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This is with reference to the letter received from PETA India (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals), dated June 11th 2018, regarding risk imposed by Tuberculosis infected elephants to public health. A copy of the letter is attached.

As per the communication received from PETA India, 10 out of 91 captive elephants in Jaipur used for joy rides and other forms of tourist interactions are infected with TB. Tuberculosis infected elephants are likely to pose a potential threat to humans, including tourists, handlers, the general public, and other animals who interact with them.

In view of the above, you are requested to take following actions:

- To screen elephants for TB.
- To quarantine the TB infected animals immediately, if any.
- To provide veterinary care to elephants infected with TB, if any, to prevent any spread of this zoonotic disease.

An action taken report in this regard will be highly appreciated.

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Yours sincerely,

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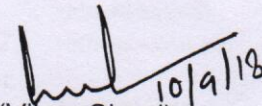
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