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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

## Central Zoo Authority

F. No. 19-22/93-CZA(243)/386/2016

**THROUGH EMAIL/REGISTERED POST**

**DATE: 04.03.2016**

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu  
No.1 Jeenis Road  
Panagal Buildings  
Saidapet, Chennai -600015

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2015.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 0100/2010/D1 dated 15.05.2015 and letter No. 100/2010/D1 dated 26.06.2015 received in this office on 02.06.2015 and 03.07.2015 respectively, seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for the period beyond 31.07.2015

The evaluation of the Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta on 04.01.2016. The evaluation report of the Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai as 'Mini Zoo' category under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for a period up to 20.01.2019 subject to the compliance with the following directives under Rule 10 of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (Amended in 2013) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>General Requirements:</b>			
1.	1(2)	(a) Appropriate screening on approach road between Chennai Snake Park and Spotted deer enclosure at Children's Park, Guindy should be provided by using the plants.  (b) The zoo should make efforts to carry out plantation of suitable trees outside the animal exhibits, along the visitors path way to provide shade to the visitors and for immersion effect.	Six months
2.	1(9)	Domestic birds – Cockatiels should be removed from the zoo.	Immediate

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<b>Administrative and Staffing Pattern:</b>			
3.	2(2)	The zoo should have full time Veterinary Officer for day to day care of the animals which is mandatory as per Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months
<b>Development and Planning:</b>			
4.	3(1)	The Zoo should get the master plan approved from the Central Zoo Authority immediately.	Immediate
5.	3(5)	Toilet placed next to Blackbuck enclosure needs to be shifted to some appropriate place.	Three months
<b>Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:</b>			
6.	4(3)	The parapet wall towards visitor side damaged during recent flood in the Spotted deer enclosure should be repaired immediately.	Immediate
7.	4(3)	All the aviaries at the Children Park should be made rodent proof.	Immediate
8.	4(3)	The rhesus macaque enclosure should be made, naturalistic following the norms of CZA. The present exhibit does not meet behavioural requirement of animals. All rusted metal posts should be replaced with bamboos or wooden. The metal swings should be replaced with wooden swings, tied with Jute rope.	One Year
9.	4(3)	The terrariums added as new attraction though looks attractive however following observations are made: (a)The rescued turtles housed in the terrariums should be provided large size terrariums and area for basking should be provided. (b)The water bowls provided in the chameleon terrarium should be submerged in the sand. (c) All terrariums should contain signage with biological information. (d)The terrariums should be provided with live plants. (e)The zoo should provide a circulation map at various places in the Zoo showing the visitors location ('you are here') and location of various exhibits. (f)Snake house should be provided shade on the top in order to avoid visitors reflection. (g)Glass provided as barrier on snake exhibits should be cleaned from inside. (h)The water body made of plastic provided to all snake should be replaced with earthen pot. (i)The substrate provided in the Snake House should be replaced atleast once in every six month. (j)The snake house should have keeper gallery in the back for the safety of visitors and keepers.	Three months

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10.	4(4)	The Peafowl housed in Jungle fowl aviary should be provided enough space to meet their biological requirement by removing the large shade on top and the birds should also be provided with enough perch.	Three months
11.	4(5)	The zoo should shift the Caiman and Mugger immediately, as they are not provided housing as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority. The zoo was directed in 2011 itself to shift them to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur while grant of renewal of recognition was granted by the CZA.	Three months
12.	4(5)	The Barn owl, housed in a enclosure of less than 10 sqmts, should be provided with appropriate size of aviary.	Six months
13.	4(5)	The jackal housed in an exhibit of 20 sqmts should be shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur as decided already and communicated by the CZA.	Six months
14.	4(5)	The pillars provided in the aviary so called Vedathangal Aviary should be painted olive green in colour.	Six months
15.	4(6)	The parakeets have been provided with ladder made of plastic <sup>which</sup> where should be replaced by jute rope ladder. The exhibit should also be provided with live plants and the viewing area should be restricted to 30% of the total area of aviary.	Three months
16.	4(9)	The service gate provided for the keeper for most animal exhibits, towards the viewing area should be relocated and should be placed in the back side of the exhibit (Blackbuck, Peafowl).	Three months
17.	4(10)	The signage fixed at the zoo should be assessed as they are placed in such a position that they hinder the viewing area of visitors, thus they should be placed appropriately.	Three months
<b>Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
18.	5(2)	The plastic water trough used in Sambar enclosure should be replaced with earthen or cement trough.	Immediate
<b>Acquisition and breeding of animals:</b>			
19.	9(3)	The single Cassowary housed at the zoo should be paired.	Six months
20.	9(9)	The zoo should control the population of Sambar immediately as their number is already beyond the carrying capacity of the exhibit.	Three months

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

It is to inform that the period ranging from 31.07.2015 to 20.01.2016 is hereby regularized by the Central Zoo Authority.

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Grant of renewal of recognition to Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai beyond 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 would be considered on the basis of compliance with the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.


The recognition to the Children's Park at Guindy, Chennai 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 Wildlife Warden, Children' Park at Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for information and necessary action.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA-to update records.

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



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**Central Zoo Authority**

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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-22/93-CZA(243)(Vol. I)(M) / 184

DATE: 11.07.2011

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To

The Wildlife Warden  
Guindy Children's Park,  
259, Anna Sarai,  
DMS Campus, Teynampet,  
Chennai – 600 006 (Tamil Nadu).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.08.2010.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 100/2011/D1 dated 12.01.2011 seeking renewal of recognition to the Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.08.2010.

The evaluation of the Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai was carried out by Sh. Neelim Khaire on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. The evaluation report of the Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai as a Medium Category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 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>1. General requirements</b>			
1.	2	Banners, pipes, boards, plastic should be removed from the enclosures. Enclosures should be naturalistic in settings.	With immediate effect
2.	3	The aquarium should be shifted to a larger area. There is no adequate space for	One year

		visitors to move. Proper entry and exit signs should be placed. It should be protected from the sun, as the reflection obstructs the view of the fishes.	
3.	5	There should be two meter high boundary wall from the ground level between the Children's park and the snake park. A barrier should also be erected between the enclosures and the Interpretation centre.	Six months
4.	9	Domestic animals like geese, budgerigars, cockatiels and love birds should be removed.	Three months
<b>3. Development and planning</b>			
5.	7	The zoo should have a isolation and quarantine facility for housing rescued animals. The animals received as a rescued should be rehabilitated back to the wild, the animals which can not be rehabilitated should be shifted to a rescue centre for their life time care.	One year
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
6.	1	(i) Some of the enclosures have many layers of wire meshing, with the result that the animal cannot be seen clearly by the visitor. The same should be rectified. (ii) The tree guard which are not required now within the enclosure should be removed.	Three months  Three months
7.	2	(i) Civet cat and wild dogs (Dholes) should be shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur in order to provide them large area for their housing. (ii) The porcupine is a nocturnal creature. The enclosure is inappropriate with a lot of sunlight. Visitors cannot see the animal in the enclosure. Therefore, the same should be designed accordingly. (iii) All the enclosure in the zoo should have naturalistic settings, so that visitors can view the animal. (iv) Monkeys and hyena kept in small cages should be shifted to the other recognized zoos and should not be displayed to the visitors or the zoo should	Three months  Six months  With immediate effect Three months

		provide animal enclosure of the size, specified by CZA.	
8.	3	(i) The wire meshing can cause injury to visitors or to the animals. It should be repaired and single layer of strong wire mesh to be used instead of double layers. (ii) Cracks in the walls of the enclosure should be filled. Walls of the enclosures should be made stronger. (iii) Tin sheet should be removed and the wore mesh should be repaired.	With immediate effect  With immediate effect With immediate effect
9.	6	(i) The Emu enclosure is inappropriate. They should be kept in bigger enclosures with naturalistic settings. (ii) The otter enclosure is bare and inappropriate. The ground is of cement concrete. Naturalistic settings should be created and the enclosure made pleasant to the visitors eye. (iii) The crocodile enclosure does not have naturalistic settings. Vegetation, rocks and sand for basking should be introduced. (iv) The monkey enclosure is bare and inappropriate. Naturalistic settings should be created and enrichment should be introduced. (v) The snake enclosures are bare and do not have any enrichment, or naturalistic settings. It is recommended that the snakes should be shifted to the snake park.	Three months  One year  Three months  Three months  Three months
10.	7	A screen or boundary wall should be made to obstruct the view of the interpretation centre from the enclosure	One year
11.	9	(i) Stand off barrier should be constructed at a distance as prescribed by the CZA on all animal enclosures. (ii) The width of the steps is too narrow and can cause a visitor to fall. They should be made wider.	Six months  Six months

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12.	10	(i) Display boards should have information in Hindi, English and local language. They should be made of weather proof flex material and should be cleaned periodically. (ii) The display boards should be positioned at eye level without obstructing the view of the animal in the enclosure. The display board is positioned high on the enclosure. Visitors are unable to read the information.	One year  Three months
<b>11. Educational and outreach activities</b>			
13.	1	The interpretation centre should be kept open during visitor hours.	With immediate effect
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
14.	1	(i) A covered facility to be constructed for keeping visitors belongings. (ii) Public toilets should not be locked during visitor hours.	Six months  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 Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 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 Children's Corner, Guindy National Park, Chennai 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,

  
(B. S. Bonal)  
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai 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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**BY REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-22/93-CZA(Vol.I)(243)(M)**

**DATE: 30.8.2007**

To

The Wildlife Warden  
259, Anna Sarai,  
DMS Campus, Teynampet,  
Chennai – 600 006 (Tamil Nadu)

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai beyond the period of 31.3.2007 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. D2/5375/2006 dated 22.3.2007 forwarded through the Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu vide letter No. WL1/2132/2007 dated 9.4.2007, seeking renewal of recognition for Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai beyond 31.3.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Zoo was evaluated on 16.4.2007 by Shri A. V. Joseph, Addl. PCCF (WL), Government of Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Navin Kumar, Deputy Director (Retd.), Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. The evaluation report was placed before the Technical committee Meeting held on 16.7.2007.

On the recommendations of the Committee, it has been decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai, as a medium category zoo for a period up to 31.08.2010 subject to following conditions:-

The conditions to be complied by 31.08.2010 have been reproduced below:-

**A.** A master plan for development of the Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai 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.

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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 there 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.	14	The Zoo shall have atleast one full time Veterinarian to look after the day to day health of the animals.
<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.	16	The animal enclosures for small mammals (civets and jackals), reptiles (snakes, crocodiles) and birds (owls) shall be so designed as to meet the biological requirements of the animals housed therein. The enclosures shall be of such size as to ensure that the animals get space for their free movement and exercise. In case of species which can not be exhibited in day time due to its behavioral or biological reasons, separate enclosure shall be provided for each animal.
6.	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.
7.	20	Designing of new enclosures for endangered species shall be finalized with approval of the Central Zoo Authority.
<b>Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep</b>		
8.	22.	The Zoo should provide a proper waste disposal system for treating both the solid and liquid waste generated in the Zoo.

<b>Animal Care, Health and Treatment</b>		
9.	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 visiting veterinary officer. The same should be displayed in the Zoo hospital also.
10.	29	The staff involved with upkeep of animal should be screened for zoonotic diseases every six months.
11.	30	The Zoo shall maintain animal history sheets and treatment cards in respect of each animal of endangered species.
<b>Veterinary facilities</b>		
12.	31	(a) The Zoo should create a veterinary unit of an appropriate size with basic diagnostic facilities to provide primary treatment to sick and injured animals. (b) The Zoo should provide appropriately designed quarantine and isolation wards to take care of newly arriving animals and sick animals as to minimize the chances of infections spreading to other animals of the Zoo. (c) The sick and infirmed animals should be kept away from the display area.
13.	32	The Zoo shall have squeeze cages of appropriate size and dimension for treatment and transport of animals.
14.	35	The Zoo should have a proper facility for disposal off carcasses without affecting the hygiene of the zoo.
<b>Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority</b>		
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 and warning signs regarding the animals exhibited in it.
<b>Visitor facilities</b>		
18.	49	The first aid equipments including antivenom shall be readily available in the premises of the zoo.

**C. Other recommendation**

The Zoo authorities should mainly concentrate exhibiting smaller animals, large animals should be transferred to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai in phased manner and in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority.

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

Grant of recognition to Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai beyond 31.08.2010 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Children's Corner, Guindy, Chennai 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,  
for Member Secretary  
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(Brij Kishor Gupta)  
Scientific Officer**

Copy for favour of information to:-

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2. The Director, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

  
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