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Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi Ji,

Kindly refer to your email dated 29th October, 2014 regarding official survey of the Sonepur cattle fair, led by TRAFFIC in November-December, 2013 and consequent reporting of sale of elephants and other wildlife in violation of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

This issue was taken up with the Government of Bihar at highest level vide my D.O. letter of even number dated 19th November, 2014. In view of above, the State Board of Wildlife of Bihar in its meeting held on 19.06.2015 has taken following decisions to control the movement of captive elephants from outside Bihar:

- 1. To ban the incoming of captive elephants into the State of Bihar from outside and similarly prohibited the movement of captive elephants from Bihar to outside the State.
- 2. Sale, purchase and transfer of elephants are banned forthwith.
- 3. Elephant owners will be completely responsible for proper feeding, care and maintaining good environment for their captive elephants.

The decisions of the State Board of Wildlife of Bihar has been circulated to all Chief Wildlife Wardens in the country for information and similar action for compliance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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