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Central Zoo Authority

केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण



F. No. 19-48/92-CZA(75)(Vol. VII)(PKR)

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By Post/E-mail
Date: 27.10.2017

To,

The Commissioner,
Rajkot Municipal Corporation,
Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Dhebarbhai Road,
Rajkot - 360 001 (Gujarat),
E-mail: mc_rmc@rmc.gov.in

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot, Gujarat for period beyond 31.07.2016 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - reg.

Ref:-

1. This office letter F. No. 21-1/2016-CZA(AK)/2730/2016 dated 30.09.2016.
2. The application RMC/EZ/ZOO/VET/NO. 559 dated 15.10.2016 received from the Zoo Superintendent, Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot, Gujarat.

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot, Gujarat was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 23.07.2017. The evaluation report of the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 84th Meeting held on 19.09.2017. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee has recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for renewal of recognition of the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot (Small Zoo Category) for a period of three years.

The Central Zoo Authority in its 30th Meeting held on 28.09.2017, approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and has decided to renew recognition to the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot for a period of three years. Further, the Authority has also decided to regularise the period after 31.07.2016.

The renewal of recognition to the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot as "a Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 27th September, 2020 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

Sr. No	Norm No.	Recommendation	Time Period to Rectify
1.General requirements:			
1.	1(2)	The zoo should not plant any ornamental plant species inside the animal exhibits. The crotons planted inside the porcupine exhibit should be phased out.	With immediate effect
2.	1(3)	The keeper and security staff of the zoo were seen parking their two wheelers on the visitors path way inside the zoo at several places which should be stopped. Rather the vehicle should be parked in the designated off exhibit area.	With immediate effect

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3.Development and Planning:			
3.	3(8)	The zoo has been receiving the rescued animals like Rhesus macaques and Jackal and the same are being housed in exhibit, while the zoo already has exhibit for such species. Prior approval for all such animals should have got obtained from the CWLW of the State and CZA.	With immediate effect
4.	4(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rhesus macaque exhibit: The viewing area to visitors to be reduced to 25% of the total exhibit area. ✓ Common langur exhibit: The variety of hedge provided as stand-off barrier is of ornamental in nature, may be replaced with native species. ✓ Wolf: Den to be made naturalistic, visual barrier to stop viewing of animal houses. ✓ Jackal & Fox: Animal houses to be camouflaged ✓ Crocodile: Sand to be provided for basking. ✓ The drip irrigation pipe line provided in each enclosures should be hidden. In most exhibits they were seen hanging and should be placed in such a manner that animals housed therein should not be able to interact and consume. ✓ The reptile house should have adequate ventilation and provision for sun light. ✓ The bird exhibits provided with glass for viewing has reflection of the visitors. It should be addressed. 	With immediate effect
5.Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
5.	5(6)	Keepers to be posted at Reptile House should be provided with adequate training by sending them to other zoos which have reptiles in their collection.	Three months
6.	5(10)	The 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, are not being maintained as specified by the Central Zoo Authority. It should be maintained as per the CZA prescribed formats.	With immediate effect
6.Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
7.	6(1)	The zoo has hospital building but the same is not being utilized and lying non functional. None of the staff including Veterinary Officer of the zoo spends time in his office, neither the lab with basic facilities is established so far. It should be addressed.	With immediate effect
9.Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
8.	9(8)	The zoo has failed to mark its all animals. The same should be done on priority.	With immediate effect

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 the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot for period beyond 27th September, 2020 as "a Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

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The recognition to the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot 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, Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Gujarat, Aranya Bhawan, Block – A, 1st Floor, Opp. St. Xavier's School, Sector – 10, Gandhinagar – 382 010 (Gujarat), E-mail: cwlwguj@gmail.com – for information.
2. The Zoo Superintendent, Rajkot Zoological Park, Near Marketing Yard, Rajkot – 360 003 (Gujarat), E-mail: rajkotzoo@yahoo.com - for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-46/92-CZA(75)(Vol. VI)(M) / 5835

DATE: 18.07.2014

To

The Zoo Superintendent
Rajkot Municipal Corporation,
Zoo Department,
"Rajkot Zoological Park",
Ahmedabad-Junagadh Bypass Road,
N/R, Marketing yard,
Rajkot - 360 003 (Gujarat).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot beyond the period of 31st July, 2014 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. RMC/EZ/ZOO/VET/NO. -79 dated 22.04.2014 seeking renewal of recognition to Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot beyond the period of 31st July, 2014 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot was carried out by Sh. B. S. Bonal, Member Secretary, CZA and Dr. R. G. Jani on 12.05.2014. The evaluation report of the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 70th Meeting held on 1st July, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot as "a Small Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st July, 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.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General requirement			
1.	2	(i) Main visitor circular road should be properly demarcated for battery operated vehicle and for pedestrian to avoid any incident. (ii) The lower staffs (including keepers, work assistants and drivers should be provided with proper uniform on compulsory basis in to inculcate discipline in the work.	Within six months Within six months

(i) The stand for battery operated vehicle, bicycle located near the gate needs to be camouflaged with creepers and other species of plants.	Within six months
(ii) The Interpretation Centre and all other animals enclosure, the structures viz; wall and animal housed should be camouflaged with creepers and different plantations.	Within six months

2. Administrative and staffing pattern

3.	2(a)	The post of biologist, education officer, assistant engineer, work assistant and animal keepers should be created and filled up for smooth functioning of the zoo activities.	Within six months
4.	2 (b)	Although the Director designated as Superintendent of zoo has been given administrative and financial power but needs to be upgraded and enhanced.	Within six months

3. Development and Planning

5.	1	The zoo should expedite to submit Master Plan as per the approved Master (layout) Plan for immediate approval.	Within three months
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4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

6.	9 (i)	The children play items displayed as enrichment in primate enclosure and Bear enclosure should be replaced with other natural wooden logs, bamboo and other naturalistic enrichment.	Within six months
7.	9 (ii)	Leaving the animal house, all part of the enclosure is open for visitors at present. It should be restricted to 20% by allowing the hedge plants to grow and should be camouflaged by varieties of plantations.	Within six months
8.	9 (iii)	Emphasis should be given to create nature immersing exhibit with appropriate enrichment in the enclosures.	Within six months
9.	9 (iv)	The aloevera plant in primate enclosure with thorn should be reduced and replaced by natural boulders and stones under the trees.	Within six months
10.	9 (v)	All the squeezed cage, which is outdated and not appropriate should be modified with wheel driven chain facility with site pulling doors or may be constructed as hydraulic system as done in Ahmedabad Zoo.	Within six months
11.	9 (vi)	Responsibility to look after the enclosure of big cats (Lions, Tigers and Leopards) should be given to the same keeper with additional helping hand.	Within six months
12.	9 (vii)	The water for big cats should be of soccer shape in order to facilitate better cleaning.	Within six months

13	9 (iii)	The night shelter should be provided with the wooden platform and wall painting with oil paints should be avoided, which may lead to lead toxicity and nervous disorders.	Within six months
14	9 (iv)	The night shelters of all the enclosures should have the footpath with the disinfectants.	Within six months
15	9 (v)	The enclosure of deer and bear could have done covering existing rocky hilly area providing natural environment to animals. However, if it is damaged in future, may consider to modify by inclusion of rocky area inside arena.	Within one year
16	9 (vi)	The correction of biological name in the signages of presbyters is needed.	Within six months
17	10 (i)	The signages in the zoo although erected but with scanty information. It needs to be revamped/ modified with more appropriate information, designed for directional, educational, informative and educative theme.	Within six months
18	(10 (ii))	Keepers register as keepers dairy should be maintained for each individual enclosure for recording of animal activities and various observations that include feed intake, medication and treatment, biological and social behavioral information etc.	With immediate effect

5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals

19.	7 (i)	In the Store house/ Meat house suitable chemical disinfectant should be used including the footpath at the door. Food storage should be designed for proper drainage, meat cutting platform height should be raised for standing operation, and the individual chamber for meat storage should be replaced with plain platform.	Within six months
20.	7 (ii)	Hospital needs equipment for laboratory diagnosis and routine clinical case management.	Within six months
21.	7 (iii)	Post-mortem room should be connected with drainage soak pit for waste disposal, enrich with required equipments and cupboards.	Within six months
22.	5 (iv)	Screening of staff against the zoonotic disease once every year should be done for other than T. B. also.	Within six months

Apart from the above, following are suggested to take immediate action:-

1. The approach to the zoo is very shabby because of encroachment of local residents. Action should be taken to modify for better display of entry point.
2. The brick masonry established at the outside of zoo located adjacent to herbivore enclosure because of pollution. This should be removed/ closed for better health of the zoo animal.
3. The zoo should establish and notify a society with autonomous governing body for smooth betterment and development works with provision of ploughing back of revenue for development work of the zoo.

4. The zoo should consider to execute some of the special pack of works through architects/ masonry viz., formation of rock structures, timber structures etc.
5. The zoo should consider for continuation of service of engineer for long term basis to harness the experience gained for zoo design and enrichment that is needed.
6. The Zoological Park at new site although open for visitors in 2010, the work is in progress in case for last three years.
7. Exhibition of new enclosures should be done in the modern concept of the zoo management i.e. conservation exhibits with the larger and open areas with "nature immersing exhibits".

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

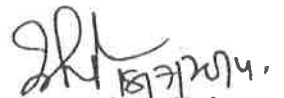
Grant of recognition to Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot beyond 31st July, 2016 as "a Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot 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,
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(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. The Commissioner, Rajkot Municipal Corporation, Rajkot for favour of information.
3. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.


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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-48/92-CZA(75)(Vol. V)(M) / 181

DATE: 11.07.2011

To

The Zoo Superintendent
Rajkot Municipal Corporation Zoo,
Rajkot (Gujarat).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot 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. RMC/ZOO/No. 791 dated 11.01.2020 seeking renewal of recognition for the Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajkot beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot was carried out by Sh. A. M. Anjankar and Dr. R. V. Jadhav on 12th & 13th February, 2011. The evaluation report of the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 58th Meeting held on 8th June, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot as a Mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st July, 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
1. General requirement			
1.	3	It is proposed to develop internal road network/ service road to regulate the movement of the visitors in said the zoo in such a manner that the animals are not be unduly disturbed, stressed or provoked.	Within six months
2. Administrative and staffing pattern			
2.	2	The zoo operator must post one full time Curator(overall in-charge animal section) and one biologist cum education officer to have adequate technical responsibilities for providing housing, upkeep of animals and to conduct research and visitor education.	Within six months

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3. Development and Planning			
3.	1	The zoo should submit revised master plan for its approval by the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	9	Existing chain-link fencing over the parapet wall of Sambar, Spotted deer and Blackbuck must be removed which is affecting visibility of the animals for the visitors.	With immediate effect
5.	10	Though signage boards are erected at each existing enclosures, they carry very scant information. They should be replaced by the signage boards with barest minimum information. In future interactive interpretation facilities should be developed to carry out effective conservation educational activities.	Within six months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
6.	2	As the boneless beef is fed to the big cats, it is necessary to add Calcium Carbonate and Dicalcium Phosphate powder in the appropriate quantity in their diet.	With immediate effect
7.	7	Suitable chemical disinfectant should be used to clean the animal cages as it was observed that only water is used for the same. Top soil of all muddy enclosures may be removed and replaced by fresh soil once in three months.	Within three months
8.	8	It is necessary to use the dewormers judiciously on alternate basis to avoid the drug resistance. It was observed that Albendazole is frequently used for deworming.	With immediate effect
9.	9	All 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 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.	10	The zoo shall 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 facilities			
11.	1	As per the Master Plan, Veterinary hospital will be established in future. However till it's completion it is recommended that temporary treatment room should be crated having essential surgicals and medicaments to tackle any medico surgical emergency. Presently, the work is carried out at night house itself.	Within six months
12.	3	Post-mortem room, isolation ward and quarantine ward, all these facilities are yet to be established. Zoo should give preference for the construction of the same as already eight enclosures are constructed housing 31 animals.	Within one year
13.	6	Zoo keeps collaboration with Gujarat State Animal Disease Laboratory and Veterinary College, Anand to identify the cause of death after post-mortem examination. However, if required zoo should take the help of National Referral Centre, IVRI to develop the protocol for preventive medicine.	With immediate effect
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
14.	2	The findings of the post-mortem examination referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be recorded in such format as may be prescribed by Central Zoo Authority and in this regard and shall be maintained for a period of not less than six years.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
15.	1	Zoo is maintaining animal collection in proper sex ratio. However, zoo should emphasize to improve the overall animals population as per collection plan.	Within one year
11. Education and outreach activities			
16.	1	1) Zoo should post one full time Education Officer to carryout the educational activities in the zoo. 2) Zoo should organize the educational programme for all categories of visitors and students. 3) Zoo should emphasize to create a interpretation centre with media communication devices.	Within one year With immediate effect Within one year

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 Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot beyond 31st July, 2014 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 Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot 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:-

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BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-48/92-CZA(75)(Vol. IV)(M)

DATE: 25.05.2009

To

The Zoo Superintendent
Rajkot Municipal Corporation Zoo,
"Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Park",
Aji Dham, Bhavanagar Road,
Rajkot - 360 003 (Gujarat)

Sub:- Grant of permission to operate the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot at the existing site beyond the period of 31.12.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. RMC/ZOO/NO. 183 dated 24.07.2007 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot beyond the period of 31.12.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot was carried out on 23rd February, 2009 by Dr. M. Navin Kumar, Deputy Director (Retd.), Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad and Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, CZA. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluation officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 50th Meeting held on 24th March, 2009.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant permission to operate the Zoo at the existing site for the period till 31st March, 2010 subject to that in the given period, all the animals should be relocated to the new site.

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In the meantime you are also requested to submit the 5 copies of Master plans for the long-term development of Rajkot Zoo, Rajkot for the approval from this office. It is to be recall that the Master plans should be prepared keeping in view of the agreed concept plans communicated by this office letter of even number dated 17.2.2009 and the guidelines circulated by this office for the preparation of Master plan.

In the meantime, you are also requested to comply with the following observations:-

1. The approach road to the new zoo from National Highway should be made free of all encroachments.
2. The proposed Blackbuck enclosure may be used to house the Spotted deer and the proposed Spotted deer enclosure shall be used to house Blackbucks since the area proposed is dry in nature and does not have any under ground vegetation.
3. The proposed site for One horned rhinoceros may not be feasible as the site consist of dry and full hard rock.

You are also requested to ensure that during the given period the zoos should strictly adhere with the standards and norms laid under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.

The recognition to the Rajkot Municipal Zoo, Rajkot shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found violating with the standards and norms stipulated under Rules and Act laid there upon.

The grant of recognition to the Rajkot Municipal Zoo at new site shall be considered on physical evaluation of the zoo, progress made with regard to relocation of animals from old zoo to the new site and compliance of the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,
sd/-
(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

Copy favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Rajkot, Gujarat.
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary