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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

## Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(NS) / 875/2016

Email  
DATE: 09.06.2016

To

The Wildlife Warden  
Wildlife Division,  
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**Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2015-Reg.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. A1-1800/2015, dated 26.10.2015 received in this office on 29.10.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala for period beyond 31.01.2015.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Kerala was carried out by Dr. M. Navin Kumar on 19.11.2015. The evaluation report of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala as a "Mini category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
1	4.2	Newly constructed paths should have same gradient.	With immediate effect
2	4.3	The animal houses of lions should have chain link mesh and roof top to be replaced with concrete slab.	With immediate effect
3	4.10	Signage should be in English and local language.	With immediate effect
<b>5. Upkeep and health care of animals</b>			
4	5.3	Prophylactic vaccination and medicines as prescribed by local veterinarian	With immediate effect

		should be carried out on regular basis as per the schedule.	
5	5.10	All records of the zoo should be maintained as per CZA prescribed formats	With immediate effect
<b>12. Visitor Facilities</b>			
6	12.1 & 3	Arrangements should be made for free movement of person in wheel chair for viewing wild animals at various enclosures and access civic facilities.	With immediate effect
<b>Other Observations</b>			
7		Roads should be widened in Safari for Safari vehicles for free negotiations at curves.	With immediate effect
8		The hybrid lions displayed in the Lion Safari Park are all aged and unfit for the Safari. The physically unfit lions should be not displayed.	With immediate effect

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid condition should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala beyond the period of 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

**Yours faithfully,**



**(Dr. D. N. Singh)**  
**Member Secretary**

**Copy to:-**

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. DPA, CZA.



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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) / 4198

DATE: 20.01.2014

To  
The Wildlife Warden  
Wildlife Division,  
Forest Department of Thiruvananthapuram,  
Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, Vattiyookavu P.O.,  
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013 (Kerala).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2014.**

Sir,

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram was carried out on 03.12.2013 by Sh. H. J. Bhandary. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the Chairman, Technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority vide note dated 01.01.2014 subject to post-facto approval & ratification in next Technical Committee of the CZA.

It seem from the report that the zoo has not complied most the stipulation and need to take it seriously else may be closed. Therefore, the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 extendable 2016 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 during mid-term evaluation of the Zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
1.	4.2	Old Crocodile ponds near the office is very congested and unhygienic. Gradient is very steep and difficult for the movement of senior citizens and children. Crocodiles in the old ponds should be shifted elsewhere or released in their habitat where there is no human habitation after getting CZA approval.	With immediate effect

2.	4.5.	(i) Lion animal houses have to be remodeled. Animal care takers passage should be provide with chain-link mesh or iron grills, keeping 2m width of passage and single door to be provided with lock and key to prevent chances of animal escaping from the cubicles. It will provide double protection.	With effect	immediate
		(ii) Roof top of the Lion animal house should be replaced with concrete slab of iron grills beneath the top cover.	With effect	immediate
3.	4.10 (a)	Proper signages should be erected in local and English languages.	With effect	immediate
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>				
4.	5.3 (3)	Prophylactic vaccination and medicines should be administered as prescribed.	With effect	immediate
5.	5.3(5)	Proper records should be maintained in CZA prescribed format.	With effect	immediate
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>				
6.	12.1	(i) Proper gradient should be maintained in the visitors' path for the movement of wheel chair (New Crocodile park).  (ii) In Lion safari roads made for the transportation of the visitors should be widened to facilitate the free and easy movement of vans.  End points of the roads should be widened for smooth turning of the visitors' vehicle to avoid any mishap. Weeds overgrown should be regularly cleaned for proper sighting of the animals.	With effect	immediate

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition beyond 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as a 'Mini Category Zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point in time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

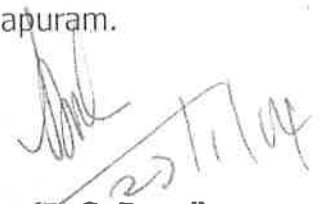
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**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.



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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M)/464

DATE: 13.03.2012  
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To

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Wildlife Division,  
Forest Department of Thiruvananthapuram,  
Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, Vattiyookavu P.O.,  
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013 (Kerala).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2011.**

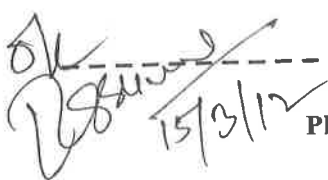
Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. A 1-2294/2004 dated 06.12.2011 seeking renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2011.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram was carried out by Sh. B. G. Mugadur on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. The evaluation report of the Wild Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2012.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as a Mini Category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General Requirements</b>			
1.	4	The Safari Park should strengthen the perimeter chain link mesh barrier to prevent the entry of feral dogs in the Safari Park (wherever it is broken)	Within six months
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
2.	6	Every zoo shall in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority, prepare a collection plan indicating the names of the species and	With immediate effect

  
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		maximum number of animals of each species to be housed in the zoo, having due regard to the congeniality of the climatic conditions of the locality for the general health and well being of the species, availability of the space and infrastructural support for support upkeep and healthcare of the species, proximity o the zoo to the habitat range of the species and the past record of the zoo in management and breeding of the species and no zoo shall compromise on housing and upkeep standards of animals for accommodating new species or additional animals of the species in its collection.	
3.	9	Any decision of the Central Zoo Authority about any animals being sent to a particular zoo for augmenting the number of founder animals for the conservation breeding programme of the species shall be binding on the concerned zoo.	With immediate effect
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
4.	1	Every zoo shall endeavour to display the animals in nature immersing enclosures (i) The feeding and retiring cells of Lions should be modified and suitable species to be planted in front of cages to display animals in nature immersing enclosures.  (ii) Cubicles of Lions to be remodeled, the inner walls to be provided with tiles/ granite slabs upto atleast 2 meters height. Floor to be relaid with tiles/ granite, covered with wooden plank (Takht) front portion of each cells to be provided with chain-link mesh to avoid crows and rats. The front drainage to be repaired. The top of the cells to be replaced with pucca cement slabs in place of GI sheets.  (iii) Old Crocodile pits to be dismantled by shifting the Crocodiles elsewhere or housed by construction of a separate enclosure as per standard design and dimension.	Within months six  Within months six  Immediate proposal to shift
5.	7	Adequate screening shall be provided between adjacent enclosures to safeguard against the animals getting unduly excited or stressed due to visibility of animals housed in these enclosures. (In Lion enclosure)	Immediate
6.	9	Every zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective stand off barriers at every animal display enclosures to regulate the movement of visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of wild	With immediate effect



		animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards to keep a safe distance from the animals.	
7.	10	Every zoo shall provide appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure.	With immediate effect
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
8.	5	Every zoo operators shall ensure that the left overfeed, excreta of animals and all other waste are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding and kraals are washed and disinfected as per the advice of the authorized veterinary officers and the solid and the liquid waste generated during the process shall be disposed off in such manner that has no adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo and the landscape surrounding the zoo.	With immediate effect
9.	8	Every zoo animal shall be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
10.	9	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
11.	10	Every zoo shall maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keepers' diary, daily reports, animals history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
12.	4	Tranquilization of any animals shall be done exercising utmost care and following the standards specified in this regards by the Central Zoo Authority from time to time.	With immediate effect

13.	6	Every zoo shall have linkages with the eminent institutions and organizations working in the field of wild animals healthcare with the objectives to provide for: (a) the training and upgrading technical skills of zoo staff; and (b) the development of protocols for preventive medicines and vaccination.	With immediate effect
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
14.	1	Every animal dies in the zoo shall be subjected to a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of death.	With immediate effect
15.	2	The findings of the post-mortem examination referred to in sub-paragraph (i) shall be recorded in such format as may be prescribed by Central Zoo Authority and in this regard and shall be maintained for a period of not less than six years.	With immediate effect
16.	3.	In the event of post-mortem being inconclusive and no specific reason for death is identified, the zoo authorities shall send the samples of the tissues and organs, blood, visera etc., for further examination to the qualified diagnostic laboratory having adequate specialization for further investigation and identifying the cause of death.	With immediate effect
17.	4	Every zoo shall ensure that the carcasses of the animals, after the post-mortem has been conducted, is disposed off by buying or burning in a manner that does not have any adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo. Provided that the carcasses of large cats shall be disposed off by burning in the presence of the Director of the zoo or any officer in the next rank to him and authorized by him in this behalf; Provided further that the carcasses of animals died due to Anthrax or such other communicable diseases shall not be opened and subjected to post-mortem, as a safeguard against spread of the disease. These shall be buried intact.	With immediate effect
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
18.	1	Every zoo shall endeavour to keep and maintain animals of various species in their collection in such a sex ratio that optimized breeding and helps in developing a self-sustaining population of each species	Procedure to be followed

19.	5	For the purpose of transportation of animals from one place to another, the standards specified in this regard by the Central Zoo Authority shall be complied with.	Within three months
20.	8	Every zoo shall with a view to prevent inbreeding and the loss of heterozygosity, the zoos shall maintain the animals history cards and stud and hard book of the animals of endangered species housed in the zoo and put appropriate identification marks and transfer or exchange animals with other zoos. <u>Lions housed in the park being of doubtful image</u> should be tested for its genetic purity in consultation with laboratory for conservation of endangered species (LaCONES), CCMB, Hyderabad and CZA.	Within three months
21.	9	In the meantime for the uncontrolled growth in the population of Crocodiles, Spotted deer, the part authorities should adopt population control measures specified by the CZA.	With immediate effect
22.	11	No zoo shall release any captive animal into the wild except in accordance with the norms specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard.	With immediate effect
<b>10. Research activities</b>			
23.	1	Every zoo shall endeavor to carry out collaborative research of evolving innovative strategies for providing the animals housed in the zoo a better quality of life, enhanced longevity, higher genetic and behavioural visibility and improved reproduction potential and to achieve the said goal the every zoo, other than mini zoos, shall make arrangements for meticulous recording of data on the social behaviour, group dynamic and reproductive biology of the species housed in the zoo and developing a data base to be shared with other zoos and identified institutions, in accordance with norms specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard.	With immediate effect
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
24.		Every zoo shall endeavour to educate the visitors to the zoo and the people at large about the significance of wildlife conservation for the general well being of the people and keeping the life support system of nature intact and the efforts shall be made to make people aware about the role played by the zoos in this regard and the ways means through which general public an participate and contribute for the same. Besides, the park authorities to fix placards, pamphlets to educate the visiting mass. The	With immediate effect

		sign boards should be attractive, educative and innovative for conservation of flora and fauna.	
<b>12 Visitors' facilities</b>			
25.	1	Every zoo operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantage persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do no mask or impact the view of enclosures.	Within three months
26.	2	Every zoo shall have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
27.	3	Every zoo shall make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	Within three months

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

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