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15-09-2023**OFFICE ORDER****Subject: Re-constitution of the Technical Committee 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 Technical Committee of the members of the constituted Central Zoo Authority is hereby reconstituted with the following composition –

1	Additional Director General of Forest (Wildlife) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi	Chairperson (<i>ex-officio</i>)
2	Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi	Member (<i>ex-officio</i>)
3	Director Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Member (<i>ex-officio</i>)

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4	Director Zoological Survey of India, New Delhi.	Member (<i>ex-officio</i>)
5	Vice President Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi.	Member (<i>ex-officio</i>)
6	Amitabh Agnihotri, IFS [Retired] Former Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests Department of Forest, Madhya Pradesh	Member
7	Subeer S. Majumdar Director General Gujarat Biotechnology University, Gujarat, India	Member
8	Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi	Member Convener

3. The terms of reference for the Technical Committee are as follows –

- a) To provide recommendations to the Authority on specifications of the minimum standards for housing, upkeep and veterinary care of the animals kept in a zoo.
- b) To provide recommendations to the Authority on the grant of recognition/de-recognition to zoos and on applications received for the establishment of new zoos.
- c) To provide recommendations to the Authority in the identification of endangered species of wild animals for purpose of captive breeding and assigning responsibility in this regard to a zoo for undertaking planned breeding programs of such species.
- d) To provide recommendations to the Authority on proposals for acquisition/transfer of animals by recognised zoos as permissible under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- e) To provide recommendations to the Authority on the approval of the Master Plan of recognised zoos besides identification of priorities & themes for display of captive animals in recognised zoos.
- f) To provide recommendations to the Authority concerning the coordination of capacity-building initiatives for zoo personnel both within India and internationally. Additionally, provide recommendations regarding proposals for organizing training programs, workshops, and meetings within India, addressing various facets of zoo management.
- g) To provide recommendations to the Authority on research projects involving captive animals housed in recognised zoos or pertaining to recognised zoos.
- h) To provide recommendations to the Authority on matters related to extending technical assistance to zoos. This assistance is aimed at fostering proper management and scientific development within the Zoos, aligning with established guidelines and best practices.
- i) To provide recommendations to the Authority on proposals for the grant of financial assistance to recognised zoos/relevant organisations.
- j) Any other matter referred to it by the Central Zoo Authority.

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