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Subject:- Recognition of Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972- regarding.

Reference:

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516 dated 31.03.2022
2. Application vide e-mail dated Jul 22, 2020 and July 7, 2021, from Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, this is to inform that the application for the recognition of Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir as received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Shri P.C. Tyagi, IFS (Retd.) was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on June 26, 2022.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 106th meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on September 27th, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the recognition of Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir for a period of two years and, 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 recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 106th Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has granted the recognition of Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir for a period up to December 29, 2024 under Section 38-H 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 suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1.General Requirements			
1.	10.1(1)	The Zoo animals are kept in enclosures which are not designed as per CZA specification, and the welfare of animals are compromised. The design of enclosures to be reviewed and improvements to be made following CZA norms.	Six Months
2.	10.1(2)	The ornamental species planted near the entrance and in open areas should be replaced by native indigenous species.	Three months
3.	10.1(3)	The circulation path of the Zoo has to be aligned as per the approved lay out plan.	Three months
4.	10.1(4)	Zoo has a 2m height boundary wall which needs to be repaired and height increased at some stretches and maintained.	Three months
5.	10.1(7)	The solid and liquid waste should be managed by creating waste disposal yards and oxidation ponds for preventing contamination. The waste drains should be covered and regularly maintained.	Three months
2.Administrative and staffing pattern			
6.	10.2(2)	The Zoo should appoint a biologist for monitoring of animals and maintenance of animal records.	Two months
3. Development and planning			
7.	10.3(1)	The master layout plan was approved in 2005 subject to certain suggestion and conditions which were not complied nor the revised plan submitted to CZA. The Zoo has to review the layout plan and revise it and then prepare the Master plan for approval.	Six months
8.		As per CZA guidelines, 30% of the area earmarked for the zoo is to be kept under green belt and natural vegetation and the area for animal housing should not exceed 30% area of the zoo. The area should be computed and recorded	Three months

		in the layout plan and master plan.	
9.	10.3(3)	The animal houses and enclosure barriers have to be repaired and maintained and almost all enclosure require improvement. Some enclosures painted in white should be changed to dark colours to merge with the landscape.	Three months
10.	10.3(4)	The master plan is under preparation and animal collection plan should be finalised keeping in view the carrying capacity of the animals. The animals are kept in enclosures which are not as per CZA specification compromising the well-being of the species, with respect to the space and infrastructural support for proper upkeep and healthcare of the species. The enclosures have to be redesigned.	Six months
11.	10.3(5)	The Zoo has kept rescued Himalayan black bear and Leopards in enclosures which are not designed properly and there are no facilities for quarantine. The enclosures have to be improved and quarantine facilities should be constructed.	Six months
12.	10.3(6)	Zoo has received several rescued animals, some have been released and the rest of the animals inventory is not properly maintained. The leopards, bear and deers rescued are kept in the exhibit area and there is no demarcation between rescued and zoo animals. Zoo must prepare inventory of rescued animals in the format prescribed by CZA and should demarcate a separate area for rescue facility.	Six months
13.	10.3(6)	The endangered species rescued and kept in the Zoo should be reported to CZA.	Immediate
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
14.	10.4(1)	The Zoo lies near the forest and the enclosures (paddock and animal houses) have to be improved for providing immersion effect.	Three months
15.	10.4(2)	The designs and dimensions of most of the enclosures are not as per CZA specifications. All designs to be reviewed and improved with due regard to the biological behavior of the species and the number of animals to be housed.	Six months

16.	10.4(3)	The enclosures design has to be appropriate for safety and security for the animals, animal keepers and the visitors. The animals require space for free movement, exercise and expression of their natural behaviour, however absence of animal keepers gallery and enclosure within other enclosure (Goral, bear and leopard cat in close proximity and not separated) affect security of animal keepers and visitor and the welfare of animals and this needs urgent modification and improvement.	Six months
17.	10.4(8)	The enclosure for endangered species is constructed without prior approval of the Central Zoo Authority, the Zoo should submit enclosure design for approval.	Three months
18.	10.4(10)	Animal information board and other signages are to be redesigned and maintained for almost all enclosures.	Three months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
19.	10.5(1)	Most animals are not in social and behavioural viable groups (Spotted deer 70 beyond carrying capacity, Goral 2:0, Nilgai 1:2, porcupine 0:3, Barking deer 0:1, barn owl 0:0:3 unclassified and rock owl 0:0:4). The Zoo must acquire animals to form social and viable groups and should pair single animals urgently.	Four months
20.	10.5(2)	The inventory of daily received and distribution record of food items should be maintained showing balance stock daily.	Immediate
21.	10.5(3)	The storage facility for food items (dry stores, greens, fruits etc.) and meat should be provided containers kept on slabs and platform for storage, cleanliness and regular inspection and records maintained. The Food storage, kitchen and distribution facility requires improvement and separate facility should be created.	Six months
22.	10.5(3)	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 respectively as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority. The animal	Immediate

		keepers diary and daily reports are not maintained and health records not entered in the prescribed format of CZA.	
23.	10.5(3)	The staff should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease should be provided appropriate treatment.	Immediate
24.	10.5(3)	Zoo should have formal linkages through MoU on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, diagnostic and testing of samples with institution and organisation. The collaboration with Sher-e-kashmir university should be renewed for health care of animals.	Immediate
6. Veterinary and Infrastructure facilities			
25.	10.6(1)	The veterinary facilities are located in the administrative building and there are no isolation ward and quarantine facilities which should be located away from the hospital and animal enclosures. The Zoo should construct separate facility.	One year
11. Education and Outreach activities			
26.	10.11(1)	The zoo should make efforts to educate about wildlife conservation, prints pamphlets and brochures and should, if possible, create website for information and its dissemination and conduct educational programmes regularly.	Three months
12. Visitors facilities			
27.	10.12(1)	The zoo should upgrade the facilities for visitors (Toilet, Shelters and water points etc.) at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo and provide special facilities for physically disadvantaged persons.	Three months

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 Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir for the period beyond December 29, 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 Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and

Kashmir shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time, if the zoo operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

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MEMBER SECRETARY**

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, R. No. 2/7, 2nd, Floor Main Building, Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001 / R. No. 307, 3rd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar - 190001 (E-mail: cs-jandk@nic.in) [Zoo Operator of the Manda Mini Zoo/ Rescue Centre Manda, Jammu and Kashmir under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Wildlife Warden-Jammu (Range Officer-Udhampur), Village Sambal, District Udhampur, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, (Email: wlwjammu@gmail.com)
3. The DPA, O/o CZA, (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in) - to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.