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Dated **04/01/2021**

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Environment and Forests,
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Chennai - 600 015, Tamil Nadu,
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – regarding

Reference:

1. This Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25th August, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2071/2020 dated 10th January 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-24/92-CZA(241)(Vol-II)(NS)/4681/2018 dated 29th October 2018
4. Letter No.CSPT/EC/CZA-2 dated 6th January 2020 from the Executive Chairman, Chennai Snake Park Trust

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till 28th September 2019. Shri A.V. Joseph, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer/s deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on 20th February 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th Meeting held on 30th July, 2020. The Technical Committee, after detailed deliberation, made its recommendation to the Central Zoo Authority.

3. This office issued Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25th August, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37th Meeting held on 7th December, 2020, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, approved recommendation of the Technical Committee.

4. The Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after 28th September 2019 and renewed recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai as a Small Zoo for a period up to **19th August, 2022** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
1. General requirements:			
1	10.1(4)	Boundary wall towards Guindy National Park should be constructed.	One year
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
2	10.2(2)	Appointment of Veterinary Officer in the zoo is very essential to look after daily care of animals.	Immediately
3. Development and Planning:			
3	10.3(3)	The area of the facility is one acre which is very small and built-up structure is more than 30%. It should explore the possibility of expanding the facility.	One year
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
4	10.4(2)	The enclosures have outlived their age and renovation should be taken up in specialised world class display of selected reptiles.	One year
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
5	10.6(1)	Veterinary infrastructure should be upgraded to meet the specialised needs of reptiles displayed.	One year
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
6	10.9(9)	Breeding of Reticulated Python (<i>Python reticulatus</i>) should be controlled as per the approved Plan of the zoo. At the time of evaluation, zoo houses 26 individuals.	Immediately
7	10.9(9)	Population control measures should be adopted in case of Marsh crocodile (<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>) and American red eared slider.	One year

5. 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.

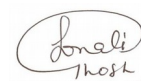
6. The renewal of recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai for period beyond 19th August, 2022 as a Small Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai 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
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Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Executive Chairman, The Chennai Snake Park Trust, Rajbhavan Post, Chennai – 600 022, Tamil Nadu [Zoo Operator of the Chennai Snake Park under Rule 2(m)(I) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, premises of the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai – 600 048, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: directoraazpl@gmail.com
3. The Officer in-charge, Chennai Snake Park, Rajbhavan Post, Chennai – 600 022, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: cspt1972@gmail.com
4. The DPA, CZA – to update database and to upload on website.

sd/-

(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest



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Central Zoo Authority

By Post / E-mail

F. No. 19-24/92-CZA(241)(Vol. II)(NS)/4681/2018

Date : 29.10.2018

To,

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Panagal Malligai, Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015, Tamil Nadu.
E-mail: cwlw@tn.nic.dot.in cwlw_wildlife3@yahoo.com

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 05.05.2018 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:- This office letter no. 19-24/92-CZA(241)(Vol. II)(NS)/862/2016, dated 08.06.2016

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences. It is to inform that the evaluation of Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer on 07.08.2018. The evaluation report of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu was considered by the Technical Committee in its 86th Meeting held on 28.09.2018. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee decided for renewal of recognition of the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for a period of one year. A copy of the evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officer is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The renewal of recognition to the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu as a "Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 28.09.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the **Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009** and mid-term evaluation, and to regularise the period after 05.05.2018:-

Sr. No	RZR, 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
1	10.2(2)	The Snake Park classified under Small Category Zoo, however the snake park has not yet appointed a full time Veterinary Officer for day to day health care of snakes and reptiles housed at the park. The Snake Park authorities should appoint the Veterinary Officer immediately.	Three months
3. Development and Planning			
2	10.3(3)	The Snake Park at present does not have any theme for display. It is suggested that Chennai Snake Park should have themes shortlisted and may amend the master (layout) plan accordingly. While amending the master (plan) should ensure that each species housed at the Park should full fill the norms and standards as prescribed by the CZA.	Three months
3	10.3(5)	The garbage from Snake Park including plastic thrown in neighbouring forest area belonging to Children Park of Guindy should be stopped. The existing garbage should be removed	Immediately

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		and the area should be cleaned	
4	10.3(5)	The vermicompost pit lying unutilized should be made functional else should dismantled.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	10.4(2 & 3)	<p>A. Reticulated python:</p> <p>a. The drainage for water body inside the enclosure has not been provided , presently the water is removed manually and most water shall remain left over in the enclosure itself. It should proper drainage line.</p> <p>b. The glass has reflection, the same should be avoided.</p> <p>c. Hedge between the stand-off barrier and enclosure wall has not been provided.</p> <p>d. The total area of the enclosure is mere 4.5 sq mts, however as per CZA norms it should me of minimum 80 sq mts.</p> <p>e. Keeper entry to the enclosure should have screening by plants in front.</p> <p>B. The small enclosure for the Indian rock python, Common kufri, Wolf snake, and Spotted rock gecko to be demolished as discussed during the evaluation with the Executive Secretary, Chennai Snake Park Trust and Director, Chennai Snake Park since they do not comply with the norms of CZA. The snake should comply with it.</p> <p>C. Cobra, Russell Viper, Red sand boa, Common sand boa, Whitakers boa, Saw scaled viper, Common krait and Rat snake:</p> <p>a. All above species are housed in an individual enclosure of approximately 6 sq mts in size. The Snake Park should comply with the minimum dimension (40 sq mts) for housing of each species prescribed by the CZA.</p> <p>b. Hedge between the stand-off barrier and enclosure wall has not been provided.</p> <p>c. The Snake Park should provide Infrared Emitter Light Bulb for heating Lamp/Basking Lamp Lighting, rather using the traditional bulbs/pots.</p> <p>d. The snake park should ensure that snake do not enter inside the hollow aluminum frame provided at various enclosure.</p> <p>e. All the snake exhibits to be enriched as per the species requirement.</p> <p>D. Flap shell Turtles</p> <p>a. The enclosure should have proper drainage facility.</p> <p>b. The Snake Park authorities should provide green plants inside the animal exhibits.</p> <p>E. Green Iguana</p> <p>a. The Green iguana should be provided with large logs for basking/enrichment.</p> <p>f. Hedge between the stand-off barrier and enclosure wall has not been provided.</p> <p>F. Pond Turtle & Star Tortoise:</p> <p>a. Stand-off barriers are not provided by the zoo authorities. The Zoo Authorities should provide stand-off barrier of the size as prescribed by the</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Six months</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>

		<p>CZA.</p> <p>G. Bengal Monitor a. The viewing window need immediate repair.</p> <p>H. Python a. The Snake Park authorities should add the sand as substrate above the rough cement floor. b. The water body provided to the Python should be filled. c. The service gate to be hidden by screening from visitor viewing.</p> <p>I. Siamese Crocodile a. The single Siamese crocodile should be paired else should be shifted to the recognized Zoo, since the area of the enclosure is also mere about 20 sq mt only. b. The store located opposite to the Siamese crocodile should be relocated.</p> <p>J. Nile Crocodile a. The crocodile should be provided soil as substrate. b. The excess cement part should also be covered by soil.</p> <p>K. Amphibian Pond a. The water quality of pond should be checked. b. The water body should be provided with leaf litter where amphibians may leg the eggs.</p> <p>L. Marsh Crocodile a. The park has been housing 22 nos. of Marsh Crocodile in mere area of 8 mt x 12 mt – 120 sq mts., the same does not conform the minimum area prescribed by the CZA. The Marsh crocodile should be provide with large area else to be shifted to a recognized zoo. b. The water body depth is also maintained only 2 feet, which again does not meet the CZA's prescribed by the CZA. c. There has been infighting of Mugger at park also due to space constrains. Thus immediately there number to be reduced. a. They should be provided with minimum 400 sq mts paddock and 150 sq mt water body with 2 meter depth of water body.</p> <p>M. Ghariyal b. The snake park has been housing 1:5 Gharial in an enclosure of 200 sq mts only. The size does not meet the size as of prescribed by the CZA. The snake park should comply with CZA's norms. c. The water body of 30 sq mt with 2 mt depth provided to Ghariyal is also in terms of size. The same should meet the standards and norms as of prescribed by CZA. They should be provided with minimum 400 sq mts paddock and 150 sq mt water body with 2 meter depth of water body. d. The enclosure does not have provision to drain the water . There is no proper sewerage. e. The space between the parapet wall of the enclosure and the stand off barrier should be as of prescribed by the CZA.</p> <p>N. Common bronze snake, Common vive, Striped keel back, Olive keel back, Checkered keel back, Common san boa, Indian rat snake,</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
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		<p>a. The above snake species housed at Snake Park (S. 37 to 44) have been provided only area of 2 sq mt, however the minimum area to be provided all these snake species is 40 sq mts. The zoo should comply with the minimum prescribed size as of laid by the CZA.</p> <p>O. Indian rock python, Reticulated python</p> <p>a. The enclosure for the above species at S. No. 45-47 have been provided only 4 sq mts area, however, as per the CZA norms, the enclosures should be provided with minimum 80 sq mts area.</p> <p>P. Chameleon</p> <p>a. The broken acrylic sheet provided at the viewing area with wring signage should be removed and rectified.</p> <p>Q. Museum</p> <p>a. Efforts should be made to separate the museum part which house the models, dioramas and dead specimen of animals preserved in formalin should have independent entry and exit.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
6	10.4(7)	The Snake Park has not provided screening between the enclosures.	Immediately
7	10.4(10)	Signages provided at animal enclosures should be attractive and should contain the biological information about the species.	Immediately
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
8	10.5(4)	The Snake Park has not been maintaining the diet schedule for each species. The same should be made in consultation with Veterinary Officer.	Immediately
9	10.5(9)	None of the staff involved with upkeep and health care of animal at the Snake Park have been screened for zoonotic diseases. All staff should be screened immediately	Immediately
10	10.5(10)	The snake park has not been maintaining the observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority. The same should be done with immediate effect.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
11	10.6(3)	The quarantine and isolation area next are presently located next to the animals exhibits, it should be shifted and kept away from animal exhibits.	Three months
		The hygiene should be maintained at the quarantine area.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
12	10.9(8)	The Snake Park has not marked any of its animals, including the Mugger and Ghariyal. All animals housed at park should be marked.	Immediately
11. Education and outreach activities			
13	10.11(1)	The interpretation Centre at the Snake Park is located in such a way that its comes at the end of the visit of Snake Park, rather the visitor circulation should be made in such a way that visitor first pass through the interpretation centre and get sensitized. Thus circulation path way may be amended.	Six months
Others			
14.		It was seen that tress, fallen during the cyclone time are being stored inside the Snake Park premises and occupying large	Immediately

	area. The same should be cleaned in consultation with Forest Department immediately.	
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A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The renewal of recognition to the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 28.09.2019 as a "Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Chennai Snake Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 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 sincerely

Encl. As above



**(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

1. The Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, O/o Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600048.
2. The Executive Chariman, Chennai Snake Park Trust, Rajbhavan Post, Chennai- 600 022. Tamil Nadu. Email: cspt1972@gmail.com
3. The DPA, CZA – to update database.



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Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 19-24/92-CZA(241)(Vol. II)(NS)/862/2016

DATE: 08.06.2016

To

The Executive Chairman
Chennai Snake Park Trust
Rajbhavan Post,
Chennai- 600 022 (Tamil Nadu)
Email: cspt1972@gmail.com

Noted
[Signature]

Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2015- Reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter no. nil, dated 31.07.2015 received in this office on 05.08.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 31.07.2015.

The evaluation of the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Sh. B.G. Mugadur on 27.02.2016 & 28.02.2016. The evaluation report of the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu as a "Small category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
	4.1	More sand should be provided in the form of mound to the crocodile enclosures for basking.	With immediate effect
	4.6	The vacant places in between enclosures and barriers should be filled up with shade bearing plants to increase aesthetic beauty to the enclosure.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
	5.9	The staff involved in feed, upkeep and	With immediate effect

		care of zoo animals should be periodically screened against zoonotic disease as prescribed and those found positive of any infection should be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured.	
	5.10	The records keeping of the animals, their feed, treatment, post-mortem etc be maintained properly in the prescribed format.	With immediate effect

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

Grant of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 5th May, 2018 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. DPA, CZA.



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
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DATE: 11.07.2011

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To

The Chairman
Chennai Snake Park Trust,
Rajbhawan Post,
Chennai – 600 022 (Tamil Nadu).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond the period of 31.08.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 01.09.2010 seeking renewal of recognition for the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond the period of 31.08.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai was carried out by Sh. Neelim Khaire on 26th – 27th January, 2011. The evaluation report of the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 58th Meeting held on 8th June, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai as a Small Category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st July, 2015 subject to the 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
1. General requirements			
1.	5	There is no perimeter wall around the Snake Park, the wall should be built on priority.	Six months
2.	8	(i) Dead snakes preserved in formalin should not be used for display purpose. (ii) The Snake Park should have a separate quarantine and treatment facility.	With immediate effect Six months

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2. Administrative and staffing pattern			
3.	2	The snake park should have a full time veterinarian having sufficient knowledge and experience in treating reptiles.	Six months
3. Development and Planning			
4.	4	Water and land ratio should be 30:70. The area of animal enclosures and their houses should not exceed more than 30% of the total area of the Snake Park.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	1	(i) The chain link at animal enclosure should be fastened strongly to the wall (ii) White walls reflect light. They should be painted green. (iii) Enclosure should have an awning to avoid the viewer's reflection on the glass.	With immediate effect Three months Six months
6.	3	(i) Aluminum frame is flimsy and the hinges can be easily removed thus compromising safety. The aluminum frame should be strongly nut bolted from inside (ii) Infra red security system should be installed so that an alarm is sounded if an intruder goes beyond the railings. (iii) The ceiling fan could pose a risk to the demonstrator and the reptile. A wall mounted fan should be used instead.	With immediate effect Three months With immediate effect
7.	5	The crocodile housing facility should be made larger following the Central Zoo Authority's guidelines.	One year
8.	6	(i) Plantation should be done to improve aesthetic and naturalistic settings (ii) Hiding pots should be painted in terracotta colour to improve aesthetics	With immediate effect Three months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
9.	2, 4 & 5	(i) The water bowl in all enclosures should be wider and height should be lesser, the same should be provided as per the requirement of the animals housed in the enclosure. (ii) The water container should be shallow with a gradual taper.	Three months Three months
11. Educational and outreach activities			
10.	2	The Snake Park should stop physical handling of snakes including performances as a part of educational activity.	With immediate effect

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 Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond 31st July, 2015 as "a Small Category zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai 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

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1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.



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BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-24/92-CZA(241)(Vol.I)(M)

DATE: 30.8.2007

To

The Chairman
Chennai Snake Park Trust,
Rajbhawan Post,
Chennai - 600 022 (Tamil Nadu)

Sub:- Renewal of Recognition to the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond the period of 31.1.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act - Regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. Nil dated 30.12.2006 seeking renewal of recognition for the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond 31.1.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The zoo was evaluated on 17.4.2007 by Shri A. V. Joseph, Addl. PCCF (WL), Government of Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Navin Kumar, Deputy Director (Retd.), Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. The evaluation report was placed before the Technical committee Meeting held on 16.7.2007.

On the recommendations of the Committee, it has been decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai as a medium category zoo for a period up to 31.08.2010 subject to following conditions:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
General		
1.	1	The main objective of the Snake Park shall be conservation of endangered species of the region.



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2.	2	The Snake Park shall not acquire any snakes without prior permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11. (1)(a) and the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.
3.	3(A)	No animals shall be kept subjected to the cruelties prohibited under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
4.	9	The zoo should provide a clean and healthy environment in the snake park by planting trees, creating green belts..
5.	11 A	The zoo should prepare a collection plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo.
Animal enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features		
6.	15	All animal enclosures in the Snake Park shall be designed as to fully ensure the safety of animals, caretakers and the visitors. Stand-off barriers and adequate warning signs shall be provided for keeping the visitors at a safe distance from the Snakes.
7.	16	The small, menagerie type of enclosures should be phased away and appropriately designed enclosures should be provided.
8.	17	Simulated conditions of the natural habitat of the snakes (cobra, russell's viper, krait and saw scales viper) should be provided in their enclosures by way of planting of appropriate species of trees and other enrichments.
9.	20	Designing and construction of new enclosures for endangered species should be finalized with the approval of the Central Zoo Authority.
Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep		
10.	25	The periodic application of disinfectants in each enclosures shall be made according to the directions of the authorized veterinary officer of the zoo.
Animal Care, Health and Treatment		
11.	28	The Snake Park should prepare a schedule for testing the parasitic load of all snakes in the snake park. The snakes found positive should be provided immediate prophylactic measures.
12.	29	Medical check up of the staff responsible for upkeep of the captive animals should be arranged at least once in every six months to ensure that they do not have infections of such diseases that can infect the zoo animals.
13.	30	Animal history sheet and treatment card in respect of each captive snake of endangered species shall be maintained.

Breeding of animals		
14.	36	The Snake Park shall keep in collection only such number of captive snakes 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.
Education & Research		
15.	45	Every enclosure in the Snake Park should bear a sign board displaying the scientific and ecological information regarding the snakes exhibited in it.
Visitor facilities		
16.	49	First aid equipments including anti-venom should be readily available in the premises of the Snake Park.
Development & Planning		
17.	51	The Snake Park should prepare a master plan for development of the Chennai Snake Park and submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 31 st March, 2007 in the format circulated vide letter no. 27-1/2005-CZA(M), dated 03.02.2006. A management plan giving detailed proposals and activities to be taken up during next five years should also be submitted.

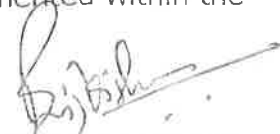
A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai beyond the period of 31.08.2010 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Chennai Snake Park Trust, Chennai 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,
for Member Secretary
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(Brij Kishor Gupta)
Scientific Officer

Copy to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented within the given time frame.


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