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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Uttar Pradesh
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Reference:

1. Application for renewal of recognition received vide email dated 8/9/2021 (515265/2021/CZA)
2. Office Memorandum of this office I/2447/2020 dated 25/8/2021.

Sir/Ma'am,

The renewal of recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh was accorded up to 19/8/2021 vide (2). Subsequently, the application for the renewal of recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh for the period beyond 19/8/2021 was received vide (1). Subsequently, the said zoo was evaluated by Dr. Devender Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 20/8/2021 & 21/8/2021.

2. The evaluation report was deliberated in the 103rd meeting of the Technical Committee held on 10/2/2022. The committee upon deliberation recommended for renewal of recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (Category: Mini Zoo) for a period of two years and to regularize the period after 19/8/2021, subject to compliance with conditions therein and mid-term evaluation.

3. Subsequent to the approval of the recommendation of the Technical Committee by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority, the recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (Category: Mini Zoo) is renewed for a period

up to 28/2/2024 under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The period after 19/8/2021 until the date of issue of this letter is also regularized. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Governing body of the Central Zoo Authority. The renewal is subject to the relevant provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, extant guidelines of the CZA, compliance of the conditions stipulated below and mid-term evaluation:

Sl.	Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period to Comply
1.	10(1.2)	The zoo is a mini category zoo and have adequate area with a natural water body (lake) encompasses inside the premises with lush green landscape of zoo. All the zoo needs to submit a revised Master (Layout) Plan prepared on scientific lines with the inputs from expert based following CZA prescribed guidelines and norms in this regard.	One year.
2.	10(2.1)	The zoo should appoint a full-time officer-in-charge of the zoo with adequate administrative and financial powers.	Immediately.
3.	10(2.2)	The zoo should appoint other technical posts like Veterinarian, Education officer and biologist for scientific management of zoo.	Immediately.
4.	10(3.1)	The zoo based on revised Master (Layout) Plan prepare the Master Plan and submit to the CZA for approval.	One year.
5.	10(3.6)	The zoo should prepare the animal collection plan while preparing Master Plan in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority.	One year
6.	10(3.7)	While the zoo is accepting any rescue animal, it shall also report to the CZA and take permission for its acquisition of the animals as per norm in this regard.	Immediately.
7.	10(4.1-5)	The enclosure designs are not par CZA prescribed norms in terms of minimum dimension. Also, most of the enclosure (Birds, Gharial and Crocodile) have 360 ⁰ viewing. Night cells are also not there. The zoo should construct the enclosure as per CZA prescribed norms. If the animal belongs to Schedule I & II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the approval from the	One year.

		CZA should also be obtained.	
8.	10(4.6))	The Zoo should make efforts to enrich the animal enclosure with periodical changes in the enrichment artifacts.	Immediately.
9.	10(4.7))	Adequate vegetative screening should be provided in between adjacent enclosures.	Two months
10.	10(4.9))	Hedge should be developed between the enclosure wall and standoff barrier in each enclosure.	Three months
11.	10(4.1 0)	The placement of the signages is not appropriate. The signages are hanging in the inner side of fence of enclosure. The signages placed in the small and exotic birds are not legible. These should be bilingual (Hindi and English), legible and appropriately placed.	Three months
12.	10(5.4)	Feeding cell/ Krall needs to be constructed.	Shall be proposed while revising the Master (Layout) Plan.
13.	10(5.5)	Instead of burning the solid waste, it should be managed scientifically and may be handed over to local municipal corporation.	Immediately
14.	10(5.8)	The vaccination and parasitic load schedule should be displayed in each enclosure and accordingly shall be followed.	Immediately
15.	10(5.9)	All the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should also be screened against zoonotic disease at least once every year.	Immediately
16.	10(5.1 0)	The zoo shall record daily observation of animals in CZA prescribed Keeper dairy, daily report. The animal history card and treatment cards should also be maintained.	Immediately
17.	10(6.1)	The zoo hospital shall be made functional with all basic diagnostic facilities.	Immediately
18.	10(9.1 &4)	The zoo shall acquire the mate for single sexed animals (Rosy Pelican, Black necked Stork, White Stork) or transfer such animals to other nearby zoos.	Three months
19.	10(9.8)	The zoo shall also undertake animal exchange	Three months.

)	programme for other animals (deer) housed at zoo for infusion of new blood line.	
20.	10(10.1)	The zoo shall involve the local institute/ college students to take up research activities at the zoo.	Immediately
21.	10(11)	The zoo shall also make effort to educate the local people by various educational activity targeting various age groups.	Immediately
22.	10(12.3)	The zoo shall procure wheel chairs for facilitating the visit of Divyangjan.	Immediately

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

5. The recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh for the period beyond 28/2/2024 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, mid-term evaluation and general performance of the zoo.

6. The recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 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.

Sincerely,



(Akanksha Mahajan)

Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information:

1. The Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. (psecforest-up@nic.in).
2. The Officer In-charge, Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (dfovrns@yahoo.in).
3. The DPA, O/o CZA – for database and website updation.



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Central Zoo Authority



BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL

F.No.19-53/93-CZA(261)(Vol.I)(AK)/1036/2016

DATE: 21.06.2016

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Varanasi Forest Division,
Ashok Vihar Colony Phase 1, Pandeypur,
Varanasi - 221 001. (Uttar Pradesh),
E-mail:- dfova-up@nic.in

Subject:- Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi for period beyond 31st December, 2015 - regarding

Reference:-

1. Application vide letter No.1650/35-5-1 dated 07.11.2015 from the Conservator of Forests, Varanasi
2. This office letter F.No.19-53/93-CZA(261)(M)/1953 dated 01.01.2013

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi was carried out by Shri Himanshu Malhotra on 16th March, 2016. The evaluation report of the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal for recognition for a period of two years. The renewal of recognition of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as "a Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 5th May, 2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under Rule 10 of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (Amended in 2013) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1.General requirements			
1	1(2)	Proper landscaping needs to be done in aviaries.	Six months
2	1(7)	Burning of leaf - litter in the enclosures should never be done.	Immediate effect
3	1(9)	Domestic animals shall be removed from the collection of the Deer Park.	Immediate effect
3.Development and Planning			
4	3(1)	Necessary amendment shall be made in the	Two months

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		Master Plan and be submitted for approval.	
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	4(6)	Enrichment and greenery needs to be added in the enclosures. More number of perches be installed in enclosures for birds.	Immediate effect
6	4(2)	In case of aviary for Golden pheasants, size of the aviary shall be increased. Besides natural substratum be introduced for foraging.	Immediate effect
7	4(2)	Size of the aviary for Sarus cranes shall be increased as per requirement.	Two months
8	4(3)	Gharials, Crocodiles and Emu birds shall be shifted to appropriately designed enclosures.	Six months
9	4(3)	Excessive usage of cement in the enclosures for birds, Gharial and Crocodile be avoided.	One year.
10	4(9)	Plantation needs to be done between stand-off barrier and enclosure.	Three months
11	4(10)	Signage needs to be improved and placed at appropriate locations.	Two months
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
12	6(1)(c)	Veterinary facilities need to be improved and regular visit of the Veterinarian to the Deer Park shall be ensured.	Immediate effect
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
13	7(1)	Facility for post-mortem shall be made away from the enclosures of the Deer Park	Three months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
14	9(3)&(4)	Single Hog deer housed at the Deer Park shall be paired at the earliest.	Six months
15	9(9)	Population control measures need to be adopted in Spotted deer.	Three months
12. Visitors facilities			
16	12(2)	Anti-venom against snake bite and other life saving drugs be procured and kept in the zoo premises.	Three months
General observations:			
17		The authorities of Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi may explore development of theme park on the lines of Buddhism.	
18		The toilet should be shifted away from the area adjacent to enclosure for Porcupine.	Three months.

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 Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi for period beyond 5th May, 2018 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

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The recognition to the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi 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



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 17, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow – 226 001. (Uttar Pradesh) - for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
2. The Conservator of Forests, Varanasi Forest Circle, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), PIN: 221 001. - for information
3. DPA, CZA – to update datábase



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Central Zoo Authority

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-53/93-CZA(261)(M)/1953

DATE: 31.12.2012

To

7 JAN 2013

The Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Division,
Pahariya,
Varanasi - 221 007 (Uttar Pradesh).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi beyond the period of 31st March 2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

The evaluation of the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi was carried out by Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 10.10.2012. The evaluation report of the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 63rd Meeting held on 5th December 2012.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st December 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 Conditions			
1	1.3	The precautionary and directional signages need to be installed	6 months
2	1.4	A broken boundary wall of about 90 meter in the north east side should be built to check the unauthorized entry	6 months
3	1.7	A proper sewage and drainage system covering the whole area should be built	1 year
4	1.9 (a)	Geese to be removed	Immediately
	1.9 (b)	The gate on the western side to be closed. The security check at the entry gate should be made effective to check the entry of stray animals	Immediately

2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
	2.2	A daily visit of veterinarian is required to be made to check the health of 281 animals	Immediately
3. Development and Planning			
1.	3.1	Master plan requires revision . A number of issues were discussed in the light of CZA guidelines	3 months
4. Animal housing and display of animals			
2.	4.1	Bird enclosures need more vegetation and greenery	immediately
3.	4.3 and 4.5	Bird aviaries and gharial enclosure are defunct, New enclosure should be constructed. Sarus crane can be shifted in the adjacent geese enclosure after the breeding season. The geese are to be removed. New enclosure for turtle should be built. After removing Gharial and turtle , the existing enclosure will have enough space for crocodile.	1 year
4.	4.6	Enrichment of the all the bird enclosures need to be re-worked to enhance perching, nesting facilities and greenery	immediately
5.	4.9	The enclosures of cheetal, crocodile and birds need stand off barriers and hedges	6 months
6.	4.10	Animal , directional and utility signages are required to be installed as per CZA norms	6 months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
7.	5.1(d)	Grills , floors and perches need regular cleaning	immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
8.	6.3	A post of compounder needs to be created and filled	1 years
8. Euthanasia of the animals			
9.	8.1	Efforts to procure male gharial should be made	6 months
11. Education and Outreach activities			
10.	11.1	Improvement requires in existing facilities and one more toilet and a ramp are needed	1 year

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 Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi beyond 31st March 2015 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 Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi 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 Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow 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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Member Secretary



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F. No. 19-53/93-CZA(261)(M)

DATE: 05.03.2010

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Division,
Pahariya,
Varanasi - 221 007 (Uttar Pradesh).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi beyond the period of 31.12.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter No. 290/1157 dated 23rd July, 2007 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi beyond the period of 31.12.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi was carried out on 25.07.2009 by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 52nd Meeting held on 20th January, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as a mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st March, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Relevant Rule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
11.	The zoo should maintain record of births, acquisitions, deaths and disposals of animals of each species in its collection in the manner and in the format determined by the Central Zoo authority and the inventory of the animals in the collection of each zoo, along with the details mentioned above for each financial year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th day of April of the ensuing year in Form II.	With immediate effect

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S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirement			
1.	1 (1)	The primary objective for operating the deer park should be the conservation wildlife. The exotic and domestic birds housed together with wild birds should be separated and shall be housed away from the wild animal display areas.	With immediate effect
2.	1 (5)	The zoo should be encompassed by a boundary wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level on all sides, since the zoo is surrounded by the human habitation.	Within six months
3.	1 (7)	The zoo shall have proper waste disposal system for treating both the liquid and solid wastes generated in the zoo.	With immediate effect
3. Development and planning			
4.	3 (1)	The zoo should prepare the Master Plan for the long-term development of the Rescue centre and get the master plan approved by the Central Zoo Authority	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	4 (2)	(i) The area provided to house the Sarus cranes is too small. The adjacent aviary housing the domestic duck should be used to house the Sarus cranes. (ii) Since the area provided to the Gharial is very small, the same may be shifted to the natural water body of 3 acres in size exist within the zoo campus after providing making provision for appropriate barriers and others. (iii) The crocodile enclosure should be extended in size and provided sand for the basking of animals. The turtles may shifted to an appropriate place and the area provided to the turtles may used to house crocodiles.	Within three months Within three months Within three months
6.	4 (7)	Adequate screening shall be provided between adjacent enclosures to safeguard against the animals getting unduly excited or stressed due to visibility of animals housed in these enclosures	Three months

7.	4 (6)	The deer park zoo operator shall take up planting of trees and shrubs in the aviaries and other animal enclosures. Planting of bamboo and other species shall be done in the space available between the enclosures.	Within three months
8.	4 (9)	All animal enclosures at the zoo should be provided appropriate stand off barriers to regulate the movement of the visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of the wild animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards so as to give warning of the visitors to keep a safe distance from the animals.	With immediate effect
9.	4 (10)	All the animal enclosures in the zoo should be provided with appropriate signages with the relevant information of biology, behaviour and population status of the species in the wild.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
10.	5 (4)	(i) The zoo authorities should make necessary provision to the safeguard against feral animals, free ranging wild animals and scavengers sharing the feed of the zoo animals, each animal shall be provided feed in the feeding cells/ kraals specially earmarked for the purpose and such feeding cells and kraals shall be so designed that these can also serve as indoor enclosures for the animals during extreme weather conditions as well as for secure stay during the nights: (ii) Provided that the dimensions and designs of the feeding cells and kraal shall be as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
11.	5 (5)	The zoo should ensure that the left over feed, excreta of animals and all other wastes are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding cells and kraals are washed and disinfected as per the advice of the authorized veterinary officers and the solid and the liquid waste generated during the process shall be disposed off in such manner that	With immediate effect

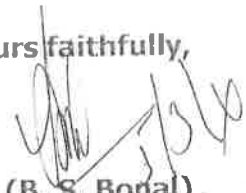
12.	5 (8)	has no adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo and the landscape surrounding the zoo. All zoo animals should be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
13.	5 (9)	The zoo operator should ensure that the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
14.	5 (10)	The zoo should maintain detailed records of 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.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
15.	6 (1c)	The zoo shall have at least facilities of a treatment room.	Within three months
16.	6 (3)	The zoo should have a appropriately designed isolation and quarantine wards for housing the rescued animals.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals			
17.	9 (9)	There are more than 72 numbers of Spotted deer, the number should be reduced immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	With immediate effect
12. Visitors facilities			
18.	12 (1)	The zoo should provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places at the zoo including for physically disadvantage persons.	Three months

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 28th February, 2013 to the Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as a 'mini 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 Sarnath Deer Park, Varanasi as shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point in time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



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Member Secretary

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