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Sub: - HSE - discontinuing the use of rare /endangered plants and animals in school laboratories and class rooms- reg.

Ref: - Govt. letter No. 9493/D2/13/F & WLD dated 19.08.2013

The wild life (Protection) Act 1972 has been enacted by the Parliament for the purpose of according protection of wildlife and their habitat in the country. The legal position related to wild life/wild animals and parts/artifacts made there from is that capture and killing constitute hunting of wild animals which is prohibited. Therefore any procurement of animals or animal parts in violation of the provisions of the Act attracts punishment . Any school with specimen that are illegal will be open to legal action by appropriate authorities under the WLP Act 1972, which is non bailable (The act with its schedules is available in the website of the Ministry of Environment and forests).

In this context no Higher Secondary Schools will keep any exhibits of animals/plants listed under the act. These include pitcher plant, corals, frogs, snakes, birds ,reptiles, starfish, guinea pigs , shark , rabbits, birds etc. or any parts of them including skeltons , bones, foetus, feathers and skins.

As hunting and trades of wild life and its parts & products is not permitted under the law all Principals of Government/ Aided Higher Secondary Schools are directed not to procure any life forms or products of threatened species listed under the WLP Act and also to have consultations with the respective chief wild life wardens regarding the existing specimens of scheduled wild life in your possession.

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DIRECTOR