect from the date of publication of this notification, namely:-

1. Bears
2. Monkeys
3. Tigers
4. Panthers
5. Lions

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