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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
Central Zoo Authority

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To

The District Forest Officer
Vellore Forest Division,
Vellore- 632009 (Tamil Nadu)
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Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.09.2015- Reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 6727/92/D, dated 20.07.2015 received in this office on 29.07.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 30.09.2015.

The evaluation of the Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Sh. B.G. Mugadur on 27.02.2016. The evaluation report of the Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as a "Small 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 (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	1.2	The zoo should provide proper landscaping raising lawns, beautifying the enclosures with plants outside and inside to provide a naturalistic environment within the zoo to enable the visitors to have communion with nature and get motivated for living in harmony with nature.	With immediate effect
2	1.3	The movement of visitors in the zoo should be regulated so that they do not have access to animal cages from	Six months

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		all the sides causing disturbance to animals, birds and snakes by providing barricading in full length. It should be restricted to 30% of the perimeter of the enclosure	
3	1.5	Barbed wire fencing passing through angle iron rods of 3 to 4 feet height of close strands be firmly fixed with cement on the top of the walls leaning towards inside the enclosure to keep down the monkey menace as they try to enter from the adjoining forests causing disturbance to visitors and animals in the zoo.	Six months
3. Development & Planning			
4	3.3	Construction of footbaths from the entrance of the zoo to various enclosures of proper size with cement tiles and planting Duranta cuttings on either side of the paths as hedge plant. The old trees in the area be added with some more shade bearing trees all over the area. Landscaping of lawns and planting of flower should be taken up. Paragola type shades be provided in strategic places for the visitors.	Six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	4.7	Screening should be provided between two adjacent enclosures to refrain each species getting undue stress, preferably using plant species.	With immediate effect
6	4.9	Standoff barrier be provided at every animal enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors and enable them to see animals from a safe distance without creating any sort of disturbance to the animals. Also adequate warning boards to be provided in front of the enclosure in local languages.	With immediate effect
7	4.10	Signboards showing the location of each animal enclosure be provided.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
8	5.8	All zoo animals should be screened for parasitic load and administering prophylactic medicines in consultation with veterinary doctor is compulsory and records thereof should be	With immediate effect

		maintained.	
9	5.9	Staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once in a year and record should be maintained.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary & Infrastructure facilities			
10	6.6	Zoo should have linkages with institutions working in the field of wild animals health care. In case any assistance in diagnosis of disease of serious nature to follow effective remedial measures, the staff working in the zoo should be deputed to the major zoo like Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur to study the working on other aspects.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
11	9.9	It is absolutely necessary to limit the number of animals of each species of deer as they are more than the carrying capacity of the area. Population control measures like segregation of sex and undertaking vasectomy by professional Veterinary Doctors should be carried out.	With immediate effect
11. Education and outreach activities			
12	11.1	Zoo should educate the visitors about the conservation of wild animals by arranging drawing competition etc for school children and awarding some prizes, similarly wild life week be celebrated in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
12. Visitor Facilities			
13	12.1	Few more toilets for gents and ladies be provided and good drinking water at strategic points be provided.	Six months
14	12.2	First aid kit with anti-venom be made available in zoo premises	With immediate effect
Other Observations			
15	There is no main gate for entry to the zoo. A properly designed gate with a large and a wicket gate at the entry point of the zoo may be provided.		One year
16	There are few small entries to the zoo here and there, without any particular gate to control the entry of stray dogs and cattle and also safety and security of the zoo. These openings should be		One year

	immediately closed and only well-guarded and proper entry and exit points should be provided with proper security and gates.	
17	The zoo should ensure proper supervision and control over the staff working in the zoo and Proper maintenance should be done for the recently built enclosures and iron double gates provided to the deer enclosures.	One year

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 Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 5th 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 Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu, Chennai for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. DPA, CZA.

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To

The District Forest Officer
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Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period 31.03.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 6727/92-D1 dated 18.03.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period 31.03.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi was carried out on 24.03.2013 by Th. C. S. Yalakki. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 67th Meeting held on 30th August, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th September, 2015 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirement			
1.	1 (3)	The movement of visitors in the zoo should be regulated so that they do not access animal cages from all sides causing disturbance to animals.	Within six months
2.	1 (5)	The zoo should be encompassed by the appropriate barrier of at least two meter in height from the ground level on all sides.	Within one year

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3.	1 (9)	The domestic birds such as Guinea fowls should be removed from the display.	Within three months
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
4.	2 (2)	The zoo should have a regular arrangement with the veterinarian for ensuring his visit to zoo at regular interval for monitoring upkeep and health of animals.	Within three months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	4 (1)	New naturalistic enclosures should be constructed as per the Master (layout) Plan approved by the CZA and the animals now under display in cages should be rehabilitated in phased manner.	Within two years
6.	4 (6)	(i) The aviary housing Pea fowls near the entrance is too small, as the birds are unable to fly; rather the peafowl's shall be shifted to large aviary existing within the zoo. (ii) All aviaries in the zoo should be provided with sufficient no. of perches and shade. (iii) The Spotted deer enclosure should be provided with double gate entry. (iv) The pythons housed in small dingy enclosures do not serve any purpose. The pythons should be either shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur or a large naturalistic enclosure should be provided to house the Pythons.	Within three months Within three months Within three months Within one month
7.	4 (10)	The signages boards should contain scientific name, local name, its distribution range, feeding habits, biology, ecological significance, conservation status in the wild etc. and re-installed at appropriate locations in such manner that they do not obstruct the visibility of enclosures and are easily readable by visitors.	Within three months

9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals			
8.	9 (4)	The zoo should acquire appropriate mate for single Common mongoose.	Within three months
9.	9 (9)	There are 50 numbers of Spotted deer, the number should be reduced immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	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 beyond 30th September, 2015 to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a 'Mini Category Coo' 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 Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore 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.

Yours faithfully,
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Evaluation and Monitoring Officer

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F. No. 19-32/92-CZA(251)(M) **DATE: 03.03.2010**

To

The District Forest Officer
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Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter dated 23.07.2009 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi was carried out on 30.07.2009 by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 52nd Meeting held on 20th January, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st March, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Relevant Rule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
11.	The zoo should maintain record of 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 30th day of April of the ensuing year in Form II.	With immediate effect

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S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirement			
1.	1 (5)	The zoo should be encompassed by an appropriate barrier of at least two meter in height from the ground level on all sides.	Within six months
2.	1 (6)	(i) No residential colony shall be constructed within the zoo premises. (ii) Provided that where such colonies already exist, it shall be separated from the Rescue Centre premises by a boundary wall with a minimum height of two meters from the ground level. The entry to the residential colony shall not be through the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
3.	1 (7)	The zoo shall have proper waste disposal system for treating both the liquid and solid wastes generated in the zoo.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	4 (2)	(i) Most of the enclosures except aviary and old primate enclosure needs to be demolished as they do not fulfill the dimension prescribed under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992. (ii) The animal enclosures in the zoo should also be provided with the stand-off barriers to keep the visitors at the safe distance from the animals.	With immediate effect
5.	4 (6)	(i) The aviary housing Pea fowls near the entrance is too small, as the birds are unable to fly; rather the peafowl's shall be shifted to large aviary existing within the zoo. (ii) All aviaries in the zoo should be provided with sufficient no. of perches and shade. (iii) The Spotted deer enclosure should be provided with double gate entry. (iv) The porcupine enclosure should be provided kuccha floor to allow them to dig. However the floor of the enclosure should reinforced with concrete and mesh in order to prevent the animal from escape. (v) The pythons housed in small dingy enclosures do not serve any purpose. The pythons should be either shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur or a large	Within three months

		naturalistic enclosure should be provided to house the Pythons. (vi) The crocodile enclosure should be provided sand for its basking.	
6.	4 (9)	All animal enclosures at the zoo should be provided appropriate stand off barriers to regulate the movement of the visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of the wild 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 so as to give warning of the visitors to keep a safe distance from the animals.	With immediate effect
7.	4 (10)	All the animal enclosures in the zoo should be provided with appropriate signages with the relevant information of biology, behaviour and population status of the species in the wild.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
8.	5 (4)	(i) The zoo authorities should made necessary provision to the safeguard against feral animals, free ranging wild animals and scavengers sharing the feed of the zoo animals, each animal shall be provided feed in the feeding cells/ kraals specially earmarked for the purpose and such feeding cells and kraals shall be so designed that these can also serve as indoor enclosures for the animals during extreme weather conditions as well as for secure stay during the nights: (ii) Provided that the dimensions and designs of the feeding cells and kraal shall be as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
9.	5 (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 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

10.	5 (8)	All zoo animals should 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 against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
11.	5 (9)	The zoo authority should ensure that the 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
12.	5 (10)	The zoo should 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 keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
13.	6 (3)	The zoo should have a appropriately designed isolation and quarantine wards for housing the rescued animals.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals			
14.	9 (4)	The zoo should acquire appropriate mate for single Common mongoose.	With immediate effect
15.	9 (9)	There are more than 29 numbers of Spotted deer, the number should be reduced immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	With immediate effect
12. Visitors facilities			
16.	12 (1)	The zoo should provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places at the zoo including for physically disadvantage persons.	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 beyond 31st March, 2013 to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a 'small 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 Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore 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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