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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – regarding

Reference:

1. This Office letter F.No.21-1/2021-CZA dated July 13, 2021
2. Order F.No.8-80/2018 WL dated February 21, 2019, issued by the Appellate Authority
3. This Office Order F.No.19-156/93-CZA (170) (Vol.V) (NS)/4864/2018 dated November 28, 2018

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that the Central Zoo Authority in its 32nd Meeting held on November 19, 2018, cancelled recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, vide Order dated November 28, 2018. However, the Appellate Authority, on hearing and disposal of the appeal filed by the zoo, issued following directives vide Order dated February 21, 2019:

(a) The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo is granted one year to comply the conditions given by Central Zoo Authority subject to strict monitoring by the Central Zoo Authority.

(b) The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo should submit clear milestones for shifting of the animals to the new zoo.

(c) The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo would take immediate steps to have full regular staff strength in position, as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.

2. Compliance reported by the zoo including status of the proposal for relocation of the zoo was placed before the Technical Committee in its 101st Meeting held on June 28, 2021. Subsequently, evaluation of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad was carried out on July 16 and 17, 2021, by Dr. Gowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant and Shri T Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant from this Office. Copy of the said report is enclosed herewith.

3. Recommendation of the Technical Committee in its 101st Meeting Evaluation along with evaluation report of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, was placed before the Central Zoo Authority, in its 38th Meeting held on November 16, 2021.

4. The Central Zoo Authority, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, decided to renew recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, for a period of two years.

5. The Central Zoo Authority has renewed recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, as a small category zoo for a period up to November 15, 2023, subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sr. No	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.General requirements:			
1	10.1(1)	The animals in the collection (other than the adult tigers) are not marked. Thus, identification and maintaining genetic health is difficult. The enrichment is poor thus exhibition of natural behaviour by the animals is limited and some animals are exhibiting zoochosis as specified. This should be addressed on priority.	Six months
2	10.1(3)	Directional signages or maps be provided to guide the visitors.	Three months
3	10.1 (4&5)	As the zoo is surrounded by human landscape, a solid two-meter perimeter wall should be provided as per norms. Garbage dumps and leaning trees along the perimeter wall should be removed and effective height of two meters from ground on both sides should be ensured. Also, inspection path should be provided along the perimeter.	Three months
4	10.1 (7)	The Zoo must build discharge tanks and treat the waste before it exits the zoo as in the approved Plan. Discharge of untreated liquid waste into the river should be stopped forthwith. Treatment of the liquid waste with toxic chemicals must not be done. The principles of recycling and sustainable use of materials should be considered to reduce the environmental footprint of the zoo. Organic waste must be suitably disposed in the compost bins. The compost bins need regular maintenance. The compost must be used in the garden areas where the animals do not come in contact with the compost. Compliance with the Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in the year 2016 should be strictly ensured.	Two months
5	10.1(9)	Several domestic felines were seen wandering in the zoo premises. It should be prevented.	Two months
2.Administrative and Staffing pattern:			
6	10.2(1)	Present arrangement of additional charge to the Livestock Supervisor is not in compliance with the Rules. "Whole-time in-charge" defined under the Rules should be appointed.	Six months

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7	10.2(2)	The Curator, the Biologist and the Education Officer are not appointed in the zoo. Also, this is not in compliance with orders of the Appellate Authority issued on February 21, 2019, and conditions stipulated by the CZA earlier. Requisite scientific and technical manpower must be appointed by the Zoo Operator in consonance with the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months															
3.Development and Planning:																		
8	10.3(1)	The zoo masterplan was approved in 2014. The Siddharth Garden and Zoo, Aurangabad has an outdated collection plan with several non-native fish species in the collection, improperly identified snake and chelonian species (e.g., Common Turtle <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> (this is the leatherback sea turtle), Grass Snake- <i>Natrix natrix</i> , Water snakes- <i>Cerberus rynchops</i> . No new species must be added to the zoo (except for pairing of single individuals after appropriate provision for quarantine and enclosure space and environmental enrichment). All surplus animals must be appropriately disposed with requisite permissions of the CZA to other recognised zoos within a period of 6 months. The animals may not be released back to the wild and such a proposal may not be considered by the zoo	Six months															
9	10.3(1)	<p>Mutually contrary declaration pertaining to area of the zoo is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.</th> <th>Declaration</th> <th>Area of the zoo</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Declaration in original application to the CZA made on July 22, 1993,</td> <td>5.50 Hectare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Layout approved by the CZA on July 31, 2013</td> <td>12.7 Hectare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Master Plan for period 2014-15 to 2024-25 approved by the CZA on December 31, 2014</td> <td>4.84 Hectare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Statement of the Officer in-charge declared on July 17, 2021, in questionnaire for evaluation</td> <td>5.66 Hectare (14 Acre)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>On the day of evaluation i.e., July 16 and 17, 2021, area in usage for housing of captive animals and supporting infrastructure is 14 acres. Land use at the time of evaluation for rest of the zoo area approved in layout includes lawns / gardens (8.09 hectare), exhibition grounds, memorials, traffic park food plaza, shopping kiosk, and aquarium (0.46 hectare) respectively. Calculation of area under green belt and animal housing requires clarification on the ambiguity stated above. This should be explained to the CZA immediately.</p>	Sl.	Declaration	Area of the zoo	1	Declaration in original application to the CZA made on July 22, 1993,	5.50 Hectare	2	Layout approved by the CZA on July 31, 2013	12.7 Hectare	3	Master Plan for period 2014-15 to 2024-25 approved by the CZA on December 31, 2014	4.84 Hectare	4	Statement of the Officer in-charge declared on July 17, 2021, in questionnaire for evaluation	5.66 Hectare (14 Acre)	Immediately
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
10	10.3(6) 10.4(2)	The dimensions of Reptile House are not as per guidelines issued by the CZA. But since new enclosures cannot be currently constructed the zoo will not add any more individuals to the collection. The carrying capacity to be determined and the surplus individuals to be sent to appropriate facilities recognised by CZA with appropriate permissions. The snakes housed in the zoo will be marked with PIT tags and the inventory submitted should be updated. The Mugger house in the enclosure must be marked, sexed and homed in a different enclosure with appropriate pairing after compatibility is ensured.	One month
11	10.3 (7 & 8)	The zoo currently accepts snakes on rescue and displays them in the collection without any records and permissions for the same. Also, it is observed that the zoo accepted one Blackbuck (male) on March 18, 2020, and two Blackbuck on June 1, 2020, respectively. This needs to be stopped. The zoo management should self-assess availability of facility for housing, upkeep, and healthcare of rescued wild animals in off-display area of the zoo. After careful consideration of the said factors, any rescued wild animal should be accepted. If accepted, compliance with statutory provisions of reporting acceptance of rescued animals and obtaining permission from the CZA u/s 38-I, for wild animals that require long-term care. Also, proposal should be forwarded to the CZA for rescued wild animals already under long-term care in the zoo for post-facto approval.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
12	10.4.(2)	Detailed observation on animal housing is noted in Part II and III of the questionnaire. Also, note on animal housing and enrichment for animal welfare placed as at Annexure 2 of this Report may be referred. As relocation of the zoo is a time taking process, without creation of major infrastructure at existing site, action plan be prepared and implemented by the zoo to fulfil norms prescribed.	Six months
13	10.4(3)	Safety concerns expressed in Serpentarium, Macaque enclosure, Jackal, Porcupine, Small Indian Civet enclosures should be addressed. Crows that have entered aviary may be driven out carefully. Entry to paddock of enclosure housing Bengal Tiger (<i>Panthera tigris</i> ssp. <i>tigris</i>) is directly from barrier. Water stagnation is found in enclosure housing Sambar. Being old construction, care shall be taken till relocation.	Immediately
14	10.4(6)	Enrichment of animal enclosures in the zoo should be taken up as detailed in Part – II and Part – III of questionnaire.	Six months
15	10.4(9)	Effectiveness of stand-off barrier should be improved by means of closing gaps in between and hedge plantation.	Three months

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16	10.4(10)	The signages are currently inadequate and the zoo needs to put up (at least) bilingual signages with updated species information and correct common and scientific names at all the enclosures in the visitors' section. Additionally warning signages and a zoo map should be placed at prominent zoo locations with "you are here" markings. Directional signs along the visitor pathway must be placed for smoother flow of the visitors.	Three months
5.Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
17	10.5(1)	Excluding supply register, no other food related records maintained. Documented feeding regimen be developed in the zoo. Publication of the CZA-IVRI titled "Standardised diet for Indian Zoo Animals" be referred for this purpose.	One month
18	10.5(2)	Routine food and water samples may be sent to the nearest lab for testing. Samples may be sent to Parbhani Vet college for testing with timely follow-up for result.	One month
19	10.5(3)	Feed trays/platforms may be immediately provisioned for the food. Leftovers are not accounted for. This helps in understanding the dietary status, nutritional needs and also health status and these records must be maintained by the zoo with immediate effect. The food storage should be organised in rodent and humidity proof drums.	One month
20	10.5(5)	All shed antlers stocked in the zoo be declared to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and disposed at the earliest as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.	Immediately
21	10.5(5)	Sewage treatment plant and sewer line depicted on approved layout of the zoo does not exist. Discharge from the Meat Processing Room is let into adjacent River directly. As relocation is time taking process, this day-to-day need should be addressed.	Three months
22	10.5(6) & 10.5(10)	The zoo must conduct a thorough physical assessment of all the snakes, sex and mark the individuals and maintain animal history cards for each.	One month
23	10.5(8) & 10.5(10)	There is no schedule for deworming, vaccination, disinfection protocols or feeding (as per seasons) maintained by the zoo as per the CZA format. The animal history cards, keeper diaries, treatment register is also poorly maintained with incomplete records. This needs to be rectified with immediate effect.	Immediately
24	10.5(9)	At least an annual screening of all personnel involved in upkeep and healthcare of captive animals, for potential zoonotic diseases (like tuberculosis) must be conducted by the zoo with a registered medical practitioner.	Within one month and annually forthwith

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25	10.5(10)	Data records- The zoo should maintain <u>detailed and updated</u> records for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal history cards • Keeper Diary • Treatment register • Post mortem register • Feed register- detailing feed provided (type and quantity) to individual species. • Disinfection protocols • Vaccination and deworming schedules 	One month
26	10.5(10)	Excluding <i>Panthera tigris</i> ssp. <i>tigris</i> , marking of captive animals is not done. It should be carried out at the earliest.	Three months
6.Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
27	10.6(1)(a)	Vet and Infrastructure facilities- the zoo must put in place a basic treatment room with some facility for isolation of animals under medical care, comprehensive supply medications and immobilising drugs, a table for treatment with appropriate light arrangement of smaller animals, a portable kit for treatment in the field conditions, disposables (syringes/needles etc). Health Advisory Committee be constituted by the zoo.	Two months
28	10.6(1)(b)	The zoo must set up basic diagnostic facility (microscope, glassware, disposables) that will allow for examination of faecal samples, blood smears, stomach content etc. Blood analysis samples, Histopathology samples may be sent to the identified laboratory/veterinary institution with follow-ups for acquisition of report in time.	Six months
29	10.6(3)	The zoo should not acquire any animals till a quarantine facility suitable to house the animal for the quarantine period is in place. The facility has to meet the standard enclosure dimensions as prescribed by CZA and must be 200 mts away (downwind) from the animal enclosures and hospital area.	Forthwith
30	10.6(3)	Post-mortem Room is absent in the zoo. Appropriate action be taken up on priority till relocation of the zoo.	Three months
31	10.6(6)	No specialised training in diagnostics for wild animal diseases has been obtained by the vet officer/lab technician. They may be deputed by the Zoo Operator to nearby institutions having expertise, for this purpose.	One year

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7.Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
32	10.7(2) & (3)	Case history is not recorded in the post-mortem report which allows poor understanding of causalities of death. Also, there is no written follow-up for conclusive diagnosis of the cause of death. Prefixed serial numbers are missing on all post-mortem reports. Thus, they are not tamper-proof. Even post-mortem report is not available for Blackbuck (male) died on May 5, 2018, suspected due to Pneumonia and Nilgai (female) died on June 17, 2017, suspected due to Septicemia; Species of animal died on March 20, 2019, and November 1, 2018, were wrongly reported as Tortoise instead of Indian flapshell Turtle; Also, it is observed that a Blackbuck died on July 15, 2015, is not reported by the zoo. Compliance with requirement should be improved.	Forthwith
33	10.7(4)	Carcass disposal is being done behind enclosure housing Tiger. Designated area away from animal enclosures be explored.	Immediately
9.Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
34	10.9(2)	From two records examined the genetic lineage of the tigers shows inbreeding. These tigers were then disposed by donation to other zoos. Acquisition and breeding of captive animals be done after scientific assessment.	Forthwith
35	10.9(4)	Efforts to pair singly housed animals are not satisfactory. Nilgai, Jackal, Small Indian Civet Emu and few birds in the aviary are found singly housed. They should be paired.	Three months
36	10.9(8)	The last report for Studbook updation was sent in 2018. Further update related to births, acquisitions or disposal be sent for studbook updation. The zoo appears to have a population of inbred animals, and this must be rectified before any further breeding or disposal of animals is taken up.	Immediately
37	10.9(9)	Fifty-one (51) Blackbuck are housed in the zoo beyond carrying capacity. Appropriate population control measures should be implemented. Meanwhile, proposal may also be forwarded for consideration of the CZA to transfer surplus animals to recognized zoos as per provisions.	One month
38	10.9(11)	It is observed during evaluation that one Common Langur (male) released in its habitat on December 24, 2019. However, did not comply with the protocol specified for the purpose and did not obtain requisite permission. Proposal should be forwarded to the CZA, for consideration.	Immediately

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10. Research Activities:			
39	10	Zoo management shall take up short-term research activities that address day to day management aspects of the zoo such as basic health estimations (parasitology examinations), behaviour records, hormone profiles etc for breeding animals are also not being done.	Six months
11. Education and Outreach Activities:			
40	10.11(1)	Education and outreach activities be taken up by the zoo in a planned manner and in compliance with the norms and same be reported in the Annual Report of the zoo.	One year
12. Visitors' facilities:			
41	10.12(2)	SOP should be in place to deal with accidental snakebites. The zoo must follow the latest WHO guidelines and must form an SOP for the same with immediate effect.	Immediately
Rule 11: Maintenance of records and submission of inventory:			
42	11(1)	On perusal of inventory of animals submitted by the zoo, it is found in deviation from prescribed Form – II. Signature of the Curator (Animals) and the Director is absent. Column to reflect unsexed individuals is replaced with total number of individuals. Quarterly inventory is not confined to endangered species listed in Schedule I and II of the Act.	Forthwith
43	11(1)	The common and scientific names of the species housed in the zoo must be corrected and accurate numbers presented in the inventory	Immediately
44	11(2)	Annual Report of the zoo for year 2018-19 and 2020-21 is not submitted to the Central Zoo Authority. Same should be submitted immediately. Also, it is observed that the zoo has reported in 2019-20 that it is carrying our conservation breeding programme for Blackbuck and Tiger. However, it is incorrect. As the Central Zoo Authority has not identified either the species or the zoo for the said purpose, factual status be reported. Also, it is observed that inventory of animals and mortality is not reported in the Annual report of the zoo for year 2019-20. Corrected Annual Report be submitted for consideration of the CZA.	Immediately

6. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

7. The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, shall comply with such standards and norms as are or may be specified or imposed, by or under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 or the rules made thereunder; and the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, shall comply with the directions and guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority from time to time, for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the zoo.

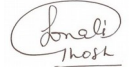
8. The renewal of recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, for period beyond November 15, 2023, would be considered based on compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

9. The recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Sonali Ghosh)

Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Department of City Development, 4th Floor, Secretariat, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Nariman Point, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400 032. [The Zoo Operator of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, Third floor, B Wing, Administrative Building No.2, Nagpur – 440 001, Maharashtra, E-mail: mszooauthority@gmail.com
3. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Aurangabad, Main Building, Town Hall, Near Post Office, Aurangabad, Maharashtra – 431 001, E-mail: commissioner@aurangabadmahapalika.org
4. The Officer in-charge, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Siddharth Garden, Near Central Bus Station, Aurangabad - 431 001, Maharashtra, E-mail: aurangabadzoo@gmail.com
5. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.

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F. No. 8-80/2018 WL
Dated: 21st February 2019


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26/2/19

Sub: Appeal under Section 38H(7) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 against the order passed by the Central Zoo Authority regarding cancellation of recognition of the Aurnagabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurnagabad, Maharashtra.

Reference is invited to the above cited subject.

In this context, the undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the order of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in connection with the hearing held on 15th February 2019 in MoEFCC, on the above matter, for action as appropriate.


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Encl: As above.

Distribution:

1. The Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
2. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

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Appeal under Section 38 H (7) of the Wild life (Protection) Act, 1972 against the order passed by the Central Zoo Authority regarding cancellation of recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

ORDER

Whereas, the appeal dated 06.12.2018 filed by the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo against order F.No.19-156/93-CZA (170) (Vol.V) (NS)/4864/2018 dated 28.11.2018, issued by the Central Zoo Authority cancelling recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, as per provisions laid under section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for non-compliance of provisions laid under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and guidelines there under.

Whereas, a hearing was held by the undersigned as Appellate Authority in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India (Environment, Forest and Climate Change) as per the provisions laid under Section 38H(7) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on 15th February, 2019 at conference hall in the office of the undersigned in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Vayu Wing, Jor Bagh, New Delhi.

During the hearing, following were present:

Petitioner: Municipal Commissioner, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad.

Present:

- i. Shri Nipun Vinayak, Municipal Commissioner, Aurangabad and his representatives.
- ii. Shri Anup Nayak, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority and his representatives.

Whereas, during hearing of the appeal, the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, explained the grounds for cancellation of recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo. The important reasons include:

- Lack of adequate space for all the animals;
- Lack of proper veterinary facilities;
- Lack of regular staff;

It was informed by the Member Secretary, CZA that as sufficient space and facilities for housing all the animals was not available in the existing zoo, the only option was to either expand the existing Zoo or shift the animals to a new zoo.

Whereas, in pursuance to the statements made by the Central Zoo Authority, the Municipal Commissioner, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation explained the following:

- i. The Aurangabad Zoo, established in 1984, houses many animals, including 9 tigers. With over 5 lakh visitors in last year, it is the only Zoo in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra.
- ii. Aurangabad is the biggest city of Marathwada region. It is a heritage, tourist and industrial city rolled in one. Besides the world famous Ajanta and Ellora caves, the city has many monuments of historic and heritage value. The Zoo is one of the prime attractions of the city.
- iii. Being a very old zoo, having come in existence, even much prior to CZA regulations, a major constraint observed was lack of adequate space, especially for big animals. The current zoo is located in 5 Ha and original proposition was to expand it to adjoining area of 14 Ha., where a garden and Marathwada Mukti Sangram Memorial is located.
- iv. However, due to public sentiments about the Memorial and Garden, that has not been possible. Meanwhile, concrete steps have been taken to relocate Zoo to a 100 acre land at Mitmita that has been allotted to Municipal Corporation for the purpose.
- v. A Project Management Committee (PMC) comprising team of Retd. IFS Officer and eminent Zoo specialists have been engaged to prepare a Master Plan for the relocated site and also oversee compliance measures at the relocating site.
- vi. The PMC is likely to take four months for preparation of Master Plan, following which, it will be submitted to CZA for approval. Actual work at the new site is likely to start as soon as approval to this Master Plan will be received from the CZA.
- vii. In the meanwhile, most other observations as noted by the CZA as regards repairs of enclosures and other such issues at the existing Zoo have been taken care of. The enclosures have been repaired and other necessary repairs have also been carried out.
- viii. In view of the above, it is humbly submitted that the cancellation of licence of Aurangabad Zoo by the CZA may be revoked.

The Member Secretary, CZA informed that they were in agreement with the steps suggested by the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo.

Now therefore, after going through the submissions of the parties and also seeing the records placed before me, made by the Central Zoo Authority and the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, and after careful consideration, the following decisions are taken:

- i. The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo is granted one year to comply the conditions given by Central Zoo Authority subjected to strict monitoring by the Central Zoo Authority.
- ii. The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo should submit clear milestones for shifting of the animals to the new zoo.
- iii. The Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo would take immediate steps to have full regular staff strength in position, as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.

The Appeal is disposed off accordingly.


(C.K. Mishra)

Secretary to the Government of India
(Environment, Forest and Climate Change)

Place: New Delhi

Dated : 19/02/2019



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F. No. 19-156/93-CZA(170)(Vol. V)(NS) / 4864 / 2018

Date: 28.11.2018

ORDER

Sub:- Cancellation of recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

This office Show Cause Notice F. No. 19-156/93-CZA(170)(Vol. V)(NS)/2990/2018, dated 26.04.2018.

Whereas, the recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra under Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter F. No. 19-162/93-CZA(107)(NS)/955/2016, dated 21.06.2016 was valid up to 30.04.2013 subject to the compliance with the conditions specified therein under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas, the CZA evaluated the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Maharashtra on 18.03.2015 and 19.03.2015. Based on the evaluation report the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its meeting held on 22.05.2015 decided to ask the zoo to comply with the instructions of the evaluating team to stop the construction of the Traffic Park in the area earmarked for construction of animal enclosures in the zoo.

Whereas, the compliance with observations made by the evaluating officers sought by the CZA. The CZA further reminded the authorities of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo vide letters dated 15.06.2015, 27.07.2016 and 11.08.2016 to submit compliance report. However, the operator of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo (Siddharth Garden Zoo), Aurangabad failed to submit compliance.

Whereas, the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its 79th meeting held on 24th August, 2016 after due deliberation, decided to issue Show Cause Notice to the operator of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo (Siddharth Garden Zoo) under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to explain why the recognition of the zoo be not suspended.

The Central Zoo Authority banned elephant from the collection of the zoos in the country vide letter No.7-5/2006-CZA(Vol.II) dated 07.11.2009. Accordingly, an "Appraisal Committee" was constituted by the CZA which visited the concerned zoos housing elephants and examined the housing facility available in the zoos for the elephants and other infrastructure. The Report of the Appraisal Committee was discussed in the Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting on 18.03.2013 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) and Director (Wildlife Preservation), Government of India. A decision was taken regarding housing of elephants in 21 recognised zoos of the country and the same was communicated to all concerned authorities vide this office letter dated 05.06.2013.

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Whereas, the CZA issued direction vide letter dated 05.06.2013 for transfer of two female elephants of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo to the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Vishakhapatnam (IGZP). The Central Zoo Authority deputed a Veterinarian to examine the health condition and fitness of both elephants housed at the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo. The Veterinarian, after examination of the animal apprised the CZA that both the elephants are in good physical condition. The delay in the shifting of elephants from the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo to the IGZP has led to the *Suo-moto* cognizance of the matter by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, Aurangabad Bench.

The matter was pending since 2013 causing distress to the elephants housed in the IGZP as well as at the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra which is also non-compliance of the statutory requirements. It required years of pursuance to ensure compliance with the directives of the CZA and subsequently the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay intervened and the order was complied.

Whereas, the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra was lastly evaluated by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 13.10.2017.

Whereas, the evaluation report of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra was placed before the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 85th meeting held on 23.03.2018.

Whereas, the Technical Committee of the CZA after detailed deliberations recommended to issue a Show Cause Notice to the operator of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

Whereas, the CZA vide its letter F. No. 19-156/93-CZA(170)(Vol. V)(NS)/2990/2018, dated 26.04.2018 issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra under the provisions of Section 38H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, asking why recognition of the Zoo should not be suspended or cancelled and provided an opportunity of hearing to the Operator of the Zoo under Section 38-H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Whereas, Dr. B.S. Naikwade, Zoo Director, Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra availed the opportunity of hearing provided as per provisions laid down under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The hearing was conducted by the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on 24th May, 2018 in the office of the CZA at B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003 as authorised by the CZA.

Whereas, Dr. B.S. Naikwade, Zoo Director, Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra attended the hearing and admitted violation of provision as mentioned in the notice served by the CZA on 26.04.2018.

The proceedings of the hearing are given below:-

Sr. No	Norm under RZR	Violations of Recognition of Zoo Rules	Compliance pending since	Submission by the Zoo Operator/Representative	Remarks
General requirements					
1	10.1 (4 & 5)	The Zoo has failed to earmark clear boundary of the zoo with the area occupied by the Hyderabad Marathwada Mukti Sangram, aquarium, garden, Traffic Park.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Not complied. Museum (on cultural theme) is operating within the Zoo. Similarly, Aquarium and Garden is operating within the zoo. Presently, the Traffic Park is operating the Zoo. English translation of all documents produced during hearing in Marathi language will be provided to the CZA within three days.	Despite repeated directive from the CZA to remove Traffic Park from the Zoo premises, it is being operated.

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2	10.1 (5)	The Zoo has failed to repair the broken periphery wall towards river side.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Complied. The broken periphery wall is repaired.	Not complied till the date of evaluation.
3	10.1 (7)	The Zoo has failed to manage solid and liquid wastes generated in the zoo.	Pending since 24.3.1994	Attached photographs of the vermin compost units (18) of 2 metric tonne each is newly created in the zoo after evaluation, for solid waste management. With respect to liquid waste management, it is being directed to the Effluent Treatment Plant of the City.	The matter is pending for compliance since year 24.3.1994.
4	10.1 (7)	The Zoo should stop the Mini Train being operated by Diesel is functioning in Garden Area. The total area of the zoo is 34 acres, of which the garden is spread over an area of 20 acres and zoo is on 14 acres of area.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The Zoo has stopped mini train. However, infrastructure created for the purpose will be removed in future.	On the date of evaluation, the Mini Train was operating in the Zoo.
5	10.1 (9)	The Zoo has failed to remove the domestic geese from display.	Pending since 24.3.1994	Removed domestic geese from collection of the zoo. Also, in future, domestic animals will not be housed in the zoo.	Not complied till the date of evaluation.
Administrative and Staffing Pattern					
6	10.2 (1)	The Zoo has failed to provide administrative and financial powers to the Director. The financial powers are vested with the Deputy Municipal Commissioner.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The Zoo does not have full time Officer in-charge presently. The In-charge is performing duties additionally in Slaughter House and Dispensary. The post is designated as the Zoo Director and Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation. The salary is being drawn from the Animal Husbandry Department of the Municipal Corporation and not from the Zoo Head.	

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7	10.2 (2)	The Zoo has failed to appoint technical support staff, Veterinarian, Education Officer, Compounder and Lab Assistant.	10.04.2013	At present, Dr. Inamdar is the Veterinary Officer of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo on outsourcing basis. The document indicating registration of the Zoo Veterinarian in the Veterinary Council will be provided to the CZA. Not sanctioned posts of the Curator, Biologist and Education Officer. The Order on appointment of the Livestock Supervisor (Mr. Rohidas Ghayat Patil) will be provided to the CZA.	
Development and Planning					
8	10.3(1)	The Zoo has failed to prepare and submit the Animal Collection plan of the animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo	10.04.2013	Zoo has submitted animal collection plan in its approved master plan. Master plan of the zoo has been approved by CZA. (Copy attached. Exhibit no-9)	
9	10.3 (6)	The zoo has failed to include the individual species of Birds and Reptiles housed at the zoo, it simple states the number of birds (27 nos. of water birds) and reptiles (unidentified snakes 100 nos.) in the Animal Inventory submitted to the CZA. These birds and reptiles housed at the Zoo should be identified. Accordingly, the inventory should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for each species of animals separately.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Zoo has included the individual species of Birds and Reptiles housed in this zoo. And same is being submitted to CZA to Animal Inventory report. (Copy attached. Exhibit no-10)	The Director of the Zoo is not aware of the species of captive animals housed in the Zoo.

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10	10(3.6)	<p>i. The Zoo has failed to house only those animals for which appropriate housing facility exist.</p> <p>ii. The Zoo has failed to determine the carrying capacity of the various enclosures in terms of the maximum number of the animals that can be housed and displayed in the zoo.</p>	10.04.2013	The zoo has shifted elephants to Visakhapatnam Zoo due to inadequate housing facility. Jackal and Hyena enclosures will be created at the site of traffic garden area and birds species will be housed in that area as per approved Master Plan.	Not complied.
11	10.3 (8)	The zoo has failed to submit the report on the snakes rescued from the wild and failed to maintain the records for the same. The zoo should submit a report regarding the source, legality of its acquisition, facility of housing, upkeep and health care to the Central Zoo Authority in case the animal pertains to an endangered species.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	<p>The zoo has started keeping record of snakes rescued from locality handed over by registered snake catchers registered with local forest department.</p> <p>(Copy attached. Exhibit no-11)</p> <p>Translated copy of the documents produced during hearing will be provided to the CZA.</p>	No record on acquisition of wild animals is produced during hearing. Neither reported acquisition of animals to the Chief Wildlife Warden and also not submitted any documentary evidence to the CZA on legality of acquisition of the animals.
12	10.3 (8)	The zoo should stop acquiring rescued animals without prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and from the Central Zoo Authority. The rescued animals should be housed after following laid down procedure under this Rule.	10.04.2013	Henceforth, the zoo will not acquire rescued animals without prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and from the Central Zoo Authority.	Not complied till hearing

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13		The Zoo Operator has failed to submit the documents regarding the land where the Zoo Operators has decided to shift the existing zoo to the new site.	10.04.2013	The zoo operator has decided to shift the existing zoo to the new site at Mitmita-Gut No.307-6 Km. away from city on Aurangabad-Nashik Road. 100 acres of Govt. land has been allotted by Govt. Of Maharashtra on dt.17.10.2016 vide it's letter no.land-2907/648/pr.a.kara.71/2007/ pu.ban.1/2014/j-7 dt.17.10.2016. Document translation in English will be submitted to the CZA in one week.	Documents produced could not be perused as it is in Marathi language.
Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures					
14	10.4 (2)	<p>i. The Zoo has failed to provide the tank with minimum area requirement as prescribed by CZA to soft shell turtles and also failed to provide the place for basking etc.</p> <p>ii. The Zoo has failed to provide paddock area and night house with dimensions as prescribed by the CZA in the Wolf enclosure</p> <p>iii. The Zoo has failed to house Common palm civet in the enclosure having prescribed dimensions. It was observed that signage/illustration provided at the exhibit is of Malabar civet cat.</p>	<p>Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017</p> <p>10.04.2013</p>	<p>i. The soft shell turtles are shifted from small glass tank to open tank with basking area. (Attach Photograph. Exhibit no-13)</p> <p>ii. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>iii. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>iv. Action is being taken to remove the tiled floor in the animal enclosures of Hyena, jackal, wolf, civet cat and Common langur. Which does not meet the biological requirement of the animals.</p>	Provision of tiles in the animal enclosure indicates that the staff posted in the zoo are not aware of the behavioural requirement of the captive animals.

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		<p>iv. The Zoo has failed to remove the tiled floor in the animal enclosures of Hyena, jackal, wolf, civet cat and Common langur. Which does not meet the biological requirement of the animals.</p> <p>v. The night house of Leopards has been provided shutter in the back side, which are not feasible and never been used to house the animals. Further the size of night cell is only 1.5 mt x 2.0 mt. only. The zoo has 3 (1:2) Leopard in its collection. However, only single leopards is being exhibited. The rest of the animals do not have any kraal attached to the animal houses.</p> <p>vi. The zoo has failed to stop housing small carnivores in the vacant aviaries.</p> <p>vii. In a Bluebull enclosure, a treatment room has been constructed on the side to house the sick animals.</p> <p>viii. The Zoo has failed to provide functional squeeze cage</p> <p>ix. The entry to Blackbuck enclosure is from visitors pathway.</p> <p>x. The White Tiger and Bengal Tiger enclosures have service entry from the visitors viewing side.</p> <p>xi. The Zoo has failed to provide proper locking system in the sliding door used for shifting of animals in the tiger night cells.</p> <p>Xii The Zoo has failed to provide adequate ventilation in the night house of the tiger.</p>		<p>v. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>vi. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>vii. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>viii. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>ix. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>x. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>xi. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.</p> <p>xii. Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA</p>	

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15	10.4(2)	The Zoo has failed to provide animal enclosures for Lions, Tigers, Jackal, Wolf, Sloth bear and Porcupine in accordance with the biological requirement of the animals.	10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, no document indicating action taken is produced.	Not complied till hearing
16	10.4 (5)	The Zoo has failed to provide the animal enclosures of Hyena, Jackal, Wolf, Monkey, Peacock and Emu of the dimensions and area as prescribed by the CZA.	10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, no document indicating action taken is produced.	Not complied till hearing
17	10.4 (6)	The Zoo has failed to take action regarding the open moat of Crocodile and Python in the reptile house which is covered with loose chain link fence.	10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, no document indicating action taken is produced.	Not complied till hearing
18	10.4 (6)	The Zoo has failed to provide floor with natural soil in the enclosures of Hyena, Jackal, Wolf and Porcupine.	10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, no document indicating action taken is produced.	Not complied till hearing
19	10.4 (6)	The Zoo has failed to provide facility for sand basking in the mugger exhibit.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017.	Sand has been put in the basking area	Not complied till hearing
20	10(4.9)	The Zoo has failed to maintain standoff barriers and plant hedge.	10.04.2013	80% area has been covered by standoff barriers.	Not complied till hearing
21	10(4.9)	The zoo has failed to display adequate sign board (warning boards) for visitors.	10.04.2013	Order has been place for signboard.	Not complied till hearing
22	10.4 (10)	The Zoo has failed to correct the sign board written as Alligator outside the Muger enclosure and other sign boards with correct information.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also since 10.04.2013.	New sign boards will be installed soon.	Not complied till hearing

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Upkeep and healthcare of animals					
23	10.5 (2)	<p>i. The Zoo has failed to feed the tigers housed at the zoo as per the diet prescribed by the Veterinarian.</p> <p>ii. The zoo failed to stop feeding the Rhesus macaques, Neelgai, Sambar, Blackbuck, Spotted deer with Bread along with other animal feed..</p> <p>iii. The zoo has failed to examine the food provided to the animals before serving. The Veterinary Officer does not check or verify the meat provided to the carnivorous animals at the zoo.</p> <p>iv. The Zoo has failed to control the problem of rodents in the dry Food store. The Zoo has also failed to provide good quality of feed, particularly the Gram.</p> <p>v. The zoo has failed to maintain feed register for all snakes. The animal feed register has records on animal feed for the period upto 30th Sept. 2017 only.</p> <p>vi. The zoo does not have deep freezer for storage of meat.</p>	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017.	<p>i. The feeding of tiger is provided as per the prescription by the veterinarian.</p> <p>ii. The zoo has stopped feeding bread to Rhesus macaques, Neelgai, Sambar, Blackbuck and Spotted deer.</p> <p>iii. The food is being examined by the zoo veterinarian regularly before feeding.</p> <p>iv. Problem has been controlled and purchase of gram has been cancelled owing to the shifting of elephants.</p> <p>v. The register has been maintained.</p> <p>vi. Process initiated to purchase deep freeze via e-tendering.</p> <p>However, document indicating compliance is not produced</p>	

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24	10.5 (6)	The Zoo has failed to test the food samples randomly.	10.04.2013	Food Samples are being sent for testing to FSSAI Office. However, document indicating compliance is not produced	
25	10.2	The Zoo has failed to increase the size of the feeding cells of Wolf, Hyena, Jackal.	10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, document indicating compliance is not produced	
26	10.5 (5)	The Zoo has failed to remove and dispose off the leftover food items, animal excreta etc from the animal enclosure regularly	10.04.2013	The leftover and excreta are regularly removed and enclosures are regularly cleaned.	
27	10.5 (5)	The Zoo has failed to maintain the food inspection register.	10.04.2013	The register is maintained now.	
28	10.5 (8)	The Zoo has failed to maintain Veterinary records, schedule for deworming of animals, vaccination of animals, animal feed. The format for each should be prepared, displayed at animal enclosures and be strictly followed.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The register has been kept. Documents indicating compliance could not be produced during hearing	
29	10.5 (9)	The zoo has failed to conduct staff screening for zoonotic diseases. The staff shall be screened against zoonotic diseases at least once every year.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also pending since 10.04.2013	The Medical Health Check-up Camp for Zoo Keepers organized by Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Health Department every year on dt.06 th Dec. However, documents indicating compliance could not be produced during hearing	
30	10.5 (10)	The zoo has failed to maintain Keeper Diary as per standard prescribed by the CZA.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Zoo has maintained keepers dairy as per CZA pro-forma. However, documents indicating compliance could not be produced during hearing	

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6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities					
31	10.6 (1) a & b	The zoo has failed to procure and maintain basic diagnostic facilities, equipments and comprehensive range of drugs. The Zoo has failed to provide the facility of operation theatre. The Zoo has failed to maintain the animal hospital room with basic surgical equipments, wash basin and other essential features, even a water connection.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also pending since 10.04.2013	Necessary Veterinary infrastructure and diagnostic facility is not provided within the zoo. Instead, availing services of the Regional Disease Diagnostic Lab Khadkeshwar, Aurangabad which is half Km from the zoo.	
32	10.6 (3)	The zoo has failed to have isolation and quarantine area, as mandatory. The zoo has failed to construct the well-equipped post mortem room. The Zoo has failed to provide facility to conduct basic clinical test.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also pending since 10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA. However, documentary evidence is not produced during hearing.	
33	10.6 (3)	The Zoo has failed to appoint a compounder, lab technician and two keepers in the Veterinary Hospital.	10.04.2013	Technical supporting staff is proposed in staffing pattern of corporation.	
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals					
34	10.7(2)	The Zoo has failed to maintain the Post-mortem records in the format prescribed by the CZA.	10.04.2013	Presently, the Report on post-mortem examination of dead animals is not being recorded in format prescribed by the CZA.	
35	10.7(3)	The perusal of the post mortem report of the Sloth bear conducted on 27/1/2017 states that tissue samples were sent for further examination. However, no report has been received in spite of 14 months have passed. The zoo has not been following with the PM findings. It should be followed.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Document indicating compliance is not produced during hearing.	

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36		The Zoo operator has failed to conduct detailed post mortem of the animals that dies in the Zoo by the veterinarian registered with State Veterinary Council of India and also failed to record the findings of such operations for the last six years.	10.04.2013	The detailed postmortem has been conducted by veterinarian / team of veterinarian from govt. animal husbandry department and all veterinarians in team are registered by state veterinary council and all the technical findings are recorded with the files of the animals that died.	
37	10.7 (4)	The Zoo has failed to shift the carcass disposal area to appropriate distance so that it does not have any adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also pending since 10.04.2013	Action is being taken as per Master plan approved by CZA.	
9.Acquisition and breeding of animals					
38	10.9 (4)	The zoo has failed to pair the 2 single spotted deer or transfer to any nearby recognised zoo.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The proposal has been submitted to the MZA& CZA. It is however awaited.	
39	10.9 (4)	The Zoo has failed to pair single animals- Chinkara, Wolf, Stump tailed macaque, Muggar and Common langur.	10.04.2013	Common langur is paired by capture of free ranging animal. Not obtained approval of the CZA under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.	
40	10.9 (8)	The Zoo has failed to maintain studbook of endangered animals and herd in CZA format.	10.04.2013	Already maintained and submitted to WII Dehradun	
41	10.9 (9)	The zoo has failed to adopt the population control measures for 38 Nos. of Sambar as specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also since 10.04.2013	The sambar deers population is already under control as per the space. The three males were already sterilized. But after the demand for 8 sambar deers from Nagpur Zoo, the sterilization of males have been withheld.	

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10. Research Activities					
42	10.10 (1)	The zoo has failed to encourage local institution/university students to undertake need based research activities.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The regular batches of interneees from Udgir and Parbhani veterinary colleges are attending the zoo they are carrying various diagnostics and research activities by collecting samples and data. (Attached Photograph. Exhibit No-16)	
11. Education and Outreach Activities					
43	10.11 (1)	The zoo has failed to carryout various educational activities for the awareness of the public.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	The zoo has carried different educational activities for the awareness of the public and school students accordingly drawing and essay competitions were taken. One of the young teenaged wild animal lover is regularly taking part in zoo activities, enclosure enrichment and extension activities (Wild Life Week Celebration Photo Attached. Exhibit No-17).	Signage With Wrong Name Of Species Indicates The Negligible Educational Value Of The Signage.
12. Visitor Facilities					
44	10.12 (2)	The zoo has failed to procure and maintain anti-snake venom for safety of the employees and visitors.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017 and also pending since 10.04.2013	Anti-snake venom has been purchased and kept under refrigeration (Attached Photograph. Exhibit No-18). However, purchase bill will be sent to the CZA in seven days.	Not complied till hearing
Other observations					
45		The Zoo has failed to stop service entry to the huge building (food plaza) from the Zoo entry.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Food Plaza area is at entry point and away from animal enclosures. Entry to food plaza to visitors of zoo is from entry gate and rare entry is from parking area.	Not complied till hearing

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46		The Zoo has failed to provide functional CCTV cameras installed at the zoo for the safety and security of animals and visitors.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Zoo has installed CCTV cameras for the safety of animals and visitors (Attached Photograph. Exhibit No-19).	Not complied till hearing
47		The Traffic Garden at the zoo premises is spread over an area of 4 acres. As per the foundation stone available at the premises, it was conceived in 1995 and inaugurated in 2015. The said park is opened to the public daily from 7.00 am to 9.00 am and 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm for locals. The park displays traffic signs. The location of park is next to zoo area. Thus public entry should be stopped immediately or it should be separated from the zoo premises.	Violations observed during 11.06.2015, 27.07.2016, 11.08.2016, 23.09.2016 and also during the present evaluation dated 13.10.2017	Presently, the Traffic Park is operating the Zoo. Appropriate action in this matter is being taken.	Not complied till hearing

Whereas, the Technical Committee in its 86th meeting held on 28th September, 2018 after due deliberation on the proceedings of the opportunity of hearing provided to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra recommended to the Central Zoo Authority to cancel recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra as per provisions of Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 keeping in view welfare of the captive animals.

Whereas, the Central Zoo Authority in its 32nd meeting held on 19th November, 2018, in view of the failure of the operator of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra to comply with conditions stipulated by the CZA, approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to cancel the recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra is hereby cancelled as per provisions laid down in Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 with a provision to file an appeal before the Central Government as per provisions laid down in Section 38H(7) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Yours Sincerely,



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

To

The Principal Secretary (UD II),
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[operator of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Van Bhawan, Ramgir Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001 (Maharashtra). Email: pccfwlngp@mahaforest.gov.in
2. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, B-Wing, 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building No. 2, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001 (Maharashtra), E-mail: mszooauthority@gmail.com.
3. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad, Siddharth Garden, Near Central bus Stand, Aurangabad- 432 001 (Maharashtra)
4. The Director, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Siddharth Garden, Near Central Bus Station, Aurangabad- 431 011 (Maharashtra). Email: aurangabadzoo@gmail.com



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DATE: 10.04.2013

To

The Municipal Commissioner,
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation,
Siddharth Garden, Near Central Bus Stand,
Aurangabad – 431 001 (Maharashtra).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2010.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. zoo/231/2010 dated 16.04.2010 seeking renewal of recognition to Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2010.

The evaluation of the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad was carried out by Mr. A. S. Dogra, and Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 11th – 12th January 2013. The evaluation report of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 65th Meeting held on 22nd March 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad as "a Small Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.04.2013 subject to the condition that Master Plan/ Master (layout) Plan may be submitted for its approval and compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
2. Administrative and staffing pattern			
1.	2.1	The financial and maintenance power of Director should be enhanced appropriately.	Within one year

2.	2.2	There is no adequate technical support staff. The authorities must take action to recruit veterinarian, education officer, compounder and lab. Technician.	Within one and half year
3. Development and Planning			
3.	3.3	More plantation, creepers are needed to mask the buildings and enclosures.	Within six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	4.5	The size of enclosures of Hyena, Jackal, Wolf, Monkey, Peacock and Emu to be increased as per CZA norms.	Within two years
5.	4.6	Lot of improvement if required in enclosures of Hyena, Jackal, Wolf and Porcupine. The floor of enclosures should be natural soil.	Within one year
6.	4.9	(i) Maintenance of standoff barriers is required. Hedge is to be planted. (ii) Warning signages to be fixed particularly at carnivore enclosures.	Within six months Within three months
7.	4.10	Animal signages with adequate information need to be installed.	Within one year
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of Animal			
8.	5.1 (a)	Efforts are needed to make pair of all single animals.	Within one year
9.	5.2 (6)	Testing of random food sample be undertaken.	Within one month.
10.	5.2	Size of feeding cells of Wolf, Hyena, Jackal needs to be increased.	Within two years
11.	5.3 (3)	There is need to prepare a written schedule to check parasitic load.	Within one months
12.	5.3 (5)	There is need to use following for maintaining records as per CZA format:- 1. Daily report of animals, 2. Animal history card 3. Keeper diary 4. Treatment card	Within one month
13.	5.5 (5)	Food inspection register needs to be maintained. The checking official should sign after checking food items.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facility			
14.	6.1 (a)	A quarantine ward is to be constructed.	Within two years
15.	6.1 (b)	There is need to have OT room, lab and pharmacy.	Within one year ,
16.	6.3	A compounder, lab technician and two keepers are needed in veterinary hospital.	Within one and half year

7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
17.	7.2	CZA format for Post-mortem needs to used.	With Immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
18.	9.8	Studbook of endangered animals and herd should be maintained in ZA format.	Within one month
12. Visitor facilities			
19.	12.2	Anti snake venom needs to be acquired.	Within one month

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad beyond 30.04.2013 as "a Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo and submission of on time application with required fee.

The recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Zoo, Aurangabad shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. The Municipal Commissioner, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad.
3. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA



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To
Director
Aurangabad Municipal Zoo,
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation, &
Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

Subj:- Renewal of Recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo,
Aurangabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection)
Act - Regarding.

Sr.
Reference is invited to your letter No. AMC/Zoo/Dir/300/2003 dated
31.8.2003 and letter No. AMC/Zoo/Dir/509/2003 dated 24.9.2003 seeking
renewal of recognition for the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad beyond
31.8.2003 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation report of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad as
submitted by the evaluating team comprising of Dr. J. H. Desai and Dr. R. G.
Jani was considered by the Technical Committee in its meeting held on
7.7.2004.

On the recommendations of the Committee, it has been decided to
grant renewal of recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad for
a period up to 30.9.2006 subject to following conditions:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
General		
1.	6	During the evaluation one of the leopard was observed to be senile, obese and with ugly look. This animal should be immediate removed from display and should be kept in the off exhibit area of the zoo.
2.	11 A	The zoo should prepare a collection plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo.
Administrative & Staffing Pattern		
3.	13	The zoo should post an official with Masters Degree in Wildlife Science/Zoology as full time Curator solely responsible for looking after the upkeep of animals and maintenance of animal enclosures.

16		primarily designed animal enclosures which are open to the public.
17		Simulated conditions of the natural habitat of the animal should be provided in all the animal enclosures by way of planting of appropriate species of trees and other ornaments.
Primary facilities		
6.	33	The zoo should construct a treatment room having basic diagnostic facilities and comprehensive range of drugs for carrying out routine examination of animals as well as for treatment of sick and injured animals.
8.	35	The zoo should have a proper facility for disposal of carcasses without affecting the hygiene of the zoo. Carcasses of large cats should be disposed off only by burning in the presence of the Director or an officer not below the rank of a Curator duly authorized by the Director.
Breeding of animals		
9.	36	The zoo shall keep in collection only such number of animals and such species for which appropriate housing facility exists. The zoo operators shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of animals of any species does not go beyond the holding capacity of the enclosures available in the zoo and the housing standards are not compromised for keeping the excessive numbers.
10.	37	The zoo is displaying single/unpaired animals like chinkara, stump tailed macaque, wolf and marsh crocodile. Necessary measures should be taken for providing mates to the single/unpaired animals.
Development & Planning		
11.	51	The zoo should prepare a long term plan for its development. A management plan giving details of proposals and activities for development in the next six years should also be prepared. The copies of the plans should be sent to the Central Zoo Authority.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition beyond 30.9.2006 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

Yours faithfully,
sd/-
(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Commissioner, Aurangabad Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented within the given time frame.
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra for favour of information.
3. Registrar, CZA.
4. Scientific Officer, CZA.
5. D.P.A., CZA

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To

The Director
Aurangabad Municipal Zoo,
Aurangabad Municipal Corporation,
Siddharth Garden, Near Central Bus Stand,
Aurangabad – 431 001 (Maharashtra)

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad beyond the period of 30.9.2006 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. AMC/Zoo/Dir/895/06 dated 10.7.2006 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad beyond the period of 30.9.2006 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad was carried out by Shri A. V. Joseph and Dr. Navin Kumar on 21st – 22nd September, 2007. The evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 47th Meeting held on 18.2.2008.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.04.2010 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

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S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
General			
1.	2	The Zoo Operator should not acquire any animal without the permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11 (1)(a) and the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38I of the Act.	With immediate effect
2.	11A	<p>The zoo has not prepared collection plan for animal to be housed and displayed in the zoo keeping due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area.</p> <p>In case the Zoo Operator has decided to shift the existing Zoo to the new site i. e. at Mitmita Village, the animal collection plan should be made accordingly.</p>	Six months
Animal enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features			
3.	15	The Zoo Operator shall provide more warning signs for keeping the visitors' at the safe distance from the animals	Six months
4.	16	<p>(i) The animal enclosures for Lions, Tigers, Jackal, Wolf, Sloth bear, Porcupine, are not being designed as to meet the biological requirements of the animals housed therein. The enclosures are smaller than the dimension given in the Appendix I & II of the Rules. Necessary modified enclosure should be made available to the animals keeping in view of the Central Zoo Authority's minimum prescribed size for feeding/retiring cells and out door open enclosure. Prior approval of the design should have got obtained from the Central Zoo Authority.</p> <p>(ii) The open carnivore enclosures Tiger and Lion has a barricade of loose chain link fence fixed at the dry moat portion which is unsightly and this should be removed.</p> <p>(iii) In the reptile house the open moat of Crocodile and Python has been covered with loose chain link fence which is unsightly and this should be removed.</p>	<p>Nine months</p> <p>With immediate effect</p> <p>With immediate effect</p>

5.	17	The Zoo Operator shall endeavour to simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of the animals (Lion, Tiger and Sloth bear) housed in each enclosure as closely as possible. Planting of appropriate species of trees for providing shade and shelter, which merge in the overall environment of the enclosures shall be provided.	Six months
6.	20	Designing of any new enclosure for the Schedule I & II animals should be finalized from the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep			
7.	22	The Zoo Operator shall provide proper waste disposal system for both the solid and liquid wastes generated in the zoo.	Immediately
8.	23	(i) All leftover food items, animal excreta and rubbish should be removed from the each enclosure regularly and disposed off in a manner congenial to the general cleanliness of the Zoo. (ii) The water bird aviary has a number of domestic crows inside the enclosure, which should be removed immediately.	With immediate effect
Animal Care, Health and Treatment			
9.	29	The Zoo Operator shall arrange for medical checkup of the staff responsible for upkeep of animal atleast once in every six months to ensure that they do not have infections of such disease that effect of Zoo animals.	With immediate effect
Veterinary Facilities			
10.	33	The Zoo should have a full fledged veterinary unit including a treatment room in the premises of Zoo where routine examination of the animals can be undertaken and immediate treatment can be provided	Six months
11.	34	The Zoo Operator should conduct detailed post-mortem of the animals that dies in the Zoo by the veterinarian registered with State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and findings of such operation should be recorded for the period of atleast six years.	Immediately
12.	35	The Zoo should have proper facility for disposal off carcasses without affecting the hygiene of the Zoo. The carcasses of large cats should be disposed off only by burning in presence of the	With immediate effect

		Director or officer not below the rank of the Curator duly authorized by the Director.	
Breeding of animals			
13.	36	(i) The Zoo shall keep in collection only such numbers and species for which appropriate housing facility exists. The Zoo Operator shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of animals of any species does not go beyond the carrying capacity of the enclosures available in the Zoo and housing standards are not compromised for keeping the excessive numbers. (ii) White tiger, Black buck and Sambar housed in excess number at the Zoo should be shifted to other recognized Zoos in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect Six months
14.	37	The Zoo Operator should find appropriate mate for single Chinkara, Wolf, Stump tailed macaque, Mugger and Common langur housed at the Zoo, in consultation with other recognized Zoos in the country and with the approval of the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months
15.	40	The Zoo Operator should take necessary steps to safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population of Black buck and Sambar by adopting appropriate population control measures.	Immediately
Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority			
16.	42	The Zoo shall keep the record of the birth, acquisitions, sales, disposals & deaths of all animals . The inventory of the animals housed in the Zoo as on 31 st March of every year should be to the Central zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year.	Immediately
17.	43	The Zoo should submit the summary of death of animals in the Zoo for every financial year, along with reason for death identified on the basis of post-mortem reports and other diagnostic tests by 30 th April of the following year to the Central Zoo Authority. In case of death of critically endangered species a report alongwith the details specified above should be submitted to the Central zoo Authority within 24 hours.	Immediately

Education and Research			
18.	45	The Zoo Operator should ensure that every enclosure in the Zoo shall bear a sign board displaying scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.	Three months
Development and Planning			
19.	51	The Zoo should prepare a long-term Master plan for its development in the format circulated by the Central Zoo Authority during the year 2005 and the same is being published in the CZA's publication "Zoos in India-Legislation, Policy, Guidelines and Strategy". The copies of the said plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval.	By 31 st March, 2009

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.


Grant of recognition beyond 30.04.2010 to Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad as a 'small category zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

The recognition to the Aurangabad Municipal Zoo, Aurangabad shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,
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