



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

Central Zoo Authority



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F.No.19-225/93-CZA(142)(AK)/2668/2016

DATE: 22.09.2016

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Palakkad Forest Division,
Palakkad - 9. (Kerala)

Subject:- Renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, Kerala as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 30.04.2015 - regarding

Reference:-

1. Application vide letter No.O2-1204/2001 dated 14.09.2015 from the Divisional Forest Officer, Palakkad
2. This office letter F.No.19-225/93-CZA(142)(M)/2583 dated 10.04.2013

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, Kerala was carried out by Shri Arun R.S, IFS on 5th March, 2016. The evaluation report of the Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad, as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 79th Meeting held on 24th August, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of two years. The renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad as "a Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 23rd August, 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.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1.General requirements			
1	1(3)	The Snake Park should be closed for visitors for at least one day in a week.	Immediately
3.Development and Planning			
2	3(1)	Master Plan of the Snake Park should be prepared and got approved from Central Zoo Authority immediately.	Two months
3	3(6)	The Snake Park should prepare animal collection plan.	Two months
4	3(8)	Rescued animals should be rehabilitated properly following the guidelines of CZA and IUCN. Such animals should be rehabilitated with prior information to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	Immediately

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4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	4(2) & 4(8)	No new enclosure for reptiles should be constructed without obtaining prior approval of the enclosure's design from the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
6	4(3)	Footbath of adequate size should be provided at entry and exist points of enclosures.	One month
7	4(6)	Enclosures for all animals should be enriched to meet the species specific behavioural requirement in accordance with the prescribed standards of CZA.	Two months
8	4(7)	Shrubs and natural shade loving species should be planted to reduce visibility between the enclosures and to have more naturalistic appearance.	Six months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
9	5(10)	Records like Animal History Card, Keeper's Diary and Daily Reports should be maintained in format as prescribed by the CZA.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
10	9(4)	Single Crocodile should be either paired or transferred to a recognized zoo in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority and the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	Six months
12. Visitors facilities			
11	12(3)	Provision of wheel chairs & ramps for physically disabled persons should be provided.	Three months

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad for period up to 23rd August, 2018 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

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

The renewal of recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad for period beyond 23rd August, 2018 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Malampuzha Snake Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Palakkad shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum – 695 014. (Kerala); E-mail:- cwlw.for@kerala.gov.in; pccf.for@kerala.gov.in – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
2. DPA, CZA – to update database



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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(M)/2583

DATE: 10.04.2013

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Palakkad Division,
Palakkad – 9 (Kerala).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2013.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 02.1204/2011 dated 12.03.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2013.

The evaluation of the Snake Park, Malampuzha was carried out by Dr. B. Trinadha Rao on 1st- 2nd February 2013. The evaluation report of Snake Park, Malampuzha as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 65th Meeting held on 22nd March 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.04.2015 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The Forest Department of Kerala should acquire the additional land of 33 cents from the irrigation department.
- (ii) The number of species should be reduced (as per collection plan).
- (iii) Improve the quality of display. The size of animal exhibits should be as prescribed by Central Zoo Authority only.
- (iv) Provide the animal enrichment to all the animal exhibits.

and 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
3. Development and Planning			
1.	3.1	There is a little scope to expand the area. However, during 2010, Sh. P. S. Mani DFO, Palakkad has informed that the irrigation department has set aside same 33 cents for further extension and development of the Snake Park. Efforts should be made to acquire the land so that	Within 2 months

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		new enclosures can be constructed with the approval of the Master Plan by CZA.	
		The Master Plan of the Snake Park shall have to be got approved urgently.	Immediately
11. Education and Research activities			
2.	11.1& 2	(1) The Snake Park should 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 and means through which general public can participate and contribute for the same. (2) No physical handling or performances of Snakes is permitted as part of educational activity.	With immediate effect With immediate effect
12. Visitors facilities			
3.	12.1	(1) Every zoo operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantaged persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do not mask or impact the view of enclosures. (2) Every zoo shall have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises. (3) Every zoo shall make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	With immediate effect With immediate effect Within three months
11. Maintenance of Records and submission of inventory report			
4.	11.1	The Snake Park should maintain record of the births, acquisitions, deaths and disposals of animals of each species in its collection in the manner and in the format determined by the Central Zoo Authority and the inventory of the animals in the collection of each zoo, along with the details mentioned above for each financial year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th day of April of the ensuing year in Form II. Provided that the details in respect of the animals pertaining to the species included in Schedule I and Schedule II to the Act, along with the detailed reasons of death identified on the basis of the post-mortem examination reports shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority every quarter, within a period of fifteen days of the end of that quarter.	With immediate effect

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

Grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond 31.04.2015 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

A copy of evaluation report is also enclosed herewith for your ready reference to improve the conditions of Zoo.

**Yours faithfully,
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(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary**

Encl: evaluation report

Copy to:-

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



**(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation and Monitoring Officer**



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BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-225/93-CZA(142)(M)

DATE: 29.04.2011

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Palakkad Division,
Palakkad - 9 (Kerala).

Sub:- Renewal of Recognition to the Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 02.1204/2001 dated 05.02.2011, seeking renewal of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

The evaluation of the Snake Park, Malampuzha was carried out on 18.01.2011 by Sh. B. G. Mugadur. The evaluation report of the Snake Park as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 57th Meeting held on 24th March, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Snake Park, Malampuzha as a Mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th April, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Norm No.	Conditions to be Complied	Time Period
1. General requirements		
1	The size of the snake enclosures are very small and not in accordance with prescribed norms of CZA. Even the front glasses of the enclosures are not properly maintained and the snakes kept in the enclosures are not visible clearly. The revised design should be prepared and submitted to CZA for its approval.	One year
2	The Snake Park should landscape the area by planting appropriate species of trees and provide naturalistic environment within the zoo.	Within three months
5	The compound wall is in dilapidated condition and the height of the wall is below the permissible limit of 2 meters atleast. The same should be strengthened.	With immediate effect

7	The solid waste should be dumped in hygienic way.	With immediate effect.
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures		
2	The available enclosures for housing the snakes are very small particularly for King cobra and the movement of these reptiles is restricted to a greater extent. The size of enclosures and other infrastructure facilities should be as per the norms and guidelines prescribed by the CZA.	Within six months
6	The enclosures should be enriched to meet the species specific behavioral requirement of the animals in accordance with the prescribed standards of CZA.	With immediate effect
9	The stand off barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors should be provided. The same should not restricts viewing of snakes.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals		
2	The water containers in every animal enclosure require frequent cleaning.	With immediate effect
4	There are no feeding cells provided as per the standards specified by the CZA. To have separate feeding cells in the existing enclosures which are below standard size and dimension.	With immediate effect
8	The animals housed at Snake Park shall be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicine administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
9	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of Snake Park 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
10	The Snake Park shall maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behavior and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals		
4	The single crocodile to be shifted to a recognized zoo and the King cobras if at all to be housed, they are to be housed in bigger enclosures as per the requirement with all infrastructure provisions. Or else they have to be shifted other recognized zoos in consultation with CZA.	With immediate effect

10	The existing enclosures are to be properly safeguarded against escape of animals.	With immediate effect.
11. Education and outreach activities		
1	In the present circumstances the snake park is absolutely not efficient to educate the visitors particularly the students about the importance of eco-system and conservation of wild animals, usefulness of reptiles in the field of agriculture in keeping down the menace of rat population. Efforts should be made to educate the public and school children with the importance of conservation by rebuilding the rescue centre as per the standards norms as early as possible.	With immediate effect.
12. Visitors facilities		
1	The Snake Park Operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantaged persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do not mask or impact the view of enclosures.	Within three months
3	The Snake Park should make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	With immediate effect

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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