

## Research work by the Central Zoo Authority

The Central Zoo Authority in view of availability of funds under research head has issued a circular requesting the Zoos and the collaborative Institutions to submit the financial proposal for carrying out the need based short term or/ and long term research activities at the respective zoos or collaborative institutions for consideration of the financial assistance during the financial year 2018-19. Further, it was discussed and decided that 10 zoos may be identified wherein the CZA may provide financial assistance to hire research fellow/ biologist (1 nos. in each zoo) which may be associated for need based activity at respective zoos with duration of three month. It not only provides the opportunity to the youth to work with zoo but also help zoo to achieve some activity for captive welfare of zoo inmates. The 10 zoos may be identified based on following criterion, however, preference shall not be provided to the zoos where Biologist are working on permanent basis:

- i. Large Category Zoo
- ii. Carrying out Conservation Breeding Programmes for identified species,
- iii. Model zoo for any region
- iv. the Conservation Breeding Centre for critically endangered animal species identified under the CBP of the CZA.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to undertaken for the proposed research work in the identified zoo:

1. Environment enrichment/ Animal enclosure enrichment
2. Questionnaire survey of zoo visitors on various aspects like Biodiversity awareness, Role of zoos as conservation centre, Importance of zoos in educating public etc.

The research work may be extended to more numbers of zoos depending on the requirements and request from the recognized zoos and availability of the funds with the authority. It was further decided that a Walk-in-Interview may be conducted in the first week of the February and the project shall be initiated on or before 15 February, 2019. The tentative funding pattern for the project shall be remain similar for all the zoos and includes the follow:

Sl.	Item	Amount in (₹)	Total amount in (₹)	Justification
1.	Emoluments of the Research Fellow	25,000/- per month (Rupees twenty five thousand) + HRA (as applicable)	25,000 x 3 months =75,000 + HRA (as applicable) for three month	As of decided by the CZA
2.	Enrichment Material	1,00,000 (Rupees One lakh)	1,00,000/-	Procuring various material to be used for Animal Enclosure Enrichment

3.	Travelling/Boarding/Lodging Cost	50,000/- for three month period (Rupees fifty thousand )	50,000/-	The researchers have to travel from and to CZA and respective zoo.
4.	Stationary	10, 000 for three month period (Rupees Ten thousand )	10,000/-	The researcher has to do collect data and also to print the questionnaire and other paper work.
5.	Miscellaneous charges	10,000 for three month	10,000/-	To meet the instant cost/ charges towards research work.
6.	<b>Total amount</b>		2,45,000	
7.	<b>Total amount for HRA (Say @ 20%) or on actual existing scale</b>		15,000	Rs. 5000 per month = Rs. 15000 for three month
8.	<b>Total amount for one zoo</b>		2,60,000	
9.	<b>Total amount for 10 zoos (2,60,000x10 zoos)</b>		<b>26,00,000</b>	