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**Central Zoo Authority**



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DATE: 22.07.2014

To

The Director  
Van Vihar National Park,  
Bhopal -- 462 003 (Madhya Pradesh).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond the period of 31.10.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. Management/1103 dated 15.05.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond the period of 31.10.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal was carried out by Dr. B. R. Sharma and Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 19.04.2014. The evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal as "a Medium Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirement</b>			
1.	1.3	The snakes in the pit get disturbed due to top viewing. The snake should be displayed at equal level.	Within one year
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
2.	2.2	Quick action is required to recruit Biologist-cum-Education Office.	Within one year
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
3.	3.1	The Members of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of CZA made certain observations which have not been complied till date. So, Master Plan needs revision.	Within three months

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The animal collection plan should be prepared in CZA format. Within three months

#### 4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

5.	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 & 4.5	The enclosures of snakes are small in size and a few are kept in pits. Star tortoise, Leopard enclosures are small in size whereas, one Tiger enclosure is very large. These enclosures should be re-done as per CZA's norms.	Within one year
6.	4.6	The enclosures of Tiger, Leopard, Bear and Jackal require behavioral enrichment tools.	Within six months
7.	4.7	There should be screening space between Tiger enclosure.	Within six months
8.	4.9	All the enclosures should have standoff barriers as per CZA's norms. Hedge should be planted between moat wall and standoff barriers.	Within one year
9.	4.10	Most of the enclosures do not have appropriate signages. There is need to install signages with adequate information.	Within six months

#### 5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals

10.	5.2 (6)	The food and water samples should be go tested randomly.	Within one months
11.	5.3(5)	The operator should prepare and use keeper dairy, daily report, animal history card, animal treatment card and studbook.	With immediate effect
12.	5.3 (6)	The staff involved in the healthcare of animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year.	Within one year
13.	5.2(6)	The food and water samples should be got tested randomly.	Within one month

#### 9. Acquisition and breeding of animals

14.	9.6 (b)	The zoo should prepare conservation breeding plan of Tiger and Vulture.	Within one month
15.	9.8	The zoo should prepare animal history card and studbook of endangered species.	Within three months

#### 11. Education and Outreach activities

16.	11.1	The exhibit centre requires a lot of improvement in terms of labeling, information and statics.	Within six months
17.	11.2	The physical handling of animals should be stopped.	With immediate effect

12. Visitors facilities

16. 12.3 The zoo should have anti snake venom. Within three months

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 Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 as "a Medium 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 Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal 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,**  
**sd/-**  
**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

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

  
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**Central Zoo Authority**

SPEED POST



**BY REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. V)(M)

DATE: 08.10.2010

To

The Director  
Van Vihar National Park-Zoo,  
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal beyond the period of 29.06.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. Management/1841 dated 14.07.2009.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and the evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal as submitted by Dr. Vibhu Prakash and Dr. Naim Akhtar, Scientific Officer, CZA was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition	Time to comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1	5	As the zoo is located in the centre of the city hence entire zoo should be surrounded by the perimeter concrete wall.	2 year
<b>2. Administrative &amp; Staffing pattern</b>			
2	2	The zoo operator should post fulltime curator, biologist and education officer.	One year
<b>3. Development &amp; Planning</b>			
3	1	Follow up for the approval of the Master plan of the Van Vihar zoo should be expedited and get approved at the earliest.	One year

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4	5	Visitor facilities especially shelter should be "pucca" building type structure with proper design and material.	One year
5	9.	Any decision of the Central Zoo Authority about any animal 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.	As and when require
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
6	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common palm civet should be shifted to regular housing built as per the CZA guidelines.</li> <li>• Grasses from Crocodile and Gharial enclosure has to removed immediately and sand mound should be provided for basking and nesting of the animals.</li> <li>• Leopard enclosure should have inclined iron sheet to prevent escape of animals.</li> <li>• Chain link fences of the display enclosures should properly erected without any looseness and with proper concrete &amp; brick grouting as have in the enclosure of Rescue centre.</li> <li>• Stand off barriers in front of leopard enclosure should be replaced.</li> <li>• Moat of the enclosures should be repaired.</li> <li>• Zoo should not store or place any type of the manure in front of the enclosures or nearby to the visitor's path.</li> <li>• Grasses from the all the enclosures should be removed regularly. Some of the trees and bamboo vegetation from the carnivore enclosures may be trimmed to have some open spaces and increas the visibility.</li> <li>• The zoo should plan to construct some more glass viewing enclosures for snakes and existing pit enclosures has to be dismantled. Zoo should also ensure identification of the snakes (sex etc) before put them for display.</li> </ul>	Within six months

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The zoo should put more effort to provide congenial conditions to sloth bear for breeding as this is hard species to be bred in captivity.</li> <li>Hyena enclosure needs to be strengthened.</li> <li>Actual number of free ranging animals has to be ascertained.</li> </ul>	
7	3	Snake pits are vulnerable to visitor disturbance hence need to be rebuilt on the pattern of glass enclosure.	One year
8	5	Regular enclosure for Common palm civet as per the guideline of the CZA is need to built.	Six months
9	6	Tiger, leopard and lion, civet and hyena enclosure need to have special efforts to enrich the environment of the enclosure to meet the species specific behavioural requirements of the animals.	3 months
10	9	The zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective stand off barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors especially in crocodile, tiger, turtle and gharial enclosure.	6 months
11	10	The zoo shall have appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure.	6 months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
12	3	The timing of distribution of food, placement of food and way of distribution of food to the animals shall be regulated in such a manner that the animals get maximum opportunity to express natural instincts and skills and behaviour related to feeding. Crocodile and gharial should be largely fed with fishes.	With immediate effect.
13	5	The zoo should ensure that the left over feed, excreta of animals and all other wastes are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding cells and kraals are washed and disinfected. Incinerator may be made functional at the earliest. Meat should not be allowed to rotten in the water.	With immediate effect.

<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
14	(4)	Zoo may make effort to pair the Himalayan black bear.	6 months
15	(6)	The zoo should developed & implement project on conservation breeding of the tiger and vultures as per the guideline of the CZA.	6 months
16	(7)	The surplus animals from the breeding population shall be made available to the contributing zoo for display purposes on the basis of quality of housing and infrastructural facilities available with the zoos.	As and when require.
17	(9)	The zoo shall endeavour to limit the number of animals of each species within the limits set by the animal collection plan of the zoo by implementing appropriate population control measures like segregation of sexes, vasectomy, tubectomy and implantation of pellets etc., with due consideration of the health and welfare of the animals and interest of their long term survival.	As and when require.
<b>10 Research activities</b>			
18		The zoo shall endeavor to carry out collaborative research for evolving innovative strategies for providing the animals housed in the zoo a better quality of life, enhanced longevity, higher genetic and behavioural viability and improved reproduction potential and to achieve the said goal the every zoo	Six months
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
19	(1)	The interpretation centre should be maintained properly with modern media devices and quality signage on animals and warning signage should be placed at all appropriate places.	Six months
20	(2)	No physical handling or performances by animals shall be permitted as part of educational activity.	With immediate effect.
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
21	(1)	The zoo 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.	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 Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013 as a small 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 Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal 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,  
sd/-  
(B. S. Bonal)  
Member Secretary**

Copy for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal for favour of information.
2. DPA, CZA.



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





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**BY REGISTERED POST**

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DATE: 25.6.2007

To

The Director  
Van Vihar National Park-Zoo,  
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)

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**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park- Zoo,  
Bhopal under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972  
Regarding.**

Sir,

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Kindly refer to your letter No MAGT./Steno/974 dated 7.4.2005, seeking renewal of recognition for Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal beyond 31.12.2004 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

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The evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal as submitted by Shri R. S. Bhadauria and Dr. Utkarsh Shukla was considered by the Technical Committee in its meeting held on 23.1.2007. The Committee members had desired that the for fresh categorisation of the Zoo, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh should submit an undertaking that authorities are equally responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the free ranging animals including maintenance of records on their births and deaths. The same was communicated to you vide this office letter of even no., dated 08.02.2007.

Keeping in view of the undertaking report submitted by you vide your office letter No. 1475 dated 24.3.2007 that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is equally responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the free ranging animals including their maintenance of records on their birds and deaths, the Central Zoo Authority had decided to grant conditional recognition to Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal as a medium category Zoo upto a period till 29.6.2009.

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The conditions to be complied by 29.6.2009 have been reproduced below:-

**A.** A master plan (including a layout plan) for development of the Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal shall be prepared and submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008 in the format circulated vide letter no. 27-1/2005-CZA(M), dated 03.02.2006. A management plan giving detailed proposals and activities to be taken up during next five years should also be submitted.

**B. Other conditions under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992**

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
<b>GENERAL</b>		
1.	2	The zoo should not acquire any animal in violation of the Act or Rules made their under. Prior permission of the Central Zoo Authority shall be obtained for acquisition of animals listed under Schedule I & II of the Act. ✓
2.	11A	A collection plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo should be prepared. The plan should be prepared keeping in view due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area. ✓
<b>Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>		
3.	13	The zoo shall have an official with masters degree in Wildlife Sciences/Zoology as a full time curator solely responsible for looking after the upkeep of animal and maintenance of animal enclosures. ✓
<b>Animal Enclosure – Design, Dimensions and Other Essential Features</b>		
4.	15	Stand off barriers should be provided at all animal enclosures for keeping the visitors at a safe distance from the animals. ?
5.	18	The mammals in the zoo should be provided food inside a feeding cell/ retiring cubicle or feeding kraal. The number and size of feeding cells or kraals will be such that the dominant animals do not deprive other animals from getting adequate food. ✓
6.	20.	Designing of new enclosures for endangered species shall be finalized with approval of the Central Zoo Authority. ✓
<b>Animal Care, Health and Treatment</b>		
7.	22	The Zoo should provide a proper waste disposal system for treating both solid and liquid wastes generated in the Zoo. ✓

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8.	28	A schedule for routine examination including parasite checks of the animals should be prepared and implemented. Preventive medicine including vaccination should be administered at such intervals as decided by the veterinary officer.
9.	30	The zoo shall maintain animal history sheets and treatment cards in respect of each animal of endangered species.
<b>Veterinary facilities</b>		
10.	31	The veterinary unit shall have isolation and quarantine wards to take care of newly arriving animals and sick animals as to minimize the chances of infections spreading to other animals.
11.	35	The zoo should have a proper facility for disposal of carcasses without affecting the hygiene of the zoo.
<b>Breeding of animals</b>		
12.	36	The zoo should keep in its collection only such number of animals and such species for which housing facility exists. The zoo operators shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of animals of any species does not go beyond the holding capacity of the enclosures available in the zoo and housing standards are not compromised for keeping the excessive numbers.
13.	37	The Zoo should shift the single male Hyena and male Gharial and male Ratel to a recognised Zoo in the country in consultation with the CZA.
<b>Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority</b>		
14.	40	To safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population spotted deer, nilgai and Hanuman langur, Sambar, the zoo shall implement appropriate population control measures.
15.	42	The records of birth, acquisition, disposals and deaths of the animals should be maintained. The inventory of the animals in the zoo as on 31 <sup>st</sup> March of every year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the same year.
16.	43	A brief summary of the death of animals in the zoo for every financial year, along with the reasons of death identified on the basis of the postmortem report and diagnostic tests should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.
<b>Education and Research</b>		
17.	45	Every enclosure in the zoo should bear a sign board displaying scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.

S.No		
1.	<b>Name of the Zoo</b>	Van Vihar Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
2.	<b>Category of the Zoo</b>	Large Zoo
3.	<b>Area of the Zoo</b>	445.21 hectare
4.	<b>Objective</b>	I Conservation breeding of Tiger, Asiatic lion, Hard ground swamp deer and Vultures. II Conservation Education and Awareness. III Research for conservation of wild animals in captivity. IV Rescue and rehabilitation of Tiger/ Leopard/Sloth bear.
5.	<b>Theme of display</b>	Broad taxonomic display of wild animal species of Central India.
6.	<b>Animal Collection Plan</b>	I Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Hyena, Wolf, Jackal, Wild dog, Porcupine, Jungle cat, Leopard cat, Civets, Pangolin, Ratel, , Swamp Deer, Mouse deer, Gaur, Spotted Deer, Sambar, Barking deer, Blackbucks, Neelgai, Chinkara, Chousinga, water birds, Peafowl, Red Jungle Fowl, Gharial, Mugger, Terrapins, Tortoise, Snakes etc. II Off display conservation Breeding Centres for Tiger, Hard ground swamp deer and Vultures (at Kerwa). III Off display rescue centres for Tiger/Leopard/Sloth bear.
7.	<b>Master (Layout) Plan</b>	To be prepared.
8.	<b>Manpower</b>	I CF/DCF rank officer-in-charge as Director II DCF/ACF rank Curator (animals)- 1 No. III Veterinary Officers - 2 Nos. 2 IV Education officer - I No. ? V Biologist - I No. ? VI Support staff as per needs

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