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**Central Zoo Authority**



F.No.22-50/2004-CZA(480)(Vol.I)(AK) / 3058/2016

BY SPEED POST/E-MAIL

DATE: 23.11.2016

To

The Director,  
Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre,  
Lok Biradari Prakalp,  
Hemalkasa, Bhamragad Post,  
Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra,  
PIN: 442 710,  
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Subject: Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 of Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra for period beyond 30.11.2016 - regarding

Reference:

1. Application vide letter No. Nil dated 17.09.2016 from the Director, Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre
2. This office letter F.No.22-50/2004-CZA(480)(M)/6358 dated 21.11.2014

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The evaluation report of the Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of one year. Also, the Committee decided to issue Show Cause Notice to operator of the Rescue Centre and to provide time to comply with observations made by the Central Zoo Authority. Show Cause Notice is being sent separately. The renewal of recognition of Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre as a "Rescue Centre" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017 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
<b>1.General requirements</b>			
1	1(5)	The rescue centre operator has not constructed perimeter wall, as mandatory. As the Centre is functioning within the limits of existing School and Hospital operated by the same Trust where large number people come, it is mandatory to provide immediately 2 meter high boundary wall around the Rescue Centre for the safety of people and animals.	Six months
<b>3.Development and Planning</b>			
2	3(7),(8)	The Rescue Centre should release animals which are healthy and fit for release like Indian rock python and Peafowl in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra.	Three months

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4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
3	4(2)	The water pool provided to Muggar is rectangular in shape. It should be made saucer shape as per the standards and norms prescribed by the CZA.	Three months
4	4(2),(3)	The substrate provided for Nilgai and Spotted deer needs to be changed from hard, pebbles to soil.	Three months
5	4(2)	The Spotted deer enclosure does not meet the standards and norms as prescribed by the CZA. The Rescue Centre has been housing 19 nos. of Spotted deer which are breeding and are beyond the carrying capacity of the enclosure. It is recommended to shift at least 10 nos. of Spotted deer immediately in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra to recognized zoos or forest areas, after due screening of their health.	Six months
6	4(5),(8)	The most enclosures at the Rescue Centre does not meet the standards as prescribed by the CZA, particularly with respect to its size and animal night houses. As the Master (layout) Plan has been approved by the CZA, the Rescue Centre operator should take up the construction of exhibits in phased manner immediately after obtaining the prior approval of the detailed design from the CZA.	Six months
7	4(6)	Iron wire, MS angles and old tyres should not be used for enrichment; instead natural material tied with jute rope should be used for enriching the animal exhibits.	Immediately
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
8	5(10)	The records pertaining to Animal Stock/Animal Inventory, Animal History Cards, Treatment Register, Keepers Diary, Post-mortem Reports in the format as prescribed by the CZA should be maintained.	Three months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
9	9(1)	The rescue centre has 6 nos. of Sloth bear in its collection. It seems 3 nos. of Sloth bear have been received recently. However, no approval has been obtained from the CZA as mandatory under Section 38 I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Operator of Rescue centre should shift at least 4 nos. of Sloth bears immediately to the recognized zoos having necessary infrastructure for the housing and upkeep of the animal.	Six months
10	9(9)	The Rescue Centre operator should stop breeding Rhesus macaques and Spotted deer immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	Two months

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre for period up to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017 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 to Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre for period beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017 as a "Rescue Centre" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo. The recognition to the Amte's Animal Ark Rescue Centre 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 sincerely



(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Van Bhawan, Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001. (Maharashtra), E-mail: [pccfwlngp@mahaforest.gov.in](mailto:pccfwlngp@mahaforest.gov.in) – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
2. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, Third floor, B Wing, Administrative building No.2, Nagpur – 440 001. (Maharashtra), E-mail: [mszooauthority@gmail.com](mailto:mszooauthority@gmail.com) – for information and necessary action
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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## Central Zoo Authority



**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 22-50/2004-CZA(480)(M) | 6358

DATE: 21.11.2014

To

The Director  
Amte's Animal Ark  
(Orphanage cum Rescue Centre)  
Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa,  
Post Bhamragad,  
District Gadchiroli – 442 710 (Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "Rescue Centre" beyond the period of 30.06.2014 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.**

Sir,

The evaluation of the Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "Rescue Centre" was carried out on 27.08.2014 by Dr. A. K. Malhotra. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was approved the Chairman, Technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority vide note dated 09.10.2014 subject to post-facto approval & ratification in next Technical Committee of the CZA.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "Rescue Centre" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 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.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1.	1.5	Boundary wall of 02 mtr in height from ground level be constructed on the remaining portion of Rescue Centre.	Within one year

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<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
2.	2.1	A whole time officer with adequate financial and administrative power should be appointed.	Within one year
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
3.	3.1 & 3.2	The Master Plan should be prepared and submitted for approval to CZA. The housing of animals should not exceed 30% of the area of rescue centre. It should be included in the Master Plan.	Within three months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
4.	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 & 4.5	The enclosures do not meet CZA norms so new designs with adequate space for each species be prepared and got approved from CZA.	Within nine months
5.	4.6	Enrichment as per species behavior requirement should be provided.	Within three months
6.	4.7	Screening space between adjacent enclosures be provided. The space be planted with vegetation.	Within one year
7.	4.10	At least label be provided at each enclosure.	Within one month
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animal</b>			
8.	5.1(g)	Footpath should be provided at the entrance of each night house.	Within one month
9.	5.2(2)	Records of daily food item received and their distribution should be maintained.	Immediately
10.	5.2(6)	Random samples of food and water should be got tested regularly.	Within one month
11.	5.3 (3 &4)	A written schedule for vaccination and de-worming should be prepared and kept near enclosures.	Within one month
12.	5.3 (5)	a) The operator should use keeper dairy, daily report, animals treatment card animal history card as per CZA format.	Immediately
		b) The rescue centre should maintain records of arrival, birth, death and disposal in the format as prescribed by CZA and the quarterly report be submitted to CZA.	Within one month
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
13.	6.3	A compounder should be recruited.	Within one year

<b>Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>		
11.1	Post-mortem findings should be recorded in CZA format.	Immediately
<b>Education and outreach activities</b>		
11.2	Physical handling of animals should be stopped	Immediately

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

Grant of recognition beyond 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 to the Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as a "Rescue Centre" 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 Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

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

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.

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## Central Zoo Authority

Registered Post



**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 22-50/2004-CZA(480)(M) | 3064

DATE: 24.06.2013

To

Dr. Prakash Amte  
Director,  
Amte's Animal Ark  
(Orphanage cum Rescue Centre)  
Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa,  
Post Bhamragad,  
District Gadchiroli - 442 710 (Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "Rescue Centre" beyond the period of 31.03.2011 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 seeking renewal of recognition to Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "Rescue Centre" beyond the period of 31.03.2011 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

The evaluation of the Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta on 01.04.2013. The evaluation report of Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli as "a Rescue Centre" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for a period up to 30.06.2014 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
1.	1	The revised copies of the Master Plan should be submitted to CZA for its scrutiny and approval. The same should be follow the check list as circulated by the Central	With immediate effect

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		Zoo Authority (a soft copy of the same has been delivered in person during the time of evaluation of the facility)	
2.	5	The garbage lying in Spotted deer enclosure should be removed immediately.	With immediate effect
3.	6	While preparing the Master Plan, the CZA's recommended concept plan should be followed. i.e. (i) Life time care facility for few identified species. (ii) Quarantine and isolation wards for newly arrived animals.	With immediate effect
4.	7.	The Rescue Centre should not receive any animals unless it has appropriate facility for housing of the same.	With immediate effect
5.	8	While receiving or transfer or release of animals into the wild, prior permission as desired under the act and Rules should have obtained from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.	With immediate effect
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
6.	1	(i) The Leopard exhibit should be enriched by providing wooden logs. (ii) The aviaries of Birds should be provided with wooden perches.	Within six months
7.	2	The area of the Sloth bear, Leopard, Rhesus macaque, Common langur, Neelgai, Spotted deer enclosures should be as prescribed by the CZA.	Within six months
8.	3.	(i) The White pigeons housed together with Peafowl and Deer birds should be separated and their enclosure should be provided with double gate entry. (ii) The locking system for enclosures should be improved upon. (iii) The primate enclosure and aviary should have a gate for the safety of animals and keepers. (iv) The weld mesh used at feeding and retiring cells should be repaired and maintained properly. (v) For the safety of employees of the centre, the Rescue Centre should keep anti venom drugs in its collection along with first aid kit.	Immediately
9.	8	No new construction of enclosure for endangered species should be taken up	With immediate effect



		unless prior approval on the design of the enclosure has been obtained from CZA.	
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
10.	6	The Rescue Centre should get their veterinary staff trained by sending to other such rescue centres or training programme organized by CZA.	Within one year
11.	8	The Rescue Centre Operator should maintain all records with respect screening of parasitic loads, medicines administered as per clinical requirements, vaccination of animals against infectious diseases and others and the same should be made available to the evaluation team.	With immediate effect
12.	9	The staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year.	With immediate effect
13.	10	The Rescue Centre 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
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
14.	3	The Rescue Centre should isolation and quarantine wards away from animal housing areas.	Within three months
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
15.	2	The Post-mortem reports should be maintained at one place.	
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
16.	3	The Rescue Centre should not accept any animals unless prior permission from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra and Central Zoo Authority has been obtained.	With immediate effect
17.	4	The Rescue Centre should not keep the animals beyond its carrying capacity.	With immediate effect
18.	11	The animals released into the forest areas, should be strictly follow the guidelines of the CZA prescribed in this regard.	With immediate effect
<b>10. Research activities</b>			
19.	1	The Rescue Centre operator should keep	With immediate

		the data on the animal behaviour and other, in order to achieve the higher standard if housing.	effect
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
20.	1	The Rescue Centre Operator should endeavor to educate the local public on the significance of wildlife conservations.	With immediate effect.
21.	2	No physical performance or handling of animals shall be carried out.	With immediate effect
22.	11(1)	The Rescue Centre should maintain record of birth, acquisitions, deaths and disposal of animals of each species in collection in the format as prescribed by the CZA and the same should be submitted to the CZA by 30 <sup>th</sup> April of each year in the format as prescribed.	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 Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli beyond 30.06.2014 as "a Rescue Centre" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Amte's Animal Ark, Hemalkasa, District Gadchiroli 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 Maharashtra 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**