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Dated: \June, 2018

To

Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Rajasthan, Van Bhawan, Vaniki Path, Jaipur-302005

Sub: Illegal custody of captive elephants in Jaipur and trade in their Ivory amounts to serious wildlife crime - reg.

Sir,

This is to draw your kind attention that this Bureau has received a letter from PETA regarding the findings of Animal Welfare Board of India Inspection, 2018 on the use of captive elephants in Jaipur (copy enclosed). It is stated that these elephants are kept in captivity in the contravention of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 by their custodians in the absence of relevant documents like Ownership Certificate, Transit Permit, No Objection Certificate etc. Also in some cases, the ownership Certificates have been issued by the Forest Department in violation of the law.

In this regard, it is requested to inquire the irregularities for further necessary action. This Bureau may kindly be intimated regarding the outcome of the inquiry.

Yours Faithfully,

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Joint Director