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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Sub:- Offences-Wild Life seizure of Snake Skins and
Wild Life animals and their skins-Tanning of
Skins-Preservation in Zoo Parks-Introductions-
Issued-Regarding.

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The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 has come into force from 1st August, 1973 in Andhra Pradesh State and rules under this act have been issued in December, 1974. Since then a ban on shooting of Wild animals and birds (including snakes) is in force so as to rescue these vanishing natural assets. Fourteen Sanctuaries, two Zoo Parks and (4) Deer Parks have been set up in the State to preserve and conserve the Wild Life along with their habitat (forests).

Hunting and trapping of wild animals, birds, snakes etc., is prohibited as per the Act. If anybody violates the rules he will be prosecuted under the provision of the said Act. It is not only the duty of the Forest Department to protect the wild animals from poaching, but the other departments and public and private organisations too should co-operate with the Forest Department in this venture. If any wild animal including birds and snakes, dead or alive, is captured it should be handed over to the Forest Officer in-charge any Sanctuaries, Zoo Parks or Deer Parks as the case may be. If the snake skins are captured they may be handed over to the Curator, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park at Vizag or Nehru Zoological Park at Hyderabad for tanning and pre-serving them in safe custody as this process will improve the quality and durability and from deterioration.

The receipt of these circular instructions may please be acknowledged.

S/d- V.S. Sastry,
CHIEF WILD LIFE WARDEN.

To
All Officers of Distribution List 'A'.
Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Soil Conservation.