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Central Zoo Authority



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Sub:- Zoo surveillance plan to safeguard animals, visitors and attendants in the zoos.

Reference is invited to this office circular No. 25-1/2002-CZA(M) dated 24.09.2009 & 11.08.2009 and alert vide this office letter No. 25-1/2002-CZA(Vol.I)(M)/157 dated 25/27.01.2012.

In the wake of recent death of a person killed by White tiger at National Zoological Park, New Delhi, which is a cause for serious concern. There is an urgent need to review the contingency, emergency and disaster plan in vogue for strengthening the same and its implementation in the field as approved in the Master Plan by the Central Zoo Authority for the long-term development of the zoo.

The zoos are directed to implement the following with immediate effect:-

1. All the exhibits housing carnivores in the zoo in open and naturalistic setting should have a folded rope ladder in store for emergency use.
2. To constitute a QRT (Quick Response Team) to handle such cases in emergencies.
3. Do's and Don'ts should be printed in the entry ticket or separate leaflets should be provided to all visitors by the zoo.
4. Zoos should announce do's and don'ts through a public address system at the main entry gate.
5. All carnivore exhibits at the zoo should be provided with warning sign.
6. Zoos should perform mock drill every year with reference to the zoo surveillance plan.
7. Strict compliance to the standards and norms laid under Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013, 1 (3), 1 (4) 4 (3), 4 (9) and 11 of Rule 10, which reads as below:-

Rule 1 (3) Every zoo shall endeavour to regulate the movement of visitors in the zoo in such a manner that zoo animals are not unduly disturbed, stressed or provoked and the zoo shall be closed to visitors at least one day in a week.

Rule 1 (4) Every zoo, as a safeguard against the un-regulated access of visitors to the zoo and zoo animals being subjected to injury, pilferage and predation, shall design appropriately the barriers along the boundary of the zoo in accordance with the standards issued by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard.

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Rule 4 (3) The zoo shall ensure that the enclosure is safe and secure for the animals, animal keepers and the visitors and has requisite space for free movement, exercise and expression of natural behaviour by the animals.

Rule 4 (9) Every zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective standoff barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of wild animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards so as to give warning to the visitors to keep a safe distance from the animals.

Rule 11 (1) Every zoo shall endeavour to educate the visitors to the zoo and the people at large about the significance of wildlife conservation for the general well being of the people and keeping the life support system of nature intact and the efforts shall be made to make people aware about the role played by the zoos in this regard and the ways and means through which general public can participate and contribute for the same.

A compliance report on the above directives should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority within 30 days from the date of issue of this circular.


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To

1. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/ UTs.
2. The Director/ Curator/ Officer-in-charge of all Large, Medium, Small & Mini category Zoo and Rescue Centres of all States/ UTs.
3. The Municipal Commissioner of Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Surat, Rajkot, Vadodara, Gwalior, Indore, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Solapur, Pune, Coimbatore.
4. Managing Directors of Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai, Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur and Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro.