

**CH. SURENDER SINGH
ELEPHANT RESCUE CENTRE
BANSANTOUR YAMUNANAGAR (HARYANA)**



**Annual Report
2020-21**

Report on the activities of Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour, Yamunanagar for the period April 2020 to March 2021 is provided with supportive pictures of events. Status of compliance of conditions communicated vide CZA letter No. 20-5/2013-CZA(513)(AK)/3045/2016 Dated 23/11/2016

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Report of the Officer incharge

Dear Readers,

Construction work of Elephant Rescue Centre was started on 8-7-2008 after the MOU was signed between Wildlife SOS and Forest Department Haryana.

The main objective of establishment of Elephant Rescue Centre is housing, rehabilitation, rescue, treatment, care and conservation of Abused, Rescued, Captive, Performing, Displaced, seized or confiscated elephants by the State Forest and Wildlife Department over 50 acres of land.

As per the Plan of the Elephant Rescue Centre we have constructed ten elephants shed, two pacca ponds for elephants, feed store cum kitchen, residence of Manager, 2 Wildlife Guards huts / sub inspector wildlife and 5 Mahavat quarters. One kuchcha pond and two paccka ponds of adequate size has also been constructed. Walking trails for elephants have been cleared for exercise and walking of elephants. The entire area of ERC has been enclosed by installation of solar power fence.

During 2017-18 the Elephant Rescue Centre has been facilitated with 3 treatment pans constructed for the routine checkup and treatment of elephants. The open area of the ERC has been planted with fruit bearing and shady plants species which form the natural habitat of elephant in a planned manner.

At present there are 5 female elephant cows. All these have been seized under cases registered under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. All the animals are fit and healthy. As the Elephant Rescue Centre has been constructed in natural elephant habitat, the animals must be enjoying at ERC.

We have successfully provided good facilities to its animals. I take this opportunity to thank Wildlife SOS for their technical support and everyone who has dedicated their time and hard work supporting me towards the development of the ERC.

Deputy Chief Wildlife Warden
Panchkula

2. **History of the Elephant Rescue Centre**– The Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre is situated in Bansantour jungle of district Yamunanagar, Haryana and is a project undertaken by the Haryana Forest Department, Govt. of Haryana in collaboration with Wildlife SOS, a charitable society registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 and with support from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, “Project elephant”, to bring much needed support and protection to India’s captive Elephants. The ERC currently houses five female elephants that were rescued from the state of Haryana and NCT of Delhi. These elephants were confiscated and rescued from the persons who were keeping them in illegal custody in violation of the provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and were brought to the ERC for proper treatment and lifetime care. They were very weak and stressed when they arrived at the centre. These females are old and prone to various health problems. They are thus being given high quality and quantity of feed along with the optimum veterinary care to help them regain and maintain their health.

3. **Vision -**

To rehabilitate astray, injured, abused, exploited, maimed, orphaned, trapped, sick or treated in cruel manner by owners or handlers/mahouts and also such elephants that are held in illegal custody with improper or incomplete ownership papers.

4. **Mission-**

To provide natural habitat to the elephants which were deprived of their right and kept under miserable conditions by their owners or handlers.



5. Objective-

1. Our basic objective is to maintain the Elephant Rescue Centre and to provide healthy environments to animals.
2. To provide better facilities to sensitize the local people about wild animals.
3. To collect and collate the scientific data on the biology behavior and health care of animals housed in the Elephant Rescue Centre and use the same in future management of the ERC.

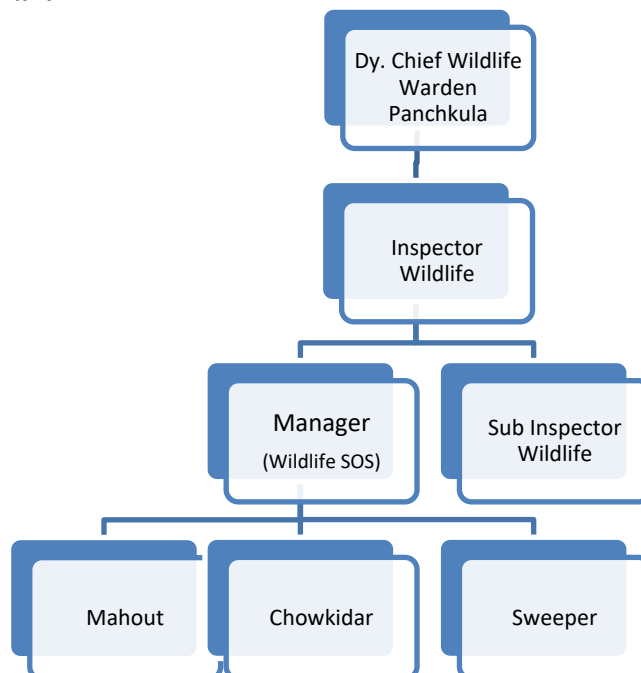
6. About us

S.No.	Particulars	Information
Basic information about the ERC		
1	Name of the ERC	Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour
2	Year of Establishment	2008
3	Address of the ERC	Elephant Rescue Centre, Village Bansantour, Haryana
4	State	HARYANA
5	Telephone Number	01733-255000
6	Fax Number	-
7	E-mail address	dwlomorni@yahoo.com
8	Website	-
9	Distance from nearest	Airport:225 Km (Delhi)
		Railway Station:35 Km (Jagadhari)
		Bus Stand:16km. Chhachhrouli
10	Recognition Valid upto (Date)	19-08-2021
11	Category of ERC	Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour
12	Area (in Hectares)	50
13	Number of Visitors	Nil

	(2020-21)	Nil
14	Visitor Facilities Available in Zoo	N/A
15	Weekly Closure Day of the ERC	NA
Management Personnel of the ERC		
16	Name with designation of the officer in –charge	Sh. Sunil Kumar Inspector Wildlife
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	Provided by Wildlife SOS Dr. Parmod
	Name of the Curator	-
	Name of the Biologist	-
	Name of the Education Officer	-
	Name of the Compounder/Lab Assistant	-
	Name of manager	Sh. Ashish Batura
Owner/Operator of the ERC		
17	*Name of the Operator	Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana Forest& Wildlife Department
18	Address of the Operator	Haryana Civil Secretariat Sector 17 Chandigarh
19	Contact details/Phone number of Operator	0172-2714006
20	E-mail address of Operator	psforest505@gmail.com



7. Organization Chart



8. Human Resources

Manpower of the ERC*

Sr No.	Designation	Number of Sanctioned Posts	Name of the incumbent
1.	Inspector Wildlife	1	1
2.	Sub Inspector Wildlife	1	1
3.	Sweeper	1	1
4.	Mahawat	-	5
5.	Manager	-	1

9. Capacity Building of ERC personnel

Sr No.	Name and designation of the ERC personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
1.	Sh. Sunil Kumar, Inspector Wildlife	Certificate Course in Wildlife Management	3 month	WII Dehradun
2.	Sh. Jai Dev, Sub Inspector Wildlife	Refresher Course in Wildlife Management	1.5 month	Forest Training Centre Pinjore (Hr)



Elephant shed with Treatment -Pan

10. ERC Advisory Committee- Not constituted

- a. Date of constitution: -
- b. Members -
- c. Dates on which Meetings held during the year-

11. Health Advisory Committee- Not constituted

- a. Date of constitution
- b. Members
- c. Dates on which Meetings held during the year

12. Statement of income and expenditure of the ERC

- 1. Income (2020-21) = Nil
- 2. Expenditure(2020-2021) = 34.41 lakh (except salaries)

13. Daily feed Schedule of animals

Sr No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1	5 Elephant	Sugarcane (September to May)	12.50 Qtl. per day	-	-
		Jowar (June to August)	-	12.50 Qtl. per day	-
		Watermelon/Kaddu/Carrot	50kg. daily	50kg. daily	-
		Banana (March to November)	25kg. per day	25kg. per day	-
		Apple (March to November)	25kg. per day	25kg. per day	-
		Cauliflower/Carrot(December to February)	-	25kg. per day	-

14. Vaccination Schedule of animals

Sr No.	Species	Disease	Name of Vaccine and dosage/quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
1.	Elephant	Rabies	Anti- rabies	Annually	
		Tetanus	Anti-tetanus	Annually	

15. De-Worming Schedule of animals

Sr No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1.	Elephant	Albedazole	six month

16. Disinfection Schedule

Sr No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Elephant	Shed	Bleaching Powder	every 15 days



Health Check-up of elephant

17. Health Check-up of employees for zoonotic diseases

Sr No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check up	Findings of Health Check up
1	Sh. Arif	Mahout	08/2020	Fit
2.	Sh. Asgar	-do-	-do-	Fit
3.	Sh. Ali Sher	-do-	-do-	Fit
4	Sh. Shadab	-do-	-do-	Fit
5	Sh. khurshid	-do-	-do-	Fit

18. Development Work carried out in the ERC during the year 2020-21

1. 4 nos elephant sheds got repaired.
2. Solar power fence got repaired around ERC.

- 19. Education and Awareness programmes during the year**
Awareness Camps for villagers, farmers, students and wildlife activists around the facility.
- 20. Important Events and happenings –**
Swachhata Pakhwara was celebrated twice during the last year
- 21. Seasonal special arrangements for upkeep of animals**
1. Change in feed as directed by Veterinary officer.
2. Safeguard measures from cold and excessive hot .
- 22. Research Work carried out and publications.**
No
- 23. Conservation Breeding Programme of the ERC**
NA
- 24. Animal acquisition/ transfer/exchange during the year.**

A.	Animal arriving in the ERC				
	H. NO.	Species	Number (M:F)	From which zoo	Date of arrival in the zoo
	-	-	-	-	-
B.	Animals going from the ERC				
	H. NO.	Species	Number (M:F)	Going to which ERC	Date of Deposition from the ERC
	-	-	-	-	-

25. Rescue and Rehabilitation of wild animals carried out by the ERC

Sr. No.	Species with Number of animals rescued with their sex (M:F:U:T)	Received from	Date of Submission of Report to the CWLW/CZA	Action taken
			Date and Place of rehabilitation in their habitat	Reasons for housing in the ERC, if not released in their habitat
	-	-	-	-

28. Compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central ERC Authority

Status of compliance w.r.t. conditions conveyed by Central Zoo Authority vide their letter no. 20-5/2013-CZA(513)(AK)/3045/2016 Dated 23/11/2016

S.No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Status of compliance
1.	General Requirement		
1	1(5)	The Rescue Centre does not have any boundary wall or elephant proof trench on its periphery though it is surrounded by the villages. It is presently having power fence as barrier, which is not sufficient. The centre should have boundary wall of 2 meter high on its perimeter as barrier to safeguard the animals and local public	The facility have a solar powered electric fence for the center and we found it very efficient, no breaching trough boundary has reported yet proposal for additional protection measures such as construction of boundary wall or digging of elephant proof trench is under consideration.
2	1(7)	The faecal matter is not disposed off hygienically at present. The same is dumped next to animal shelters. It should be dumped away from animal night houses and proper hygiene should be maintained.	The faecal matter is being disposed properly and vermi – compost is being prepared from it.
2.	Administrative and Staffing Pattern		
3	2(1)(2)	The Rescue Centre does not have adequate staff for the upkeep and maintenance of elephants. Presently the Centre head is Sub-Inspector and he has been assigned many other duties other than the upkeep of Rescue Centre. The Centre should have adequate personnel as prescribed by the CZA.	Independent Sub Inspector has been posted at ERC Bansantour exclusively for ERC and additionally Inspector wildlife Kalesar is working as incharge of this ERC (Deputy Manager). Now the staff is sufficient.
4	2(2) 6(3)	The tranquilizing equipment is stored in residences. The same should have been stored in veterinary clinic or room or laboratory. Veterinary Officer is not available at Centre daily, at the same time, there is no other person to handle the tranquilizing equipment in case of any emergency. The Veterinary Officer	Presently Veterinary Officer has been provided by SOS, very soon full time veterinary officer shall be provided by the Wildlife SOS. Even Inspector wildlife / Sub inspector wildlife are well trained for handling tranquilizing equipments.

		should be posted full time at the Centre who has experience in handling the tranquilizing equipment. Necessary medicines should also be stored at the Centre	The tranquilizing equipments / medicines now being kept in separate medicines / veterinary room
3.	Development and Planning		
5	3(1)	The Rescue Centre operator has not prepared any Master (layout) Plan of the existing facility. The same should be prepared along with Master Plan for its long term development and should be submitted to CZA for its approval.	Master plan is being prepared
6	3(7)	The Rescue Centre has been housing 5 animals and is in process to accommodate more elephants. Quarantine/isolation area be provided, as mandatory under the Rules. The Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour may house a total of 20 (twenty) Indian elephants at the existing site, subject to compliance of the guidelines as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	Matter is in process
4.	Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures		
7	4(2)(3)	The animal sheds/night houses do not have ramp to climb, the same should be provided with ramps made to <i>kuccha mud</i> .	done
8	4(6)	No enrichment has been provided in the Animal Shelter houses. The animal shelter housed should be enriched keeping in view behavioral and biological requirements of the elephants.	done
5	Upkeep and Healthcare of animals		
9	5(2)	Water tanks installed in each animal shelter are not filled with water for elephants to drink during night hours. Presently the elephants are provided drinking water through the tap of the water tank. The elephants should be provided 24x7 potable water in the adequate	done

		quantity and through adequate size of water troughs.	
10	5(2)	The Centre does not have any water storage facility. The same of adequate capacity should be provided.	done
11	5(2)	The Rescue Centre has been purchasing the fodder from outside and the same is not being tested for its quality before the same is offered to the Elephants. The same should have got checked by the Veterinary Officer for pesticides, toxins of any other chemicals, randomly and periodically. It should be followed with immediate effect.	done
12	5(10)	The Rescue Centre operator has been maintaining the Animal History Sheets for each elephants housed at the Centre. No Keeper Diary is being maintained. The same should be maintained as prescribed by the CZA immediately.	done
6	Veterinary and infrastructure facilities		
13	6(1)	The Centre does not have any veterinary care lab, room or medicine or medical equipment room. The same should be made available.	done
7	Visitors facilities		
14	12(2)	The Centre should have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drug, readily available in the premises.	first aid facilities available
General conditions			
15		All elephants housed at the Centre have a bell tied in their neck, as is commonly seen in temple elephants, the same should be removed.	done
16		The chain used for tying the elephants in animal shades in not covered by the leather or plastic pipe. The same should be covered	done

		appropriately.	
17		The angles used in the Animal Shelter houses are left with sharp corners, which may hurt the animals, therefore, the same should be rounded off.	done
18		The supporting poles of animal house have been broken by the elephants; the same should be got rectified immediately.	done
19		The ground water provided to the elephants for drinking is not tested by the Rescue Centre authorities. The same should be got tested.	done
20		The staff quarters are located within the premises of elephant paddock areas; there is no barrier or boundary wall to separate the same. There should be boundary wall of 2 meter high separating the residential area. No staff should have their residence/ stay in the Rescue Centre.	Boundary wall has been provided to the staff quarters. Staff posted there i.e. Sub inspector wildlife stay in the rescue center.

29. List of free living wild animals within the ERC premises

a. Mammals

1. Rhesus Macaque
2. Hare
3. Chital
4. Sambar
5. Wild Boar
6. Jackal
7. Jungle cat
8. Five striped squirrel
9. Leopard [occasional visitor]

b. Birds

1. Indian Peafowl
2. Brown Francolin
3. Common Quail
4. Common Kingfisher
5. White cheeked
6. Rock Pigeon
7. Shikra

8. Grey Hornbill
9. Parakeets
10. House Crow
11. Common Myna
12. Red-Vented Bulbul
13. Purple Sunbird
14. House Sparrow
15. Baya Weaver
16. Hornbill
17. Spotted dove
18. Red Jungle Fowl
19. Partridge
20. Bee-eater

c. Reptiles

1. Monitor Lizard
2. Cobras
3. Rat snake
4. Mongoose
5. Common crate
6. Python