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To,

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**Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand, under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021- regarding.**

**Ref.:**

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516, dated 05.04.2022.
2. Application vide e-mail letter No.4800/6-38 dated 26.06.2021 from the Divisional Forest Officer, Civil and Soyam Forest Division, Almora.
3. This 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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand was accorded up to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand for the period beyond August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Shri U Prakasham, IFS(Retd.), Former PCCF(HoFF), Madhya Pradesh was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by Shri U Prakasham, 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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand for a period of one year 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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand for a period up to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Norm No.</b>	<b>Particulars of suggestions/ recommendation</b>	<b>Time Period to Comply</b>
<b>2. Administrative &amp; Staffing Pattern</b>			
1	10.2 (1)	A whole time in charge of the zoo at the level of Range Officer should be there without being burdened with additional charges. The present RO should be made relieved from the Range charge and also Kosi River Watershed Treatment assignments.	With immediate effect
<b>3. Development and planning</b>			
2	10.3 (1)	The shortcomings pointed out by the CZA in the Master Plan submitted in 2016 must be rectified and obtain approval of the CZA. Approved Master Plan must be in place	31-10-2022
3	10.3(6)	Housing rescued of animals should be avoided. Report on already rescued and housed animals in the zoo must be sent to the CWLW and CZA.	30-09-2022
<b>4. Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
4	10.3 (7)	Though the zoo management stated that rescued animals are released after treatment, it is seen that four rescued leopards are kept in off-display area. This Mini Zoo must not accept the rescued animals and strictly comply with the directives of the CZA.	With immediate effect
5	10.4	Enclosures renovation must be carried out as per the standards specified by the CZA. Endangered species	31-12-2022

	(4)(6) & (8)	enclosure drawing should also be got approved by CZA.	
6	10.4 (10)	Limited enclosures & limited signages- Bilingual signages at enclosures of Leopards, Himalayan Black Bear, White monkey and herbivores with directions should be rewritten and prominently displayed.	31-10-2022
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
7	10.5(2)/ 5(3)	Each leopard is being given daily 3 Kg of buffalo meat for six days in a week. Observed good quantities of leftover meat. It's suggested to supplement twice a week with chicken, mutton, eggs for a change as being done in Nainital and Dehradun Zoos. May reduce 0.5-1 Kg meat during those days.	Follow at the earliest
8	10.5(3) (4)	Written schedule of de-worming and vaccination should be displayed at the enclosure sites for all species.	30-09-2022
9	10.5(3) (5)	Should maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour, health status including feed intake, medication and treatment provided.	Immediately and continued
10	10.5(10) )	Zoo keeper's diary, Daily Report, Animal Treatment Card, Animal History Cards should be maintained in prescribed formats of CZA.	Within three months & continued.
11	10.5(6)/ 5(8)	Presently need based services of Govt. Veterinary officer are being availed. Should arrange for regular Vet. Officer's visit at least once in a week.	At the earliest possible and continued.
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
12	10.9(1) & (5)	66 Spotted deer and 26 Sambar deer are housed which is beyond the carrying capacity of this Mini Zoo. As advised during earlier evaluations, they must be shifted/released in wild following the laid-out protocol. The CWLW must ensure this at the earliest possible.	At the earliest possible
13	10.9(9)	Meanwhile basic population control measures like segregating the male spotted deer & sambar deer from their females be done.	At the earliest possible
<b>10. Research activities</b>			

14	10.11(1) )	A well-drawn Educational & Awareness Program should be in place and pursued the same to spread the message of conservation.	30-09-2022
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### General Observations / Recommendations

As already mentioned, there are only six species on display in the zoo as under:

1. Spotted deer (66)
2. Sambar deer (26)
3. Female *Goral* (1)
4. Five leopards (2:3)
5. 25 years old male Himalayan Black Bear (1)
6. 22 years old male white Rhesus Monkey (1).

In addition to the above, 4 rescued leopards (2:2) are in enclosures, off-display area. Number of visitors is also low as the maximum number being 46,248 during 2019-20 (before Covid.19). The health status of spotted deer and Sambar deer is not sound. Their continued presence in the zoo is unfortunate despite of repeated recommendations in previous evaluations to shift/ release them somewhere else. With limited species on display and very few footfalls, if this has to continue as Mini Zoo, it should be revamped with suitable infrastructure and display of more species of birds and mammals with the prior approval of CZA, so that the objectives of zoo can be achieved.

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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand for the period beyond August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand 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,**

**Encl: as above**

**Sd/  
(Akanksha Mahajan)  
Dy Inspector General Of Forest**

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

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Uttarakhand, Department of Forests, Secretariat, Subhash Road, Dehradun – 248 006, Uttarakhand (E-mail: cs-uttaranchal@nic.in) [Zoo Operator of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, under Rule 2(m) (III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009] .
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Civil & Soyam Forest Division, Almora and Officer in-charge, Almora Mini Zoo, Narayan Tewadi Dewal, Almora, Uttarakhand (E-mail: csalmdfo@rediffmail.com).
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**Dated March 31, 2021**

To  
The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
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Chandrabani, Dehradun -248 001, Uttarakhand,  
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**Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand, 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)/2074/2020 dated January 10, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-70/92-CZA(266)(Vol-I)(AK)/627/2017 dated March 17, 2017
4. Application vide letter No.2776/6-38 dated February 5, 2020 from the DFO, Civil & Soyam Forest Division, Almora

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till January 23, 2019. Application dated February 5, 2020 received in this office from the Divisional Forest Officer, Civil & Soyam Forest Division, Almora, for renewal of recognition. Shri A.K. Mishra, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer/s deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on February 19 to 21, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, 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 January 23, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, 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.

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Norm No. under RZR</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Time period to comply</b>
<b>1. General requirements:</b>			
1	10.1(5)	The zoo operator should ensure that the zoo is encompassed by a perimeter wall of at least two meters height from ground level on both sides.	Six months
2	10.1(6)	The Range office & quarters of the <i>Chaukidar</i> etc. located within the zoo premises should be separated by a wall of two meters height from ground level with independent entrance and exit for the residential quarters.	Six months
<b>2. Administrative and staffing pattern:</b>			
3	10.2(1)	A 'whole time in-charge' of the zoo having adequate administrative & financial powers should be appointed.	Six months
4	10.2(2)	The zoo operator should avail assistance of appropriately qualified individuals locally available, to carry out responsibilities of housing, upkeep and healthcare of animals housed in the zoo.	Six months
5	<b>3. Development and Planning:</b>		
6	10.3(1)	Master Plan for long-term development of the zoo for a period of twenty years including Management Plan with budgetary provision should be prepared and forwarded to the CZA for consideration.	Three months
7	10.3(7)	The zoo operator should not accept rescued animals for which the zoo does not have appropriate facility for housing in off-display area of the zoo. Detailed Report on rescued Leopard accepted by the zoo should be forwarded to the CZA.	With immediate effect
8	10.3(8)	Detailed report on rescued animals indicating source of the animal, legality of acquisition and facilities available at the zoo for housing in isolation, <u>upkeep</u> and healthcare, should be submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.  In case, the zoo accepts any rescued animal of endangered species, report should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority along with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	With immediate effect

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:</b>			
9	10.4(5) and 10.4(8)	Efforts should be made by the zoo operator to revamp animal enclosures to meet standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority. In case of enclosures for endangered species, drawing should be submitted to the CZA for prior approval.	Six months
10	10.4(6)	Environment of the animal enclosures should be suitably enriched in accordance with the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	Three months
11	10.4(10)	Signage on biology and behaviour of the species housed in the zoo should be appropriately placed in bilingual form.	Three months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
12	10.5(2)	The food and water samples should be got tested periodically.	With immediate effect
13	10.5(5)	The excreta of animals should be removed on daily basis and the animal enclosures should be disinfected.	With immediate effect
14	10.5(6)	Zoo personnel involved in upkeep and healthcare of captive animals should be deputed to a well-managed zoo on a study tour. This should be taken up in batches as convenient.	Six months
15	10.5(9)	The staff involved in the healthcare of the animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year.	With immediate effect and be repeated once in a year
16	10.5(10)	Zoo operator should ensure preparation and usage of Keeper's Diary, Daily Report, Animal Treatment Card, Animal History Card in the format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:</b>			
17	10.6(5)	Sufficient Veterinary support staff in accordance with the animal collection of the zoo should be deployed.	Six months
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:</b>			
18	10.7(2)	Findings of Post-mortem examination should be recorded in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority and should be maintained for a period not less than six years.	With immediate effect
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:</b>			
19	10.9(1) and 10.9(5)	Zoo operator should shift surplus number of Spotted deer to other recognized zoos. If found fit, they should be considered for release in the wild following the laid down protocol in the matter.	Six months



Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
20	10.9(4)	Zoo operator should either acquire mates for singly housed Himalayan black bear and Rhesus macaque or transfer the animals to a recognized zoo.	Six months
21	10.9(9)	Zoo operator should implement population control measures to limit the number of Spotted deer. Presently, it is 68 (24:44), which is beyond the carrying capacity of the zoo.	With immediate effect
<b>11. Education and outreach activities:</b>			
22	10.11(1)	Zoo operator should take up educational & awareness activities for visitors on wildlife conservation.	Six months
<b>12. Visitors' facilities:</b>			
23	10.12(3)	Wheelchairs should be procured by the zoo operator to facilitate <i>Divyangjan</i> (physically challenged) visitors to the zoo.	Six months

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.

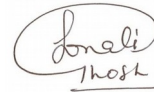
6. The renewal of recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, for period beyond August 19, 2021 as a Mini Zoo would be considered based on compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, 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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**BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL**

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DATE: 17.03.2017

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
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**Subject: Renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, Uttarakhand for period beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 - regarding**

**Reference:**

1. Your application vide letter No.968/6-38, dated 29.09.2016
2. This office letter F.No.19-70/92-CZA(266)(M)/5368, dated 22.07.2012

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora was carried out by Dr. Devender Kumar, Scientific Officer, CZA on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The evaluation report of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora, as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of two years. The renewal of recognition of the the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora as a "Mini Zoo" under provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 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. Rule 10	Conditions stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1.General requirements</b>			
1	1(5)	The zoo operator should ensure that the zoo is encompassed by a perimeter wall of at least two meters height from ground level on both sides.	Six months
2	1(6)	The Range office & quarters of the <i>Chaukidar</i> etc. located within the zoo premises should be separated by a wall of two meters height from ground level with independent entrance and exit for the residential quarters.	Six months

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<b>2.Administrative and staffing pattern</b>			
3	2(1)	A 'whole time in-charge' of the zoo having adequate administrative & financial powers should be appointed.	Six months
4	2(2)	The zoo operator should avail assistance of appropriately qualified individuals locally available, to carry out responsibilities of housing, upkeep and healthcare of animals housed in the zoo.	Six months
<b>3.Development and Planning</b>			
5	3(1)	The zoo operator should prepare Master Plan incorporating Animal Collection Plan and Disaster Management Plan of the zoo and should submit to the Central Zoo Authority for approval.	Three months
6	3(7)	The zoo operator should not accept rescued animals for which the zoo does not have appropriate facility for housing in isolation during quarantine period.	With immediate effect
7	3(8)	Detailed report on rescued animals indicating source of the animal, legality of acquisition and facilities available at the zoo for housing in isolation, upkeep and healthcare, should be submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.  In case, the zoo accepts any rescued animal of endangered species, report should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority along with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	With immediate effect
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9	4(6)	Environment of the animal enclosures should be suitably enriched in accordance with the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	Three months
10	4(9)	Hedge should be planted and maintained at stand-off barrier of all animal enclosures.	Three months
11	4(10)	Signage on biology and behaviour of the species housed in the zoo should be appropriately placed in bilingual form.	Three months
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals</b>			
12	5(2)	The food and water samples should be got tested periodically.	With immediate effect
13	5(5)	Adequate drainage system should be developed in the zoo.	Six months
14	5(5)	The excreta of animals should be removed on daily basis and the animal enclosures should be disinfected.	With immediate effect
15	5(9)	The staff involved in the healthcare of the animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year.	With immediate effect and be repeated once in a year
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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 Almora Mini Zoo, Almora for period beyond 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 as a "Mini Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of the Almora Mini Zoo, Almora 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,



(Dr. D.N. Singh)

Member Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Uttarakhand, Sachivalaya, Dehradun – 248 001. (Uttarakhand), E-mail; cs-uttaranchal@nic.in – with a request to ensure compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Uttarakhand, 85, Rajpur Road, Dehradun – 248 001; E-mail: cwlwua@yahoo.co.in – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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DATE: 22.07.2012

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To  
The Divisional Forest Officer  
Civil and Soyam Forest Division,  
Almora (Uttarakhand).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.05.2012.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 3672/6-38 dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 seeking renewal of recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.05.2012.

The evaluation of the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora (Almora Zoo, Almora) was carried out by Sh. Alankar Jha on 14.03.2014. The evaluation report of the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora (Almora Zoo, Almora) as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora (Almora Zoo, Almora) as a "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 subject to condition that the zoo authority will improve the condition of the animal housing and post a independent full time officer-in-charge of the zoo and 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
<b>General</b>			
		a) The management of the Park is not at all satisfactory.	
		b) If at all this deer park is to be maintained, it should be brought under the society mode with very intensive management, with if not a DFO solely responsible, for this; then an ACF with reporting to appropriate authority.	
		c) The veterinary wing needs to be strengthened.	
		d) It is recommended that the Park should be maintained only as rescue centre,	

as present situation gives only negative conservation message to all persons who visit the park. Even though minister in charge administrative apathy was also clear that DFO had no time to attend the inspection, only ACF came without authority to show proper records.

### 1. General requirement

1.	1.1	<p>a) The deer population needs to be marked/ tagged.</p> <p>b) The populations need to be controlled by segregation or surgical means.</p> <p>c) New bloodline in Sambar and Spotted deer need to be incorporated by exchange with zoos nearby.</p>	<p>Within two months</p> <p>Within six months</p> <p>Within six months – one year</p>
2.	1.2	<p>a) The deer enclosure needs designing again by way of proper shades, night shelter, grazing area. The hardware store needs removal. The waste burning must stop inside the enclosure. Double door gates should be provided in the enclosure.</p> <p>b) The Bear enclosure needs redesigning by way of enlarging the enclosure area and night shelter, with no cement floor outside. Till a new enclosure is made, the cement floor must be covered with three fee soil or as admissible with planting of grasses, as well as filling up the trough inside.</p> <p>c) The Monkey enclosure needs redesigning. Till then the white monkey should be sent to Nainital Zoo.</p>	<p>Within one month</p> <p>One month for repair to one year for remaking</p> <p>Within fifteen days</p>
3.	1.5/16	<p>The chain link fencing towards the zoo office and human settlements need to be converted to perimeter wall atleast two meter high. Zoo quarters should also be separated accordingly.</p>	<p>Within six months</p>



**2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern**

5.	2.1	A full fledged RO should be posted as in-charge with no other charge. Zoo keepers should be posted on permanent and long-term basis with appropriate training. It is suggested that the Almora Zoo should be brought under the Society which manages the Nainital Zoo for more intensive and specialized management, and utilization of resources.	Within one year
6.	2.3	Recruitment rule for all categories of staff should be made.	Within one year
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
7.	3.1	Master plan needs thorough discussion and scrutiny at CZA level, before approval, for the aims and objectives and planning for next ten years as well as fund flow.	Within six months
8.	3.8	Report of all rescued animals must be sent to Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand and CZA as per rule.	With immediate effect
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
9.	4.2	The Bear and Monkey enclosure should be remodeled as per CZA norms.	Within six months
10.	4.6	The Deer enclosure should be split into as many parts as the number of species. Proper enrichment of all enclosures be done and hiding places be made.	Within six months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
11.	5.2/ 5.3	The quantum of food being given should be reviewed in consultation with Nainital Zoo, and supply of such food be given under proper supervision. The leftover food should be removed and taken out of enclosure and disposed properly. Potable water supply should be insured for all animals. The food to Leopards be given inside their night shelters every evening and not at 2 P.M. as is the practice now.	With immediate effect

12.	5.5	The enclosures must be cleaned after food is taken by the animal. This needs intensive supervision by the staff and it must be insured at all cost. The left over feed of herbivore enclosure must be taken out of enclosure and disposed.	With immediate effect
13.	5.6/5.8	The veterinary officer visit should be once in two days if not daily and proper record of his visit be maintained, for reference later on. All his observation and medical prescription should be recorded there. Proper record of all deworming be maintained.	With immediate effect
14.	5.9	Regular checking of all staff once in six months be done to check zoonotic diseases.	With immediate effect
15.	5.10	Animal history card, keeper's diary and treatment card need maintenance for each individual. For this herbivores need tagging.	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 Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora (Almora Zoo, Almora) as a "Mini Category Zoo" beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Dewal, Almora (Almora Zoo, Almora) 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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**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun 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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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS  
**Central Zoo Authority**



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F. No. 19-70/92-CZA(266)(M)

DATE: 06.05.2010

To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Civil and Soyam Forest Division,  
Almora (Uttarakhand).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2008.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 3116/6-38 dated 27.03.2010 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2008.

The Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora was evaluated by Sh. B. S. Bonal, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on 03.02.2010. The report submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora as Mini Category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

S. No.	Condition	Time Period to comply the conditions
<b>General</b>		
1.	(i) There should be separate entrance for Zoo and rescue centre. The visitors entering through the gate for Rescue centre should not be allowed to move to off exhibit site.	One year

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	(ii) Recommended for minimum entry fee (at present no entrance fee is being realized) to the visitors.	
	(iii) Provision (ramp) for physically challenged persons should be developed at least up to certain point.	
2	It is advised to have high platform for hygienic store of feed in the store house and kitchen which is under construction.	Six months
3	Diet chart may be prepared consulting with authorities of other zoo.	One month
4	Presently all different species of deer and antelopes are housed together in the same enclosure. They should immediately be shifted to different enclosures.	One month
5	In order to control the population of spotted deer appropriate measures should be adopted like segregation of males and females, castration etc.	Three months
<b>Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>		
6	Presently, R.O., Kosi is responsible for zoo affairs under the DFO civil Soyam but with additional duties. It is recommended At least the ACF or RO should be made full time officer with administrative and financial power to attend emergency needs i.e. for feed, medicines and upkeep of animals.	Six months
7	Staffs need training in handling captive animals and other zoo activities.	One year
8	No planned breeding program is taken at present. Effort should made to have project on identified species i.e. Cheer pheasant.	
9	Submission of Master Plan must be expedited.	Immediate
10	Animal collection plan must be prepared immediately.	Immediate
11	Deer enclosure requires enrichment by removing materials stored inside enclosure, providing kraal, and under taking plantation.	Six months
12	Stand off barer exist only on leopard enclosure. It is required to be erected in other enclosures too.	immediate
13	Old monkey enclosure should immediately be dismantled and the newly renovated enclosure should be extended providing free arena using the existing structure as night shelter with naturalistic environment.	Tow to One year

14	Single sexed animals e.g. Goral, Bear, Barking deer etc should be shifted to other zoo or make effort to pair.	Six months
15	Provision for keeper's gallery should be built whenever enclosures are constructed/ renovated.	Six months
16	The existing hutmate may be used as keepers change room.	One year
17	The design of rescue centre should immediately be submitted as advised by the expert group of design	Six months
18	Existing Leopard enclosure at rescue centre should be enriched by putting timbers, logs and plantations with grass etc	Two months
19	New enclosure should be constructed after obtaining approval of the design from Central Zoo Authority and at appropriate site away from visitor's route.	Six months
20	No breeding should be allowed in rescue centre as such male should be castrated.	always
21	Provision for post mortem needs to be added in the under construction hospital building at near rescue centre.	Immediate
22	History cards for the animals needs to be maintained.	Immediate
23	No provision for first aid. Immediate arrangements for first-aid equipments and anti venom should be done	Immediate
24	The existing signages are not with scientific information and not at appropriate places. It is recommended to improve with modern and scientific, information at the appropriate sites. Directional signage with visitors rout should also be placed.	Six months
25	Zoo should publish brochures, pamphlets which at present does not seem to have done.	Regularly
26	Annual report of the Zoo cum rescue Center should be published every year.	Annually

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 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora as a 'Mini Category Zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

The recognition to the Deer Park, Narain Tiwari, Almora 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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**(B. S. Bonal)**  
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**(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)**  
**Evaluation & Monitoring Officer**

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