

Secondly, the Animal Welfare Board of India has brought in legislation for transportation of animals by road and railways. Therefore before embarking upon transportation, one has to obtain prior permission of the board or from a recognized animal welfare officer on the prescribed form. This is mandatory for transporting animals by Rail.

Important Notes:

It is mandatory to obtain prior NOC from the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden of the state before applying to Central Zoo Authority.

It is mandatory to seek prior permission of the Central Zoo Authority for importing any animal into an Indian Zoo. Very young and very old animals should not be imported. The animals should have been properly weaned and need not depend on their mothers for food. The importing zoo

should obtain detailed history sheets of the animals being acquired prior to agreeing to receive them. (All accredited zoos in the world are on the ISIS data base and maintain records as per the ISIS norms.)

If the importing zoo is receiving exotic animals for first time, they must train their keepers on husbandry matters for those species either at the exporting zoo or in any Indian zoo having the animals before bringing the animals to the zoo.

Zoos are exempted from payment of customs duty for import of animals into India.

As permissions are required to be obtained from multifarious government agencies, continuous persuasion is required.

Announcement: Save Western Ghats Meet

Date: 30th Nov. to 2nd Dec. 2012.

Venue: Mahabaleshwar Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation Complex

Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF) in collaboration with Save the Western Ghats group is happy to announce the celebrations of 25years of Save the Western Ghats March. A meeting of civil society organizations will be organized from 30th Nov. to 2nd Dec. 2012.

'This Conclave is open to all the stakeholders of the Western Ghats including researchers, activists, academicians, artists, students and all Environment Lovers and Nature Enthusiasts'

The celebration named as "Practitioners' Conclave" aims at bringing together Civil Society members and a range of stakeholder groups active in the Western Ghats landscape to share their experiences, deliberate on new policies, social , ecological and economic issues and most importantly to discuss strategies and solutions for the pressing environmental and social issues from this important landscape. The meeting will carve new partnerships & strengthen the existing ones.

