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ANNUAL REPORT OF BARDHAMAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK, BARDHAMAN  
FOR THE YEAR 2016-17.

**1. Introduction –**

(a) Bardhaman Zoological Park erstwhile Ramnabagan Mini Zoo has been developed within the Ramnabagan Wild Life Sanctuary, a natural forest patch flourished during the feudal reign of Rajas and Maharajas of Bardhaman Taluk. After the promulgation of Estate Acquisition act, it was handed over to the Forest Department of West Bengal for management. The area had been declared as reserved forests vide Notification No. 2275-For. Dt. 07.06.1960. In the year 1978, the area had been converted to a Deer Park with the introduction of 6 nos. of deer. Subsequently, the whole area of 14.31 ha. has been declared as Wild Life Sanctuary vide G.O. No. 4345/For-11B-7/80 dt. 30.09.1981. In the recent past lots of illegal trades of wild animals & birds were going on throughout the country. The transportation is mainly through railways and roads. Due to intervention by the staff of Burdwan Forest Division, some animals and birds are seized from time to time & kept in a portion of the Sanctuary maintained as a rescue center. Moreover, any injured animal rescued in the district is also given shelter in this Zoological Park. Since there is no zoo located in the district and nearby areas, people from Burdwan town and other parts of the district became interested to visit the rescue center to take a glimpse of wild animals and birds.

As per the provisions laid down in **Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 (Amended)**, it is mandatory to obtain permission for setting up of any rescue center or zoo from Central Zoo Authority, Govt. of India. Accordingly, Ramnabagan Wild Life Sanctuary was recognised as a Mini Zoo vide Central Zoo Authority's memo number F. No. 22-67/2004-CZA(473)(M) dt. 10.02.2006. Renewal of recognition to Ramnabagan Zoo, Burdwan (renamed as Bardhaman Zoological Park, Bardhaman), upto 05.05.2017 was sanctioned by Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi vide their No. F. No. 23-67/2004-CZA (473)(Vol.I)(Pt.)(NS)/963/2016 dated 22.06.2016. Application for renewal of recognition to Bardhaman Zoological Park, Burdwan beyond 05.05.2017 has been submitted to the Central Zoo Authority with requisite fees of Rs. 10,000/- vide this office No.529-32/R-13 dt. 03.03.2017.

(b) **Area :** The area of Bardhaman Zoological Park is 14.31 ha. located in mouza Baburbag, J.L. No. 40, P.S. Burdwan (Sadar) within the municipal limits of Burdwan town (Longitude – 87.30<sup>0</sup> east, Latitude – 23.15<sup>0</sup> north and mean sea level – 20 m.) Soil is alluvial plain of Western Gangetic basin. Topography is flat.

**2. (i) Vision -**

The Bardhaman Zoological Park intends to complement the national efforts to develop empathy among visitors for wild animals. It will help to showcase the rich biodiversity of middle and lower Gangetic plains.

(ii) **Mission** – The Zoological Park provides rewarding experience to the visitors about the wildlives of the past and present of the Gangetic plains. The mission is also to provide future direction for modernization and upgradation of the Zoological Park to such extent that it can be at par with one of the best zoological parks in the country.

**3. Registration –**

The renamed Zoological Park (Bardhaman Zoological Park vide Forest Department, Government of West Bengal's Notification No. 1153-For/O/11M-11/2015 dt. 03.06.2015 ) has been recognized by the Central Zoo Authority vide their No. F. No. 22-67/2004-CZA(473)(M) dt. 10.02.2006 as a 'Mini Zoo'. and renewed upto 05.05.2017. Application for renewal of recognition to Bardhaman Zoological Park, Burdwan beyond 05.05.2017 has been submitted to the Central Zoo Authority with requisite fees of Rs. 10,000/- vide this office No.529-32/R-13 dt. 03.03.2017.

## Handing over of Management of Zoos to WBZA –

The Zoo has come under the direct control of West Bengal Zoo Authority on and from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012 vide Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal's Notification No. 747-For. Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2012. Information in respect of transfer of management of Ramnabagan Zoo, Burdwan to West Bengal Zoo Authority has been submitted in prescribed format vide this office No. 364/26-3 dt. 27.01.2014 in compliance with the WBZA's Memo No. 399/WBZA/MLP-35/13-14 dt. 18.12.2013. A copy of the same has again been sent in pursuance of WBZA's Memo No. 456/WBZA/E-1/14-15 dt. 30.01.2015 vide this office No. 473/E-7 dt. 09.02.2015.

### 4. Staff engaged/Vacant post –

The Divisional Forest Officer, Burdwan Division is the ex-officio Director of the Zoo. The Attached Forest Ranger, Burdwan Division is the in charge of this establishment (locally arranged) in addition to his own charge. With this the following permanent staff and staffs on contractual basis have been engaged with some consolidated salary as per approval of the WBZA to look after the field & office works of the Zoological Park –

#### Present Status of approved staff position

Sl. No.	Designation of staff (sanctioned/approved by WBZA)	Engaged from/through	Remarks (Existing/Vacant)
1	Zoo Spervisor – 1	Retired Forest Ranger	Vacant since April, 2017
2	Asstt. Zoo Supervisor	Retired Deputy Ranger/Forester	Vacant
2	Veterinary Officer – 1	Retired V.O.	Existing
3	U.D.C. - 1	Retired P.A.	Existing
4	Office Assistant - 1	Webel	Existing
5	Zoo Keeper - 1	WBZA	Existing (Selected and appointed by WBZA)
6	Zoo Keeper - 1	Webel	Existing
7	Security Guard – 08	Webel	Existing
6	Sanitary Attendant – 1	Webel	Existing

Besides these, 3 permanent B.S. & 4 packaged C.D.L. are deployed to look after the zoo work and animal feeding.

#### Further Requirement of staff/man power proposed to be engaged through Webel

1. Veterinary Assistant - 1 No.
2. Ticket Clerk - 1 No.
3. Computer Operator cum Office Assistant - 1 No.
3. Zoo Keeper - 2 nos (Out of the approved 4 nos., 2 nos. exist)
4. Office Attendant - 1 No.
5. Garden Attendant - 2 nos.

### 5. Master Lay Out & Master Plan

Master Layout Plan of Bardhaman Zoological Park previously known as Ramnabagan Mini Zoo has been approved by Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi on 12.10.2010.

As informed vide the Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority's letter No. 63/WBZA/T-7/15-16 dt. 18.03.2016, revised Master Layout Plan of the Park along with the Master Plan detail write-up has been sent to the Central Zoo Authority by the West Bengal Zoo Authority vide their No.453/WBZA/T-7/15-16 dt. 07.01.2016, but no information of its approval has been conveyed to this office yet.

6. **Conservation Breeding Programme, if any** – At present no such programme has been formulated.
7. **Training Programme conducted during this financial year** – This Zoological Park had not conducted any Training Programme during this financial year.  
**However;**  
2 nos. of Zoo Keepers and one packaged C.D.L. who are looking after the zoo & feeding of zoo animal attended training programme for zoo keepers from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at PadmajaNaidu Himalayan Zoological Park at Darjeeling.
8. **Workshop/Seminar organised during this financial year** - Nil
9. **Research Programme organised, if any, during this financial year** - Nil
10. **Exchange of animals approved/recommended during this financial year** - Nil
11. **New Animal Enclosure designs submitted to CZA** – The revised master lay out plan of Bardhaman Zoological Park has been submitted by the WBZA to the CZA and any developmental work is being executed by the Ex-officio Director, Bardhaman Zoological Park as per approval, instruction and sanction of fund by the WBZA.
12. **Preparation of Panel for engagement of Architect** – This is not done by this Zoological Park.
13. **Development works initiated/completed-**

**A. Completed Work :**

Sl. No	Item of work	Target ( 2015-16 )		Achievement 2015-16		Achievement 2016-17		Remarks
		Physical (ha./no./mt.)	Financial (Rs.)	Physical (ha./no./mt.)	Financial (Rs.)	Physical (ha./no./mt.)	Financial (Rs.)	
1	Construction of one Spotted Deer Enclosure	282 Mt.	1288000	282 Mt. (Part)	874064	282 mt.	209137	Work completed. Less amount of tender money is at credit
2	Construction of one Barking Deer Enclosure	182 Mt.	827350	182 Mt. (Part)	552279	182 mt.	106503	-do-
3	Installation of one Sambar Deer Enclosure	405 Mt.	18337500	387 Mt.	1411293	387 mt.	184977	-do-
4	Construction of one Entrance Gate with Ticket Counter	1 No.	318650	1 No.	241541	1 No.	-	Major construction work has been completed, but some related works are being done with the less amount of tender money
<b>B. Work initiated/in progress</b>								
1	Construction of Pheasantry	1 No.	2812915	---	---	1 No.	1605906	Work in progress; will be completed shortly.

	Construction of Rhesus Monkey Enclosure with Visitors' Path	1 No.	2481905	--	--	--	--	Work in progress, no payment made up to 31.03.2017
3	Construction of Langur Enclosure with Visitors' Path	1 No.	2481905	--	--	--	--	Work in progress, no payment made up to 31.03.2017
4	Construction of Box Culvert Type - I	3 Nos.	448956	--	--	--	--	Work in progress, no payment made up to 31.03.2017
5	Construction of Box Culvert Type - II	1 No.	335717	--	--	--	--	Work in progress, no payment made up to 31.03.2017
6	Construction of Visitors' Path	500 mt.	660315	--	--	--	--	Work in progress, no payment made up to 31.03.2017

### C. Work initiated/in process/new/proposed

Sl. No.	Item of works to be undertaken	Estimated/proposed expenditure	Remarks
1	Electrification - installation of one transformer and others	Rs. 5,00,000.00	Detailed vetted estimate is being sent as per WBZA's memo No. 74/WBZA/B-7/16-17 dt. 10.05.2016
2	Earth filling/levelling in recently constructed enclosures	Rs. 30,00,000.00	approved, part work has been done in 2016-17
3	Construction of Sloth bear Enclosure with kraal (Length of fencing - 190 mt. + 40 mt. = 230 mt.) + night shelter & dry moat	Rs. 43,28,946.00	Approved vide WBZA letter No. 733./WBZA/D-8/16-17 dt. 20.01.2017; e-tender has already been floated vide this office letter No. 1107-08/B-7 (Tender) dt. 13.04.2017..
4	Construction of Leopard Enclosure	Rs. 34,70,023.00	Approved; e-tendering is being processed in compliance with WBZA's No. 903/WBZA/D-8/16-17 dt. 31.03.2017
7	Construction of Visitors' Path with culvert	Rs.14,84,988.00	Approved; part work has been done
8	Construction of boundary wall along the western stretch of the Bardhaman Zoological Park -500 rmt	Rs. 35,05,197.00	Approved work; tender process completed; work order will be issued shortly
9	Construction of boundary wall along the southern Stretch of the Bardhaman Zoological Park -500 rmt	Rs. 36,00,000.00	New work (urgent necessity)
10	Construction of boundary wall along the eastern Stretch of the Bardhaman Zoological Park -700 rmt	Rs. 50,00,000.00	-do-

14. Annual Visitors Statement - No. of visitors Revenue earned  
1,21,535 Rs. 8,91,905.00

15. Inventory of Animals (Group-wise) as stood on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 - Enclosed in separate sheet in excel format.

16. Death, Birth, Acquisition and Disposal report of animals during this Financial Year - Enclosed.

17. Birth Report of Endangered Captive stock during this Financial year - Nil

18. Accounts during this financial year - Enclosed in excel sheets - 2 page.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
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