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Ministry of Environment & Forests
(Wildlife Division)

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F. No. 3-3/2011/WL-I

Date: 22.09.2011

The Forest Secretaries/
Chief Wildlife Wardens
All States/UTs

Sub: Prohibition of farming of Japanese Quails (*Coturnix japonica*) – reg

Madam/Sir,

With reference to this Ministry's letter No. 3-22/84 FRY (WL), dated 27.06.1997 (copy enclosed), I am directed to mention that Japanese quail is listed in Schedule IV of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and as per the provision of Chapter III, Section 9 and Chapter I, Section 2 (16) and 2 (5) of the Act, such animals/birds listed in any of the schedules of the Act (both wild as well as captive bred) cannot be killed/hunted or captured.

In view of the above, the States/Union Territories are requested not to issue any new licence for farming of Japanese quails and also not to give any permission for expansion or augmentation of the existing farming facilities.

Yours faithfully

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No.3-22/84 FRY(WL)

DATED 27.6.97

To
The Forest Secretaries/
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Sub: Brooding and trade in Japanese Quail.

Sir,

The Ministry has been receiving representation from several organizations and the Ministry of Agriculture for exempting Quail farming from the purview of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. As Japanese Quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) is found in the wild in North-east India, it would not be appropriate to delete this species from the schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. However, this Ministry after examining the matter in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture has decided to delegate the power of issuing Licences for Japanese Quail hatcheries to the Officer of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of India, not below the rank of Assistant Livestock Officer and Officers of the State Animal Husbandry Department not below the rank of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. This will simplify the procedure and yet enable the Forest /wildlife authorities to inspect such premises to guard against use of other quails and wild birds in the garb of Japanese quail. You are, therefore, requested to kindly issue necessary notification under the Wildlife Act, empowering the above mentioned officials to issue licences under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(KISHORE RAO)
DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (WL)

Copy to:

1. Regional Dy. Directors, NR/ER/WR/SR, Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras.
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