To:
1. All CFs (Territorial), Haryana
2. All CFs (Wildlife), Haryana
3. All DFOs (Territorial), Haryana
4. All DWLO, Haryana

Sub: Illegal custody/captivity of birds – regarding.

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There are instances that the birds are kept illegal in captivity under inhuman conditions. This is a clear violation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Article 51 A (G) of Constitution of India & Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.

One such case was brought to the knowledge of Hon’ble Gujarat High Court. As per the judgment dated 12-05-2011 of Hon’ble Court in Special Criminal Application No. 1635 of 2010 titled as Abdulkadar Mohamed Azam Sheikh versus States of Gujarat, it is a fundamental right of all birds to be free in the open sky/air and not caged illegally.

It is therefore proposed that the guidelines issued by Hon’ble High Court of Gujarat in above case may be complied within the area of Haryana.

Accordingly, you are directed to ensure that the birds are set free whenever they are found in captivity in inhuman conditions and to take assistance of Police department, whenever required. A copy of orders dated 29-09-2011 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad for compliance of said orders in their jurisdiction, is sent herewith for your perusal and necessary action.

This is for your information and compliance.

Encl. a.a.

Addl. P.C.C.E. (WL),
cum-Chief Wildlife Warden,
Haryana, Panchkula

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Dated: 21-11-12

A copy is forwarded to:
1. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Forest Department, Chandigarh
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Haryana, Panchkula

with reference to Ms. Payal Sodhi, Founder Trustee, People for Animals, Chandigarh letter No. PFA/12003 dated 9-11-2012 for information Please.

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