





MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

## Central Zoo Authority

केन्द्रीय चिडियाघर प्राधिकरण

F. No. 9-6/2013-CZA (NS) 2959/2018

By Post/Email Date:  $g_0$ .04.2018

The Director. Padmaja Najdu Himalayan Zoological Park, Jawahar Parbat, Darjeeling, West Bengal - 734 101.

Sub:- Research Project titled "Studies on biology, breeding behaviour and aviary practices for improved performances of captive Himalayan Pheasants"- Reg.

(i) Your office letter no. 430/S.O.30 RES-HM/PNHZP/17-18 dated 10.11.2017.

- (ii) This office letter no. 9-6/2013-CZA(D)/1087 dated 12.06.2017.
- (iii) This office letter no. 9-6/2013-CZA(D)/1099/2017 dated 12.06.2017.
- (iv) Your office letter no. 700/S.O.30 (PROJ-HM)/PNHZP/16-17 dated 03.01.2017.

Sir,

It is to recall that the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling vide reference (iv) above has submitted the project report of the above mentioned research project. The observation of the office of the Central Zoo Authority has been placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its 83rd meeting held on 19th May 2017 alongwith status of the project for deliberation and decision. The decision of the Technical Coomiittee has been communicated to you vide reference (iii) above. As per the decision of Technical Committee you were advised to surrender the entire grant released towards the project with 10% intersest per annum to the Central Zoo Authority, communicated to you vide reference (ii) above.

Keeping in view the above, the Padmaia Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling vide reference (i) above has informed the Central Zoo Authority that the zoo has gone through all the observations on the report by the Central Zoo Authority and conveyed that the Zoo shall address all the issues raised by the Central Zoo Auhtority. It was further assured from your end, that the zoo in future shall conduct research works granted by the Central Zoo Authority as per the guidelines laid down in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of the concerned work.

Accordingly, the proposal submitted by you vide reference (i) above was placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 23.03.2018 for deliberation and decision. The Committee observed that the numbers of the Himalayan pheasants housed at the zoo is not adequate except that of the Red jungle fowl and Temmincks tragopan. Hence, it was felt that sample size and sex-ratio of the other four species of the

pheasants are too less to carry out any scientific studies on them. Hence the Committee did not agree to your proposal.

Therefore, the Technical Committee decided to recover financial assistance of Rs. 9.43 lakhs released earlier to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling alongwith a panel interest of 10% per annum as per provisions under Rule no. 258(1) of GFR as per the decision of 83<sup>rd</sup> Technical committee meeting of CZA held on 19.05.2017.

In view of above, you are requested to surrender the earlier released grant towards the project with 10% interest per annum to the Central Zoo Authority. The amount can be deposit/transferred through RTGS as per the details below:

1	Name of Beneficiary	Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority
2	Name of Bank	SBI, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003
3	Account no.	35743814303
4	Branch Code	07837
5	IFSC Code	SBIN0007837
6	MICR	110002131
7	BSR Code	0007837
8	Shift Code	SBININ BB 382

As decided by the Technical committee, CZA the above mentioned research project stands closed.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. D.N. Singh) Member Secretary

## Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Bikash Bhawan, North Block, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salt lake City, Kolkatta 700091, West Bengal.

2. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, KB-19, Sector III, Salt lake City, Kolkata 700098, West Bengal.