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Dated 25/02/2021

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forests,
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal, 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)/2075/2020 dated January 10, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-20/92-CZA(325)/2016 dated March 3, 2016
4. Application vide letter No. 804 & 805/P.A.62(GENL/GRANT-RECOGN)-CZA/PNHZP/18-19 dated December 21, 2018 from the Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP), Darjeeling

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till January 20, 2019. Application vide letter dated December 21, 2018 received in this office from the Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP), Darjeeling, for renewal of recognition. Shri Rupak De, IFS (Retired) and Dr. A. B. Shrivastava, Former Director, SWFH, Jabalpur, evaluating officers deputed by this office have evaluated the zoo on March 1 to 3, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th 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 37th 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 20, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as a Medium Zoo for a period up to **August 19, 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(7)	Wind power harvesting may be explored at <u>Topkeydara</u> to compensate for irregular electric supply.	One year
3. Development and Planning:			
2	10.3(3) & 10.6(3)	Zoo should have latest light weight double barrel immobilising equipment. Zoo should also have a pick-up van, suitable to terrain, for efficiently handling rescue operations and also for quick movements considering that zoo have three different centres located at one hour distance from each other.	One year
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
3	10.6(1)	The veterinary unit at Dow hill need to be improved further. The existing operation theatre may be provided with a preparatory room and double door entry.	One year
4	10.6(1)	The veterinary unit may be provided with portable digital X-ray machine, colour Doppler and also well-equipped vehicle suitable for rough terrain. The vehicle should have arrangements for immobilising equipment-shelf, mobile refrigerator, shelf for medicines and drugs. The vehicle is required for veterinary unit.	One year
5	10.6(1)	Zoo should have haematocrit micro centrifuge machine (75mm)	Six months
6	10.6(3)	Post-mortem room in the zoo should be well equipped with requisite tools.	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 Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling for period beyond August 19, 2022 as a Medium 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 Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling 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 Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Forests, Aranya Bhawan, Block LA-10A, Sector – III, Saltlake, Kolkata – 700 106, West Bengal, E-mail: secforest@wb.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, 2nd Floor, KB-19, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 098, West Bengal, E-mail: mwbza@gmail.com, wbzooauthority@yahoo.in
3. The Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling – 734 101, West Bengal, E-mail: pnhzp@yahoo.com
4. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.

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THROUGH EMAIL/REGISTERED POST

DATE: 03.03.2016

E. No. 19-20/92-CZA(335)

16-7/2-016

To

The Chief Wildlife Warden
Govt. of West Bengal
North Block – 3rd Floor,
Vikas Bhawan, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata – 700091

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.07.2015.

Sir,

Reference is invited to letter No. 640/A.1/PNHZP/15-16 dated 14.01.2016 from the Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, West Bengal received in this office on 21.01.2016 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling for the period beyond 31.07.2015

The evaluation of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was carried out by Sh. S. K. Patnaik and Dr. M. L. Smith on 27.11.2015. The evaluation report of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 77th Meeting held on 20th January, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as 'Medium Zoo' category under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for a period up to 20.01.2019 subject to the compliance with 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.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
General Requirements:			
1.	1: 1.3	Visitors' movement is orderly but one of the road to Himalayan Mountaineering Institute passes through the zoo as a result movement of the zoo cannot be prevented at any time. Alternative arrangement can be explored.	With immediate effect.

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		<p>...adequate scientific and technical support to support the officer in charge of caring, but the responsibilities of feeding, hygiene and healthcare of zoo animals, research and visitor education as specified below:</p> <p>1. Curator - 1 No. 2. Veterinarian - 1 No. 3. Education Officer -1 No. 4. Biologist - 1 No.</p>	One Year
Development and Planning:			
3.	3: 3.8	All rescued endangered species when housed in the zoo should be reported to Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
4.	4: 4.1	Since it is an old zoo located on a hilly terrain, it is difficult to make immersion exhibits at this point of time. However efforts should be made to have at least a couple of such enclosures.	Two Years
5.	4: 4.2	Most bird enclosures have chain link mesh on all sides including top with no visual barrier between enclosures. This should be modified with partial covering on the top and the entire keeper's gallery with suitable screening between the adjacent enclosures including at Dow Hill.	Two Years
6.	4: 4.9(a)	Appropriate standoff barrier have not been provided in the herbivore enclosures because of dearth of space however some attempt may be made by placing potted plants and temporary SOB.	Immediate effect
7.	4: 4.10(a)	There are good signages but efforts should be made to make the fonts larger and the information in such a manner that it looks attractive and informative.	Six months
Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
8.	5.2(6)	The portable water provided to the animals should be tested periodically.	Six months
Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
9.	6.1(c)	Squeeze cage facility to carnivores and herbivores should be provided as soon as possible.	Six months
10.	6.1(d)	Separate room/area for equipment cleaning and sterilization to be provided as soon as possible.	One Year
11.	6.2(3)	Veterinarians and technicians are experienced. However, they need proper training for skill up-gradation.	One Year

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		to be conducted at regular intervals to prevent against escape of the zoo animals from the premises of the zoo and in the event of any accidental escape, immediate action should be taken to retrieve the escaped animals.	Six months
Visitors facilities:			
13.	12: 12.3	The zoo should make arrangements for differently abled persons for access and viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	Six months

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

It is to inform that the period ranging from 31.07.2015 to 20.01.2016 is hereby regularized by the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of renewal of recognition to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling beyond 20th January, 2019 would be considered on the basis of compliance with the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling 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 Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, 2nd floor, KB-19, Sector-3, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700098, West Bengal for information and necessary action.
2. The Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, west Bengal for information and necessary action.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA-to update records.



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary



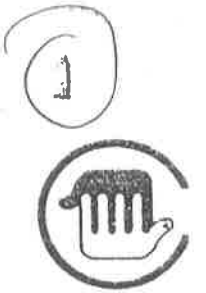
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Central Zoo Authority

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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-20/92-CZA(325)(Vol. VI)(M) / 186

DATE: 11.07.2011
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To

The Director
Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park,
Darjeeling (West Bengal).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling beyond the period of 31.12.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your application dated 20.08.2009 seeking renewal of recognition for the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling beyond the period of 31.12.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was carried out by Sh. S. C. Sharma and Dr. K. K. Sharma on 19th - 20th April, 2011. The evaluation report of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as submitted by the evaluating officers 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 Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling 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.	7	The Sewage Line from Zoo should be extended beyond the soak pit in which the	Within six months

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		sewage is being put at present to the municipal sewage pipe line down below, so that sewage water does not affect the environment.	
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
2.	2	State Government should ensure that a Veterinary Doctor with requisite qualification be appointed on a regular basis at an early date either by deputation or by direct recruitment	Within one year
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
3.	2	(i) The Pandas housed in caged enclosures should be shifted to off – display area & the entire space available should be used for getting appropriately designed pheasant enclosures. The existing pheasant enclosures should be modified to suit behavioral requirements, by increasing depth. (ii) Appropriately designed enclosure should be provided for Palm Civet, Himalayan Civet, Langur and Leopard Cat. The objectives can be achieved by suitably modifying the existing structures.	Within six months Within six months
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
4.	3	(i) Zoo should have a quarantine ward, isolation ward and operation theatre at an early date. (ii) Dedicated library for the veterinary section	Within six months Within six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
5.	2	Post mortem should aim at arriving at a conclusive diagnosis of the reason of death of the animals, if no conclusive diagnosis is possible, corroborative microbial & histopathological exam of the viscera should be carried out & finding corroborated in the PM Report . A copy of PM report should always remain in the Vet. Office.	With immediate effect


9. Acquisition and breeding of animals		
6.	3	Zoo and State Government of West Bengal, should take immediate action to acquire snow leopard, must deer, cheer pheasant for augmenting the breeding stock of the species available at the zoo.
7.	4	The Asian Palm Civet & Slow lorries are without mates. Zoo should mates for these animals or the zoo should consider transferring these animals to other recognized zoos.
		With immediate effect
		Within six months
11		Zoo should take appropriate measures for sexing of birds, particularly pheasants, where clear dimorphism exist & inventory report should not have large No. of unsexed animals.
		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 Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling 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 Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,


(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata 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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REGISTERED POST

F.No. 19-20/92-CZA(325)(Vol.IV)(M)

DATE: 24.1.2006

To

The Director
Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park,
Darjeeling (West Bengal)

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No.340/GENL/GRANT-RECOGN/CZA/PNHZP dated 29.6.2005 seeking renewal of recognition for Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling beyond 31.8.2005 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation report of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as submitted by the evaluating team comprising of Shri M. Kamal Naidu and Dr. Apoorva Chakrabarty was considered by the Technical Committee in its meeting held on 10.1.2006 . The committee has recommended that the Zoo shall continue the planned breeding programme for the highly endangered high altitude species of the region in collaboration with the *in-situ* wildlife managers of the region.

The evaluation report and other relevant records have revealed that the zoo management was successful in complying with the stipulated conditions laid down by the Central Zoo Authority in its letter of even number dated 10.9.2003.

Further, on the recommendations of the Committee, it has now been decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling as a small category zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act for a period up to 31.12.2009 subject to the following conditions under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

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S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
General		
1.	1	The primary objective of the zoo should be conservation of endangered species of high altitude fauna and to complement and strengthen the national efforts in conservation of these species in the country.
Administrative and Staffing Pattern		
2.	13	The zoo should post an official with a Masters degree in Wildlife Science as a <u>full time Curator</u> , solely responsible for looking after the upkeep of animals and maintenance of animal enclosures.
3.	14	The zoo operators should post 1 full time veterinarian with following description and educational qualification: Veterinarian/ Veterinary Officer (one): He/she should have minimum educational qualification of B.V.Sc & A.H or equivalent with a minimum of 5 years experience of working in a zoo recognised by the Central Zoo Authority. He/She should be duly registered with the State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India.
Animal care, Health and Treatment		
4.	28	Routine examination including parasite checks shall be carried out regularly and preventive medicines including vaccination should be administered at such intervals as may be decided by the zoo veterinary officer.
5.	29	The zoo should arrange for medical check up of the staff responsible for upkeep of animals atleast once in every six months to ensure that they do not have infections of such diseases that can infect the zoo animals.
Breeding of animals		
6.	37	The zoo is exhibiting single wild animals like clouded leopard, musk deer, slow loris and Himalayan Tahr. Mates for these single animals should be provided. Alternatively the animals may be transferred to zoos where these animals can be kept in pairs or in social groups.

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 31.12.2009 to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

Yours faithfully,
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(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal & Ex-officio, President, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park Society, Writers Building, Kolkata – for favour of information.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Writers Building, Kolkata for favour of information.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Wildlife), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata for favour of information.
4. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, Central Zoo Authority


(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

