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15-09-2023**OFFICE ORDER**

Subject: Re-constitution of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of the Central Zoo Authority.

The Central Zoo Authority (hereinafter "Authority") has been constituted vide notification S.O. 4057(E) and published in the Gazette on 13th September, 2023 for a term of three years. The Chairperson of the Authority is the Minister, in charge of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

2 . Subsequently, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 38D(2) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Act no. 53 of 1972), and in supersession of the office order F.No.7-2/2020-CZA(D)/2514/2020 dated 15/7/2020, except in respect of things done or committed to be done before such supersession, and with the approval of the Chairperson of the Authority, a sub-group named Expert Group on Zoo Designing is hereby reconstituted with the following composition –

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| 1 | Head of the Department Department of Landscape Architecture School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi | Member (<i>ex-officio</i>) |
| 2 | Representative Civil Construction Unit Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change 7 th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003 | Member |

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| 3 | Shri P C Tyagi, IFS [Retired] Former Head of Forest Force & Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu | Member |
| 4 | Dr Ranjana Gupta, IFS [Retired] Former Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam | Member |
| 5 | Shri R Hemanth Kumar, IFS [Retired] Former Director, Kanpur Zoological Park | Member |
| 6 | Evaluation & Monitoring Officer Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi | Member |
| 7 | Scientific Officer Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi | Member |
| 8 | Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi | Member Convener |

3. The terms of reference for the Expert Group on Zoo Designing are as follows –

- a) To scrutinize, suggest improvements/alterations in proposed Master Plan (including layout plans) aimed at the long-term development of recognized zoos and provide recommendations to the Technical Committee for further deliberation.
- b) To scrutinise and approve/disapprove designs for animal enclosures in line with the provisions outlined in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. Additionally, the committee offers suggestions for improvements or modifications where applicable, ensuring compliance with extant statutory provisions.
- c) To formulate standards and norms governing the design of animal enclosures for various species housed within recognized zoos aimed at ensuring optimal housing conditions, welfare, and safety for the diverse range of animals in zoos. The recommendations are provided to the Technical Committee for further deliberation.

4. The term of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing will be coterminous with the Central Zoo Authority constituted for a period of three years vide notification S.O. 4057(E) published in the Gazette on 13th September, 2023.

5. The non-official members shall be eligible for sitting fees as per extant provisions of the Government of India.

6. The members shall be eligible for payments of T.A/D.A for attending the meetings as per extant provisions of the Government of India.

This has the approval of the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority and Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.

Sd/-
(SANJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)
MEMBER SECRETARY

Distribution:

- i) The members of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing
- ii) The Chairperson and members of the Central Zoo Authority
- iii) The Chairperson and members of the Administrative Committee
- iv) The Chairperson and members of the Technical Committee