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Central Zoo Authority

केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण



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By Post / E-mail
Date: 16.05.2017

To,
The Principal Secretaries,
All the States

Sub:- Suggested Health Protocol for Zoos – reg.

Sir,

You are aware that the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 describes standards and norms for the upkeep and healthcare of animals under Rule 10, Sub-Rule 5.

The Central Zoo Authority carries out evaluation of zoos as mandatory under section 38H of Wildlife (Protection) Act for grant of renewal of recognition with respect to compliance of the norms stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority, which is generally carried out at the time of renewal of recognition of the Zoo.

However, there is no mechanism for regular monitoring of compliance of the norms at the State level. The State Government was advised to constitute a Health Advisory Committee comprising of experienced Veterinary Officers with a mandate to advise the Zoo Operators in the State on Animal Healthcare and related matters. The Committee should visit Zoos atleast once every 3 months & monitor the compliance of the upkeep & healthcare of animal standards prescribed under the Recognition of Zoo Rules referred to above vide this Authority letters dated 18.07.2002, 18.11.2004 and 06.03.2017 (copy enclosed). The zoo should be asked to include the findings of Health Advisory Committee in their Annual Report with date of visit and recommendations made by the Committee and its compliance by the Zoo.

It is, therefore, to advise that a State Level Health Advisory Committee for Zoos be created for the state on priority with intimation to this Authority.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy for kind information and necessary action to:- The Chief Wildlife Warden of all the States.

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Constitution of Health Advisory Committee*

The Recognition of Zoo Rules prescribes standards and norms for health care, hygiene and upkeep of animals under Rule 10(Norm Nos. 21 to 30). Central Zoo Authority carries out evaluation of zoos with respect to compliance of these norms periodically, generally on every second year. However, there is no mechanism for regular monitoring of compliance of these norms at the State level (except Orissa and National Zoological Park, New Delhi).

State Governments are, therefore, recommended to constitute Health Advisory Committee comprising of experienced Veterinarians with a mandate to advise the zoo managements in the state on animal health care and related matters. The committee should visit zoos at least once every three months and monitor the compliance of the health care standards prescribed under the Recognition of Zoo Rules referred to above.



*Issued to The Chief Wildlife Wardens of all the states vide Central Zoo Authority Letter No. 7-12/2000-CZA(126)(N), dated 18/7/2002.

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