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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Department of Environment and Forest,  
Aranya Bhavan, Panjabari,  
Guwahati – 781 037, Assam,  
(E-mail: pccf.wl.assam@gmail.com)

**Sub.: Renewal of recognition of the Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam, under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021– reg.**

**Ref.:**

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516, dated 09.03.2022.
2. E-mail letter No.B/SFK/2/31/5/Bijni Park/937, dated 18.06.2021, received from the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kokrajhar and Officer in-charge, Bijni Social Forestry Park cum Mini Zoo.
3. This office letter no. 21-2/2019-CZA(Vol.I)(E)-Part(1), Computer no. 153933, dated 31.03.2021.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, I am directed to inform that the recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam was accorded up to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam for the period beyond August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Accordingly, Sh. Dev Prakash Bankhwal, IFS (Retd.), Ex-PCCF(CWLW), Assam was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on April 7th 2022 by Sh. Dev Prakash Bankhwal, IFS (Retd.).

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam for a period of two years and to regularise the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, subject to compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the Zoo Operator may be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while renewal of recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 105<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and renewed the recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam for a period up to July 27, 2024 under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Central Zoo Authority.

Sl.	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirement</b>			
1	10.1(2)	The zoo needs proper landscaping and makes the environment more naturalistic.	March, 2023
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
2	10.3(1)	The zoo should prepare new master plan and get that approved from the CZA.	March, 2023
<b>4. Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
3	10.4(9)	The zoo should raise stand-off barrier between the animals and visitors.	March, 2023
4	10.4(10)	The zoo should provide signage with information on biology, behaviour, habitat, population status, etc. of the animal, so that conservation education and awareness is created among the children and public.	August, 2022
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
5	10.5(10)	The zoo is severely lacking in maintenance of records. The records in the register are not proper. Even the names are written in such a way that shows complete lack of knowledge and basic education. The DFO of the Zoo and the Veterinary Doctor should ensure that all records, including the Post Mortem Examination Report are well written, maintained and as per the CZA norms.	Immediate
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
6	10.9(8)	In order to widen the genetic base of the population of the hog deer, some exchange should be made with other zoos.	As per CZA direction
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
7	10.11	Outreach material for creating wildlife conservation awareness in children visiting zoo and the public at large should be brought out by	October, 2022.

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A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter. Further, half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of the aforesaid conditions should also be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam as a 'Mini Category Zoo' for the period beyond July 27, 2024 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, mid-term evaluation and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Bijni S.F. Park cum Mini Zoo, Bijni, Assam 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 the approval of the competent authority.

**Yours sincerely,**

**sd/**

**(Akanksha Mahajan)**

**Dy Inspector General Of Forest**

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

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2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kokrajhar and Officer in-charge, Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, Bijni P.O., Chirang District, Assam (E-mail: dfosfdkoj@yahoo.com)
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Dated **March 31, 2021**

To  
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**Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, Assam, 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 August 25, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2039/2020 dated January 6, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-96/92-CZA(26)(M) dated December 8, 2010
4. Application vide letter No.B/SFK/2/31/5/Bijni Park/41(B) dated June 22, 2016 from the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Kokrajhar

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till December 31, 2012. Application dated June 22, 2016 received in this office from the DFO, Social Forestry Division, Kokrajhar, for renewal of recognition. Shri T. Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant in Office of the CZA deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on January 29, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on July 30, 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 August 25, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on December 7, 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 December 31, 2012 and renewed recognition of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, as a Mini Zoo for a period up to **August 19, 2021** 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
<b>1. General requirements:</b>			
1	10.1(1)	Landscaping and maintenance of plantation and infrastructure is poor. It should be improved.	Six months
2	10.1(3)	Though visitors are allowed, their movement in the zoo is not regulated. This may be attended to.	Three months
3	10.1(5)	Effective height of perimeter wall from outside is less than prescribed two meters at few places adjoining human habitation. This may be corrected.	Three months
4	10.1(7)	Burning of leaf and litter and cooking with fire wood should be discouraged in the zoo. Efficient waste management practices should be adopted in compliance with Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in the year 2016.	Six months
5	10.1(7)	Garbage is being thrown into zoo by adjacent buildings on a massive scale in one corner of the zoo. This should be regulated.	Immediately
<b>3. Development and Planning:</b>			
6	10.3(1)	On perusal of records, it is observed that the CZA, in view of space constraint, advised the zoo management to relocate zoo to a larger site of its choice in view of welfare of captive animals. The Zoo Operator should finalise suitable site and submit application with Detailed Project Report to the Central Zoo Authority with recommendation of the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State, for its consideration.	Three months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:</b>			
7	10.4(2)	Dilapidated structures and damaged chain-link fence of animal enclosure should be repaired to ensure safety of captive animals.	Three months
8	10.4(3)	In one corner of the zoo, electric cables pass through the zoo. Zoo administration should take up this matter with concerned agencies. If these cables cannot be realigned, proper insulation of electric cables should be ensured.	One month
9	10.4(2)	Damaged tin sheets in the animal enclosure as partition is damaged and pose danger to animals housed therein.	One month.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
10	10.4(3)	Currently visitors' path and service path are same. Moreover, keeper's entry to animal enclosure is easily accessible to visitors. Visitors found feeding captive animals through the chain-link mesh of enclosure barrier. This may be addressed by the zoo management	Two months
11	10.4(9)	Stand-off barrier is completely absent. It should be laid along the visitor's path. Also, visitors' path should not exceed 25% of enclosure's periphery. Hedge plantation should be done.	Two months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
12	10.5(2)	Feed Store should have provision of raised platform for storage and processing of feed concentrate and vegetables.	Two months
13	10.5(5)	Disinfection schedule should be prepared and implemented.	One month
14	10.5(5)	Shed antlers should be declared to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and should be disposed as decided.	One month
15	10.5(8)	De-worming schedule should be prepared and acted upon.	One month
16	10.5(9)	Screening of the staff against zoonotic diseases should be taken up regularly.	Annually
17	10.5(10)	Animal History Card, Treatment Card, Keeper's Diary and Daily Report should be maintained in prescribed form.	Immediately
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:</b>			
17	10.6(6)	Zoo management should explore MoU with the Animal Husbandry Department for regular surveillance of captive animals' health.	Three months
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:</b>			
18	10.7(2)	Statutory requirement of the post-mortem Report in prescribed form is not met. Prescribed form serves the purpose of uniformity, requisite information and is tamper proof.	Immediately
19	10.7(2)	The post-mortem reports are recorded with extreme casual approach. Species of the animal is mentioned wrongly. Zoo management should address these issues.	Immediately
<b>11. Education and outreach activities:</b>			
20	10.11(1)	Zoo should take up conservation education by means of activities such as publication of posters, brochure etc. and carry out outreach activities. Annual calendar of conservation education activity should be drawn.	One month
<b>12. Visitors' facilities:</b>			
21	10.12(1)	One damaged toilet for public usage should be repaired and made available for visitors.	Three months
<b>Rule 11: Maintenance of records and submission of inventory:</b>			
22	11(2)	Zoo should submit statutory annual reports to the Central Zoo Authority regularly.	30 <sup>th</sup> June

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.

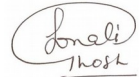
6. The renewal of recognition of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, for period beyond August 19, 2021 as a Mini Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, 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



**(Dr. Sonali Ghosh)**  
**Deputy Inspector General of Forests**

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2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Kokrajhar and Officer in-charge, Bijni Deer Park, Bongaigaon, Bijni P.O., Chirang District, Assam, E-mail: dfosfdkoj@yahoo.com

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**BY REGISTERED POST****F. No. 19-96/92-CZA(26)(M)****DATE: 08.12.2010**

To

The Council Head of Department, Forests,  
Bodoland Territorial Council  
& Conservator of Forests,  
WAC, Kokrajhar (Assam).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang (to be shifted to Kokrajhar), Assam beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

The evaluation of the Deer Park was carried out on 03.09.2010 and the evaluation report of the Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam as submitted by Sh. S. Bhattacharyya was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam as a Mini category zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

Sl. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Stipulated Condition	Time period for compliance
<b>General</b>			
1.		The park authority should relocate the existing Deer Park to the new site at Elaichijhar and ensure that the animals are provided appropriate housing facility as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority for the Scientific Management of the Zoos and close the Bijni Deer Park.	With immediate effect

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<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
2.	3 (1)	The park authorities should prepare a Master Plan for the long-term development of the zoo at new site keeping in view of the format and guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority for the same and submit the same for its approval.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2010
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
3.	4 (2)	The zoo authorities before shifting the animals to the new site should construct enclosure for Hog deer and Barking deer. The design for the same should have got prior approval from the Central Zoo Authority.	
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals</b>			
4.	5 (8)	Deworming schedule should be prepared and acted upon.	Immediately
5.	5 (9)	The health screening of the staff should also be taken up regularly.	Six months
<b>9. Acquisition and Breeding of animals</b>			
6.	9 (4)	The park authority should either find out mate for the lone male Barking deer or release it to the wild observing standard protocol. It would be better to maintain Hog deer, Barking deer and Sambar deer in their new location as all these deer are endemic to the forests of Assam.	Immediately
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
7.	11 (1)	Zoo should publish leaflets, brochure etc. for environment education.	Six months
8.	11 (2)	Zoo should publish annual reports.	Annually
<b>12. Visitor facilities</b>			
9.	12 (1)	The Bijni Deer Park is going to be relocation in Elaichijhar, the park authority should provide all the civic facilities for the visiting public which is totally lacking in the existing site i. e. at Bijni.	Immediately
<b>11. Maintenance of records and submission of inventory</b>			
1.	(1)	Maintain stock register as well as post-mortem reports.	Immediately

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 Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012 as a Mini 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 Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam 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,**  
**sd/-**  
**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-96/92-CZA(26)(M)**

**DATE: 18.05.2009**

To

The Council Head of Department, Forests,  
Bodoland Territorial Council,  
& Conservator of Forests,  
WAC,  
Kokrajhar (Assam).

**Sub:- Grant of recognition to Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your application No. FDW.8/BTC/BinjiPark/2005 dated 7.4.2009 seeking grant of recognition for the Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Central Zoo Authority in its Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 had decided to grant of recognition to Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam as a Mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 subject to that you comply with the standards and norms laid under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 and guidelines circulated by this office vide this office letter No. 26-2/2008-CZA dated 25.8.2008 and that you submit the five copies of the Master plan of the Binji Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam, keeping in view of the agreed concept plan communicated by this office letter of even number dated 11.02.2009 for the approval from this Authority.

Grant of recognition to Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 would be considered on the basis of physical evaluation and the general performance of the zoo. The facility shall be evaluated by the Central Zoo Authority within 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.

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The recognition to the Bijni Deer Park, Bijni, Distt. Chirang, Assam shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found violating with the standards and norms stipulated under Rules and Act laid there upon.

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

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