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F. No. 19-3/93-CZA(Vol. I)(99)(BKG)/1040/2017

Date: 07.06.2017

To,

Divisional Forest Officer
Wildlife Division
Shimla
(Himachal Pradesh)

Subject: Grant of renewal of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour under Section 38 H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2014

**Reference: 1. Your office letter No. WLM/CZA/Vol. II/777, Dated 04.06.2014
2. This office letter No. 19-31/93-CZA(99)(Vol. I)(NS)/8026, dated 24.11.2015**

Sir,

Reference is invited to the above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Renuka Mini Zoo, Reunka (Mini Category Zoo) was carried by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 6th April, 2017. The evaluation report of the Renuka Mini Zoo, Reunka as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in the 83rd meeting held 19th May, 2017. Copy of evaluation report is enclosed with this letter for your perusal.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 of the Renuka Mini Zoo, Reunka as a "Mini Category Zoo" for a period up to 18th May, 2020 subject to compliance of the following directive under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. The Technical Committee also regularised grant of recognition period between 31.07.2014 and 19.05.2017.

S. No.	Norm No.	Violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009	Time period to rectify
Classification of zoos			
1	9(2)	Failed to provide full time veterinary officer, biologists & education officer at zoo, though the zoo is housing the endangered species. As per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, it is mandatory that a mini zoo may keep animals of endangered species subject to the conditions that the operator of the zoo should provide appropriate housing, upkeep and healthcare facilities, including deployment of veterinarian and supervisory level staff.	Six months
1. General Requirements			
2.	10. 1(5)	Failed to provide the boundary wall all around the zoo premises, as mandatory.	Six Months

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3.	10.1(9)	Failed to remove the single Mithun from public viewing.	Immediately
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
4.	10.2(1)	The Zoo has failed to assign adequate administrative and financial powers to Range Officer, Reunka, who is the officer-in-charge of the Renuka Zoo, but he still has charges of other places including the Renuka Sanctuary area.	Three months
4. Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	10.4(8)	The zoo has failed to submit the design of enclosure of Leopard for the approval of CZA. It is to recall that the zoo has constructed the enclosure for Leopard in past without obtaining approval from the CZA.	Immediately
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
6.	10.5(4)	Failed to provide feeding and retiring cells at all herbivores enclosures.	Six months
7.	10.5(10)	Failed to maintain individual Animal History Cards, Keepers Diary and Daily Report for all animals housed at the zoo.	Immediately
8.	10.5(f)	The zoo has failed to provide secondary holding facilities as krall for herbivores.	Three months
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
9.	10.6(1c)	Failed to provide treatment room.	Immediately
10.	10.6(3)	Failed to appoint compounder at the zoo	
11.	10.6(3)	Failed to provide isolation and quarantine facility at the zoo.	Immediately
12.	10.6(3)	Failed to acquire tranquilizing equipment & restraining devices and drugs.	Six months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
13.	10.9(3)	Failed to pair the single Leopard cat.	Six months
12. Visitor Facilities			
14.	10.12(2)	Failed to provide snake anti venom at the premises of the zoo.	Immediately

The following are other recommendations made by the evaluating officer:

S.NO.	NORM NO.	PARTICULARS OF SUGGESTIONS	TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLY
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
1	10.4(2)	The feeding platform which is provided with GI sheet shade at present should be covered by reed grass to make the place cooler and comfortable for the animals.	Immediately
2	10.4(7)	The Red jungle fowl, which is housed close to the National Highway Raod-10, should be shifted to an appropriate place.	Immediately
3	10.4(7)	The watch tower existing next to the proposed tiger exhibit should be removed.	Three months
4	10.4(9)	The zoo should plant hedge between the stand-off barrier and chain link mesh of the animal exhibit.	Three months

Upkeep and neatncare of animals			
5.		The feed store at the zoo should be maintained properly.	Immediately
5	10.5(2)		
6	10.5(4)	The zoo should ensure that no feral dogs enter the premises of the zoo.	Immediately
7	10.5(5)	Toilet in front of proposed tiger exhibit should be shifted.	Two months
8	10.5(5)	The old Eucalyptus tree inside the zoo should be replaced with native trees.	Six months
Others			
9		The proposed tiger exhibit should not be kept moated, in view of adjoining water-body, instead it should be designed using the chain link mesh with overhang of the size as prescribed by the CZA.	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 Renuka Mini Zoo, Reunka for period beyond 18th May, 2020 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 of the Renuka Mini Zoo, Renula 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

Enclosed- As above

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Khalini, Shimla-171 001, Himachal Pradesh
2. DPA, CZA – to update database

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F. No. 19-31/93-CZA(99(Vol. I)(M)/3085

DATE: 25.06.2013

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Wildlife Division,
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department,
Shimla - 171 002 (Himachal Pradesh).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2012.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. WLM/CZA/5419 dated 15.03.2013 seeking renewal of recognition Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2012.

The evaluation of the Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour was carried out by Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 10.04.2013 & 11.04.2013. The inspection and evaluation report of Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 66th Meeting held on 11th June, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.07.2014 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.	1.5	The remaining boundary wall is required to be completed	Within one year

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2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
2.	2.1	(i) Adequate administrative and financial powers need to be provided to In-charge ie. RO.	Within three months
		(ii) RO is to be appointed exclusively for zoo.	Within six months
3. Development and Planning			
3.	3.1	The zoo authorities are required to get Master Plan and Master (layout) Plan approved from CZA.	Within six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	4.5	The arena of Leopard and Bear enclosures is to be expanded.	Within six months
5.	4.8	The enclosure of Leopard is being constructed without approval of design by CZA. Zoo Authorities are required to get the design approved.	Within three months
6.	4.9	Standoff barriers are required to be provided in mixed herbivore and Sambar enclosures	Within six months
7.	4.10	Animal signages need more improvement in terms of information and correct spelling.	Within three months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
8.	5.1	Zoo Authorities should make efforts to make pair of the following species or send them to other zoos Leopard – 1 M Neelgai – 1 M Cheetal – 1F	Within six months
9.	5.1(f)	Secondary holding facilities as kraal be made in herbivore.	Within one year
10.	5.1 (g)	Footpath be provided in Lion, Bear and Leopard night houses.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
11.	6.1	Treatment room needs to be constructed.	Within six months
12.	6.3	Compounder to be appointed on contract basis.	Within six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
13.	7.1	Zoo authorities should use CZA proforma for recording of post-mortem findings. It is available in CZA website.	Immediately
12. Visitor facilities			
14.	12.1	There is need to create water point and urinals midpoint.	Within one year
15.	12.2	Zoo should have first-aid kit and snake anti 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 Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour beyond 31.08.2014 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 Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour 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.

The Inspection report of Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority as carried out on 10th February, 2013 should also be complied with.

A copy of inspection and evaluation report is also enclosed herewith for your ready reference to improve the conditions of Zoo.

Yours faithfully,



25/06/13

(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Encl: Inspection and evaluation report

Copy to:-

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



(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary



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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
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SPEED POST



BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-31/93-CZA(99)(M)

DATE: 22.07.2010

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Wildlife Division (Shimla),
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department,
Shimla - 2 (Himachal Pradesh)

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour beyond the period of 31.3.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to this office letter of even number dated 31.03.2008.

The mid-term evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 14.04.2010 and the evaluation report of the Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as submitted by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, CZA was considered by the Technical Committee in its 54th Meeting held on 24th June, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as a mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st July, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1.	General requirement		
	1 (5)	The chain-link fence as a barrier should be provided on the highway side (Ponta Sahib crossing) along with herbivore enclosure as protection from intruders.	Six months

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2. Administrative and Staffing pattern

1	2 (2)	The zoo should have a full time Range Forest Officer as In-charge of the zoo along 3 Forest Guards along with adequate animal keepers and veterinary doctor on contract.	One year
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3. Development and Planning

1	3 (1)	The master plan along with the layout plan should be submitted immediately without any further delay for its approval.	Immediately
2.	3 (6)	The collection plan of animals should be prepared accordingly to standard guidelines of CZA	Three months

4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

1.	4 (2)	(i) Attempt should be made to increase the area of outdoor open enclosure of Himalayan black bear and Leopard to meet the minimum prescribed size specified by CZA.	Six months
		(ii) The Red Jungle fowl and Kalij pheasant housed behind temple should be shifted to main campus of the zoo and they should be housed separately.	Immediately
		(iii) The Sambar enclosure should be provided with adequate shade.	Immediately
		(iv) The keeper gallery in Himalayan black bear enclosure should be modified to provide more space and made keeper friendly.	Immediately
		(v) The zoo should provide wooden logs as enrichment on the bear enclosure.	Immediately
		(vi) The open, large, naturalistic enclosure existing for lions should be utilized during whole year around to exhibit the animals.	With immediate effect
2.	4 (7)	The Lion enclosure adjacent to the main road on route Parikrama of Renukaji temple should be provided with appropriate screening from visitors.	Immediately
2.	4 (10)	Signboards at enclosures need to be thoroughly revised displaying scientific and ecological information regarding animals exhibited therein.	Three months

5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals

	5 (6)	The keepers should not be allowed to handle/ touch the lions.	With immediate effect
1.	5 (10)	Keeper diary as per the format of CZA should be maintained	Immediately

6. Veterinary facilities

1.	6 (1)	The zoo should construct a treatment and post mortem room.	Immediately
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8. Visitor facilities

2.	8 (2)	Anti venom serum should made available in the zoo.	Immediately
3.	8 (3)	Special provision like ramps, properly laid pathways etc. should be provided at animal enclosures and toilets for facilitating use by persons on wheel chairs.	Six months

9. Acquisition and Breeding of animals

1.	9 (9)	Appropriate population control measure should be adopted to control the population of Sambar.	With immediate effect
	9 (4)	The zoo should find suitable mate for lone leopard or shift the same to other recognized zoo.	Three months
	9 (7)	The surplus population of Lions should be shifted to other recognized zoos in the state or outside state.	Immediately

Other observations:-


- (i) The proposed feed store and a room for security personnel above Himalayan black bear enclosure should not construed as the same is violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
- (ii) The liquid waste disposal should be dealt very carefully since the zoo is located in proximity of RAMASAR wetland site.

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 Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour beyond 31st July, 2012 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 Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour 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,



22/07/20

(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla for favour of information.
2. The Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for favour of information.
3. DPA, CZA.



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F. No. 19-31/93-CZA(99)(M)

DATE: 31.3.2008

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Wildlife Division (Shimla),
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department,
Shimla - 2 (Himachal Pradesh)

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour beyond the period of 31.3.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. WLM/610 dated 7.5.2007 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 24.11.2007 and the evaluation report of the Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as submitted by Dr. Kuldip Kumar was considered by the Technical Committee in its 47th Meeting held on 18.2.2008.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour as a mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.03.2011 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period
General			
1.	2	The Zoo shall not acquire any animal without the permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11 (1)(a) and the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38I of the Act.	With immediate effect

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2.	8	The Zoo should be encompassed by a perimeter wall/ chain link fence/ hot wire barrier may be provided to prevent the entry of feral dogs in the premises of the Zoo.	Six months
3.	11A	The Zoo shall prepare a collection plan of the animals to be housed and display in the Zoo keeping in view of the availability of land, water and electricity and climatic condition of the area.	Three months
Animal Enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features			
4.	15	The animal enclosures in the Zoo should be so designed as to fully ensure the safety of the animals and caretakers.	Six months
5.	16	(i) The Zoo Operator should create/ modify/ improve animal housing (for the targeted species identified under the Master Plan). The animal enclosures in the Zoo should be so designed as to meet the biological requirements of the animals housed therein. The enclosure should be of such size as to ensure that the animals get space for their free movement and exercise. The enclosures and feeding/ retiring cubicles for Lions and Bears housed at the Zoo should not be smaller than the dimensions prescribed in <u>Appendix I & II</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992. (ii) The Deer enclosure should be provided necessary isolation chamber for separation of sick animals as and when required. (iii) The aviaries near the temple housing pheasant should be relocated to some other suitable place.	Six months
5.	17	The Zoo Operator should provide every enclosure with planting appropriate species of trees for providing shade and shelter, dead wooden logs, branches as an environmental enrichment and the same should be finalized as per the species requirement.	Three months

7.	18	Every Lion and the Bears housed in the Zoo should be provided food inside a feeding cell/ retiring cubicle or feeding kraal. The number and size of cells and kraal will be such that the dominant animals do not deprive other animals from getting adequate food. The Lions and Bears should be provided individual feeding cells or night shelters of dimensions as prescribed in <u>Appendix I</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.	With immediate effect
8.	20	The designing of animal enclosures for any endangered species to be housed at the Zoo should have got prior approval of the Central Zoo Authority before its construction.	With immediate effect
Animal Care, Health and Treatment			
9.	26	The animal shall be handled only by the staff having appropriate experience and training in handling the animals. Every care shall be taken to avoid discomfort/ behavioral stress or physical harm to any animal.	With immediate effect
10.	29	The Zoo Operator should arrangement medical checkups of staff handling animals for screening against zoonotic diseases every six months.	With immediate effect
11.	30	The Zoo shall maintain animal history sheets and treatment cards in respect of each rescued animal.	With immediate effect
Veterinary facilities			
12.	31	The veterinary unit at the Zoo shall have provision of isolation and quarantine wards to take care of newly arriving and sick animals as to minimize the changes of infections spreading to other animals housed at the Zoo.	With immediate effect
13.	34	Any animal that dies in the Zoo shall be subjected to a detailed post-mortem operation by a veterinarian registered with the State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and findings of the such operation shall be recorded and maintained for a period of atleast six year.	With immediate effect
Breeding of Animals			
14.	37	The lone female Goral housed at the Zoo should be provided appropriate mate. The event of a Zoo failing to find a mate for the single animal within the period of six months, the animal shall be shifted to some other recognized Zoo in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months

15.	40	(i) The Lions housed at the Zoo being of doubtful image should be tested for its genetic purity in consultation with Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) and Central Zoo Authority. (ii) In the meantime the safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population of Lions, the Zoo shall implement appropriate population control measures.	Three months With immediate effect
Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority			
16.	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 st March of every year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year.	With immediate effect
17.	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.	With immediate effect
18.	44	The Zoo Operator should submit an Annual Report for activities of the Zoo in respect of each financial year to the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
Education and Research			
19.	47	The Zoo Operator should write the detailed observations about the biological behaviour and the veterinary care of the animals housed at the Zoo. The same may be shared with the other Zoos and Rescue Centres in the region.	With immediate effect
Development & Planning			
20.	51	The Zoo should prepare a theme based long-term (for a minimum period of 10 years) master plan for its development including a management plan for next six years giving details of the proposals and activities of development during the period. The copies of the said plan shall be sent to the Central Zoo Authority. The guidelines circulated by the Central Zoo Authority with regard to preparation of Master Plan should be strictly followed.	Nine 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 Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour beyond 31.03.2011 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Renuka Zoo and Lion Safari at Renukaji, Sirmour 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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Member Secretary

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