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Sub: Banning Iron 'Ankush' (Thotti) for controlling the elephants

Ref: 1. Judgment dated 26.02.2010 in Civil Petition (PIL) No.8987/2006 of the Hon/ble High Court, Rajasthan

2. Letter F.No 2-25/2013-PE dated 05-05-2015 from the IG of Forests, MoEF&CC.

The Hon'ble High Court, Rajasthan in the reference cited 1st above, has ordered that elephants shall not be controlled by Iron 'Ankush' (Thotti), instead, they may be controlled by wooden "ankush", if required. The Inspector General of Forests (Project Elephant) in reference cited 2nd has requested to take immediate action for the implementation of orders of the Hon'ble High Court in all the State of India.

In the light of the above, all concerned officers are directed to take strict action to enforce the ban of iron 'ankush' to control elephants by creating proper awareness on the matter among staff and public, and stringent legal action in case of violations.

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