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To

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Sub:- Application under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 – regarding.

Ref:- Your RTI application, Dt. 07.03.2015, received at this office on 10.03.2015.

Madam,

Kind reference is invited to above cited correspondence, received at this office on 10.03.2015. Replies to your queries are as follows:

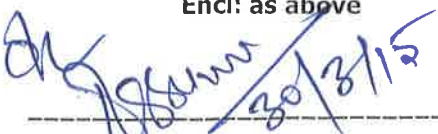
S.No.	Your Query	Reply
	Certified copies of:	
a)	Minutes of all the meetings of the Central Zoo Authority held in connection with the redevelopment proposal of V.J.B. Udyan, Mumbai from January 1, 2015 to the date of furnishing the information.	Enclosed is a copy of minutes of the of 58 th meeting of expert group on zoo designing of Central Zoo Authority held on 19 th February, 2015, in which the proposal related to the inclusion of species in Animal Collection Plan of VJBU Zoo, Mumbai has been discussed. (Encl. 1)
b)	All Communication as received by the CZA from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai and all communications as sent by the CZA to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai together with all complete detailed enclosures and annexures- drawings, section drawings, façade elevations, graphs, CD's etc from January 1, 2015 until the date of providing the information.	No communication has been received and sent by the CZA to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai from January 1, 2015 until the date of providing the information.
c)	Any other information, relevant to the above.	

In case you are not satisfied with this reply, you may file an appeal before the appellate authority, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, 25-29, Middle Wing, Hotel Janpath, Janpath, New Delhi – 110 001, within a period of one month.

Yours faithfully


(V.P.Mehta)
PIO

Encl: as above


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**MINUTES OF
58th MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP ON ZOO DESIGNING
OF CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY
HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY, 2015**

The 58th Meeting of Expert Group on Zoo Designing of Central Zoo Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Vinod Ranjan, Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) cum Member Secretary, CZA in the office of Central Zoo Authority at Hotel Janpath, New Delhi on 19th February, 2015. The list of participants is annexed at **Annexure – I(A) & (B)**. Following agenda items were taken up for discussion:

Agenda-I: Power Point Presentations

1. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Elephant Transit Camp, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh:

Shri K.K. Singh, C.F./ Director, Lion Safari, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh delivered a presentation on the proposal to establish an Elephant Transit Camp, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, in which following facts were highlighted:

- i. The facility is meant to keep elephants for a short period (on the way from the place of confiscation / rescue to permanent rescue centre proposed at Lakhimpur Kheri.)
- ii. The estimated cost of Elephant transit camp is Rs. 46 crores of which Rs. 40 crores to be spent in first two years. Most of this expenditure is of non-recurring in nature for creation of permanent infrastructure for housing elephants and boundary wall etc. Basic minimum amenities / facilities for restraining and feeding elephants and upkeep should be provided.
- iii. Availability of food would always be a problem because Fischer's forest is primarily a thorny forest in a ravinous terrain which is unsuitable for elephants. The members of Expert Group on Zoo Designing of Central Zoo Authority, in view of facts desired that the State Government should revisit whole issue keeping due regard for the facts raised above and also the fact that transit camps should be created at places on way from the city of confiscation of elephants to Lakhimpur Kheri where elephants are kept permanently.
- iv. According to Recognition of Zoo (Rules), 2009 as amended in 2013, any centre for long term care of animals qualifies to be a rescue centre and establishment of such a centre would require permission of hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- v. It was decided to examine the name of the facility, to process as rescue centre and to inform the Government of Uttar Pradesh about the same.
- vi. The State Government may submit detailed project report indicating the distribution of captive elephants in different districts of Uttar Pradesh, justification of establishing proposed facility at Etawah, particularly in view of natural food shortage and unsuitable terrain, and the plan proposal of permanent Rescue Centre at Lakhimpur Kheri.

2. Revised Master (layout) Plan & Master Plan of Zoo and Rescue Centre, Gorewada, Maharashtra:

Shri A.K. Nigam, M.D., and Shri R.S. Yadav, G.M. of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd., Nagpur, along with Shri Ashfaque Ahmed, Consultant have delivered a presentation on revised Master (layout) Plan & Master Plan of Zoo and Rescue Centre, Gorewada, Maharashtra. Following were observations of members on the same:

1. Principly the committee agreed to recommend the Master Plan and layout plan for its approval.

The height of fence (chain-link fence) should be 2.50 mts against 3.642 mts as shown in Section AA.

The location of night house should be on one side instead of in front of viewing site. The night house should be covered by chain-link mesh of an appropriate specification.

Construction of enclosure for Thamin Deer:

The design was scrutinized and approved subject to compliance of condition that the height of fence (chain-link fence) should be 2.50 mts against 3.642 mts as shown in Section AA.

9. Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh:
A. Construction of Reptile house (revised design):

The design was scrutinized by the members and approved the same.

10. Malsi Deer Park, Dehradun, Uttarakhand:

A. Construction of enclosure for Tiger:

The design was scrutinized and approved subject to compliance of following conditions:

- i. There should be no opening towards the paddock from the squeeze cage and animal should go through one of the feeding cells.
- ii. Appropriate drop gate may be provided for the purpose.

B. Construction of enclosure for Leopard:

The design was scrutinized and not approved. Suggested following modifications:

- i. Night shelter should be relocated properly, outside paddock.

11. Safari Park, Ambardi Dhari, District Amreli, Gujarat:

The designs of the Safari Park were scrutinized by members and made following observations:

- i. Enhance the boundary/barrier wall to 2 mts.
- ii. Feeding cubicles to be constructed at one corner rather keeping them in centre.

Agenda No. IV: Inclusion of species in Animal Collection Plan

12. Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan – Zoo, Byculla, Mumbai, Maharashtra:

The inclusion of reptilian species (Python Indian rock, Cobra indian, Rat snake, Boa constrictor, Whip snake, Keelback chequered, Viper Russell, Krait banded, Krait Indian common, Viper saw scaled, Python reticulated, Anaconda green and Monitor lizard) in animal collection plan of Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan – Zoo, Byculla, Mumbai, Maharashtra was discussed and approved by the members.


(Vinod Ranjan)
Member Secretary
