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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forests and Wildlife,
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
17, Rana Pratap Marg,
Lucknow- 226 001, Uttar Pradesh.
(Email: pccfwl-up@nic.in)

Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre), under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 19th August, 2021– regarding.

Ref.:

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516, dated 26.04.2022.
2. Application vide e-mail letter No. WSOS/ABRF/CZA dated 28.06.2021 from Co-founder and Secretary, Wildlife SOS.
3. This office memorandum File No. 7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I), dated 25.08.2020.

Sir/ Madam,

With reference to above, this is to inform that the recognition of Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) was accorded up to August 19th, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) for the period beyond August 19th, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Shri Pawan Kumar, IFS(Retd.), Former PCCF(HoFF), Uttar Pradesh was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on May 3rd, 2022.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 105th meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on May 11th, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) for a period of two years and to regularise the period after August 19th, 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 105th Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after August 19th, 2021 and renewed the recognition of Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) for a period up to January 24, 2025 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
1. General requirement			
1.	10.1(8)	The observation of closing of green walk way of about 120 mts being run under the supervision of Forest Deptt. be suspended/kept in abeyance for the time being. The impact assessment study may be carried out immediately by Forest Department with budgetary support from Rescue Centre or as decided by CZA to reach at the logical conclusion.	31.12.2022
3.Development and Planning			
2.	10.3(6); 10.3(7)	It is suggested that a compliance meeting/review meeting be called by CZA at the earliest with CWLW, UP and Rescue Centre to expedite the release of spotted deer off campus by the Forest Deptt.	15.9.2022
3.	10.3(1)	It is suggested that a Compliance meeting/Review Meeting be called with CWLW, U.P. Forest Department to expedite the approval of Master Plan. (i) Since, the rehabilitation of Kalandars is reaching to a culmination point, the arrival of dancing bears number in the rescue centre would decrease in time to come. Hence, a scientific feasibility report may kindly be prepared for conversion of this centre to initiate Conservation Breeding of Sloth Bears as this species requires long term conservation protection through Breeding. This centre is ideally suited for conservation breeding of Sloth Bears as it is off display and has good green cover with suitable ecosystem.	15.10.2022 (i)15.10.2023
4.Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	10.4(6)	It is suggested that the observation by CZA for replacing <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> may kindly be dropped in the light of the order of Hon'ble Supreme court as removal of trees in protected areas is not tenable in the eye of law.	15.7.2022
General Observation			
5.		On the basis of on the spot observation of the healthy conditions of Bear/Responsive sociable behaviour for treatment of Bear and detailed discussion with Veterinary Doctors, a learning process suggests that	15.7.2022

	Conditioning cage is working well in place of Squeeze Cage. Hence, it is suggested that the observation of CZA regarding Squeeze Cage may kindly be modified to that extent.	
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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 Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) for the period beyond January 24, 2025 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 Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra, Uttar Pradesh (Rescue Centre) 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

**(SANJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)
MEMBER SECRETARY**

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh State Zoo Authority, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (E-mail: upstatezooauthority@gmail.com).
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, National Chambal Sanctuary, Project, Mau Road, Agra - 282 005, Uttar Pradesh (E-mail: dfochambal@rediffmail.com).
3. The Co-founder, Wildlife SOS, D-210, Defence Colony, New Delhi- 110 024. (E-mail: info@wildlifesos.org).
4. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in).



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Central Zoo Authority

केन्द्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण



F.No.22-17/2004-CZA(445)(Vol.II)(AK) / 4437/2018

BY POST / E-MAIL
DATE: 24.09.2018

To

The Co-founder,
Wildlife SOS,
D-210, Defence Colony,
New Delhi – 110 024.

Sub: Renewal of recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Agra, Uttar Pradesh under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 31st January, 2016 - regarding

Ref:

1. This office letter F.No.22-17/2004-CZA(445)(Vol.I)(M)/4128 dated 09.01.2014
2. Your application vide letter No.WSOS-053 dated 29th April, 2016

Sir,

With reference to above, it is to inform that the evaluation of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Agra, Uttar Pradesh was carried out by the undersigned along with the EMA, CZA on 22nd, 24th and 25th December, 2016. The evaluation report of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra as submitted by the evaluating officer and Report of the Inspection carried out on 22.06.2017 by the team constituted by the Technical Committee in its 83rd Meeting along with point-wise remarks of this office were considered by the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 85th Meeting held on 23rd March, 2018.

The Technical Committee of the CZA, after due deliberation, observed that the Committee constituted by it has found that the observations of the evaluation team were factually correct. Further, the Committee has observed that written compliance is awaited from the Operator of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra on conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority as specified in the notice dated 31.03.2017. Also, the Committee decided that the Member, Secretary, CZA may grant an opportunity of hearing to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the Wildlife SOS under Section 38-H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, for time bound commitment for compliance with the conditions. Accordingly, notice on opportunity of hearing is being issued separately.

Also, the Technical Committee recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for renewal of recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra for a period of one year subject to compliance with the conditions mentioned therein and to regularise the period after 31st January, 2016 so that the Rescue Centre does not operate without recognition.

Further, the Central Zoo Authority in its 31st Meeting held on 26th June, 2018 decided to grant recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra for a period of one year.

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The renewal of recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra as a "Rescue Centre" as per the provisions of Section 38-H(1)(3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 25th June, 2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 and subject to mid-term evaluation of the Rescue Centre:

Sl.	Norm No. Under RZR, 2009	Particulars of condition stipulated	Time period to comply
1.General requirements			
1	10.1(5)	Effective boundary wall should be constructed at perimeter of the Rescue Centre. It is observed that the existing fence at perimeter of the Extension facility of the Rescue Centre is not effective and safeguard against unregulated access. It has been observed that the free living animals in the vicinity of the Facility are able to breach the electric fence. It should be upgraded to the 2 mts high boundary wall as per standards specified by the CZA to safeguard against unregulated access and security considerations.	Two months
2	10.1(6)	The entry to the office, administrative block and store of the Rescue Centre is through same gate and a visitor for official dealings with the officials of the Centre for official purpose/ the vehicles carrying daily supply ration/ animal feed has to pass through the animal enclosures to visit office/ store. However, at entrance of the Rescue Centre, an interpretation facility for visitors has been developed and visitors are allowed inside the Centre. The entry/ exit for the office/store etc should be separated and visitors/ vehicles should not pass through animal enclosures.	Three months
3	10.1(6)	The "Residential Facilities" with Dish TV connection, Air Coolers etc on the roof of the animal enclosures should be removed. Staff of the Rescue Centre should be provided accommodation in a separate area earmarked as residential complex with separate entry/ exit gate independent of the zoo.	With immediate effect
4	10.1(7)	Effective solid and liquid waste management practices should be adopted. Adequate and proper arrangement in harmony with the natural surroundings should be made for disposal of solid and liquid waste generated in the Rescue Centre.	Six months
5	10.1(8)	Failed to operate Rescue Centre off-display. Sale of tickets by the authorities of the Sanctuary for the Agra Bear Rescue Facility should be stopped and visitors should not be allowed in the Rescue Centre.	With immediate effect
6	10.1(9)	The Rescue Centre has released free living domestic species in the premises of the Rescue Centre. The Emu was found roaming freely on the campus in the Extension facility of the Rescue Centre. Geese kept in the enclosure should be removed. Similarly, parakeets kept as pet should be removed.	With immediate effect

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Sl.	Norm No. Under RZR, 2009	Particulars of condition stipulated	Time period to comply
2.Administrative and staffing pattern			
7	10.2(1)	The Rescue Centre has not provided its Whole time officer-in-charge with adequate power to take decisions on day to day affairs of the Rescue Centre. Officer in-charge of the Rescue Centre should have adequate financial and administrative powers.	Three months
3. Development and Planning			
8	10.3(1)	Failed to submit Master Plan for approval of the CZA as per suggested amendment. Amended Master Plan as advised by the CZA vide its letter dated 28.03.2014 should be submitted for approval of the CZA.	Three months
9	10.3(1)	The Agra Bear Rescue Facility is being operated within a Sanctuary by the NGO namely Wildlife SOS as per the MoU with the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department. The role as well as the duties and responsibilities of each party in operation of the Rescue Centre should be clearly and elaborately defined to ensure timely decision and effective management of day to day affairs of the Rescue Centre.	One year
10	10.3(7)	Rescued animals, such as Spotted deer, Nilgai, Hog deer and Barking deer, has been found inside the Rescue Centre. These wild animals were found freely roaming inside the Rescue Centre campus. The spotted deer was found to be going in and coming out of the electric fence of the sloth bear enclosures freely through electric fence. The sloth bear housed in the Rescue Centre are suffering from various ailments including Tuberculosis. Moving of healthy animals in the diseased sloth bear enclosure is fraught with danger. All such animals should be screened against diseases and if found fit, should be released in the wild in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. Otherwise, it may be shifted to any recognized zoo of the State.	With immediate effect
11	10.3(7)	The Rescue Centre has been functional for so many years but no exclusive isolation/quarantine wards have been created in spite of repeated directions of the CZA for the rescued animals being brought to the Rescue Centre. The same needs to be done at an isolated place which can be approached without going through the Rescue Centre.	Three months
12	10.3(7)	The Rescue Centre accepted injured and sick animals without having facility for their quarantine, isolation and treatment as well as housing and upkeep. Operator of the Rescue Centre should not accept any rescued animals for which it does not have facility of housing and isolation during quarantine. The fact that the sloth bears are suffering from the various ailments including Tuberculosis, the Rescue Centre should not accept any normal/ healthy rescued animals. The CWLW of the State should create separate facility for such animals outside and away from this Rescue Centre which is housing sick animals.	With immediate effect

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Sl.	Norm No. Under RZR, 2009	Particulars of condition stipulated	Time period to comply
13	10.3(8)	The Rescue Centre has failed to submit report to the CWLW of the State and the CZA on rescued animals being received by it for housing, including sloth bear. The Rescue Centre should inform the CWLW of the State regarding any wild animal brought for treatment/ care and to the CZA also in case of an endangered wild animal immediately.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing , display of animals and animal enclosures			
14	10.4(2)	The number of feeding cubicles in the old area needs to be increased, so that each animal gets one feeding cell. The number of feeding cells in old area should be increased by making feeding cells as per the prescribed dimensions under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months
15	10.4(3)	It should be ensured that each of the feeding/ retiring cells has water trough for the animals.	With immediate effect
16	10.4(3)	The Foot bath at the entrance of the enclosures should be properly maintained by ensuring even distribution of disinfectant all through the footbath.	With immediate effect
17	10.4(6)	The efforts should be made for planting more indigenous tree species, replacing the <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> .	One year
5.Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
18	10.5(2)	Provision should be made for maintenance of record on issue and consumption of ration by the animals in enclosure-wise manner for better management of the centre.	With immediate effect
19	10.5(8)	It is observed that various samples collected at the Rescue Centre for analysis, reach the designated testing facility late. Analysis of samples such as water, food and animal samples should be sent to the concerned testing facility timely. The delay in it appears due to lack of coordination between the Rescue Centre and the Forest Department officers.	With immediate effect
20	10.5(9)	The Rescue Centre failed to produce record on screening of staff against zoonotic diseases. The staff should be screened against all zoonotic diseases that can be transmitted to keepers from bears and vice versa. It is not being complied in spite of repeated directions of the CZA.	With immediate effect.
21	10.5(10)	The Rescue Centre failed to prepare and maintain records in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority. The records being maintained at present is not as per the CZA prescribed format. Records such as Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards should be maintained in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority. Provision for observation by the Veterinarian should also be made.	With immediate effect

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Sl.	Norm No. Under RZR, 2009	Particulars of condition stipulated	Time period to comply
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
22	10.6(6)	The Rescue Centre should have formal linkages through a MoU on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis and consultation in treatment and management during the period of convalescence with the prominent institutions in the field.	One year

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 of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra for period beyond 25th June, 2019 as a "Rescue Centre" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Rescue Centre.

The recognition of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Agra shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Rescue Centre Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours sincerely



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 17, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow – 226 001. (Uttar Pradesh)
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, National Chambal Sanctuary Project, Mau Road, Agra – 282 005. (Uttar Pradesh)
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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Central Zoo Authority



THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 22-17/2004-CZA(445)(Vol. I)(M) 4/28

DATE: 09.01.2014

To

The Secretary and Co-founder
Wildlife SOS,
D-210, Defence Colony,
New Delhi – 110 024.

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra beyond the period of 30.09.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. Nil dated 25.06.2012 seeking renewal of recognition for the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra beyond the period of 30.09.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra was carried out on 19.08.2013 by Sh. S. C. Sharma, Retd. Addl. DGF (WL), MoEF and Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officers was approved the Chairman, Technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority vide note dated 30.12.2013 subject to post-facto approval & ratification in next Technical Committee of the CZA.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra as "Rescue Centre" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st January, 2016 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the Zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirements			
1.	10.1(6)	The Rescue Centre should provide a separate gate for the visitors to reach the office and the administrative complex.	Six Months


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3. Development and planning

2	10.3(6)	The rescue centre is created specifically for Sloth bears. Keeping Hog deer and Spotted deer within the Rescue Centre complex exposes Hog deer and Spotted deer to the threat of tuberculosis and other diseases. The same have to be moved out of the Rescue Centre immediately.	With immediate effect.
3.	10.3(7)	The Rescue Centre has been functional for so many years but no exclusive isolation/quarantine wards have been created. The same needs to be done at an isolated place which can be approached without going through the Rescue Centre.	Six months

4. Animal housing, display of animal

4.	10.4(4)	The enclosures in the old portion of the Rescue Centre are having excessive number of animals beyond the carrying capacity of the enclosures. The number of animals needs to be reduced by moving the animals to Trans Yamuna area.	With immediate effect.
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5. Upkeep and healthcare of animal

5.	10.5(4)	The feeding cubicles need to be increased, so that each animal gets one feeding cell. This would need shifting of more animals to Trans Yamuna area. The number of feeding cells in old area can also be increased by making feeding cells as per the prescribed dimensions under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months
6.	10.5(6)	The staff should be screened against all zoonotic diseases that can be transmitted to keepers from bears and vice versa.	With immediate effect.

Other Recommendations:

1. The Rescue Centre operator do not have full freedom to discharge the statutory functions and comply the directions of the Central Zoo Authority because of lack of clear cut policy direction by the Chief Wildlife Warden to the Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) at Agra and local wildlife staff posted at Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Keetham. The Rescue Centre Operator should be permitted to carry out the repair work/modifications of enclosures/infrastructure as per the directions of the Central Zoo Authority as per provisions of approved Master Plan without any further reference to the department. However, any new constructions would need explicit approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow under Section 33 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The Rescue Centre

Operator should be directed to get the master plan routed through the CWW, Uttar Pradesh.

2. The Rescue Centre operator should have full freedom in treatment diagnosis of diseases, post-mortem findings and follow-up check up of viscera for microbial and histo-pathological examinations. Routing it through the results in wastage of valuable time and sometimes the samples may get deteriorated beyond use.
3. Recently the Rescue Centre is being forced to open the part of Rescue Centre for visitors. This is against the policy of the Central Zoo Authority. However, if the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Rescue Centre operator unanimously decide to do so, they will have to submit a detailed project report (DPR) as per the guidelines of the CZA giving details of the modification that would be made in the Rescue Centre to bring it to the standard of a general zoo. They may also be cautioned that the educational value of doing so would be quite limited, if they decide to go for it, the Rescue Centre within the Sanctuary Area would be converted into a zoo.

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 31st January, 2016 to the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra as a 'Rescue Centre' 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 Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra 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,

(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.

(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 22-17/2004-CZA(445)(M)

DATE: 16.09.2009

To

The Secretary
Wildlife SOS,
D-210, Defence Colony,
New Delhi – 110 024.

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your application received in this office on 08.06.2009 seeking renewal of recognition for the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra was carried out on 08.08.2009 by Sh. S. C. Sharma (Retd.), Addl. DGF (WL) and Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, CZA. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 51st Meeting held on 23rd July, 2009.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra as a Zoo (Rescue Centre) under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th September, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period
General			
1.	11	All residential facilities including the Bamboo Hut should be kept outside the premises of the zoo, away from animal enclosure and kitchen for	With immediate effect

preparation of animals.

Administrative and Staffing Pattern

2. 12

Bear Centre should have as full time officer as in-charge of the Zoo. He should have adequate administrative and financial powers to effectively supervise and monitor the functioning of housing upkeep and health care operations at the Centre and ensure proper maintenance of records.

With immediate effect

Animal Enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features

3. 16 A & 17

(i) The zoo operator shall take up planting of tall trees in the enclosures constructed in trans-yamuna area. Planting of bamboo and other species shall be done in the space available between the enclosures.
 (ii) During the interior period adequate number of appropriate sized shades should be constructed of appropriate size in every enclosure to protect the Bears from hot sun.

Six months

Six months

4. 18

The zoo operator should modify the feeding cubicles, night shelters attached to the enclosures in the old area and Trans Yamuna Area with view to provide each Bear an independent feeding cell/night shelter.

One year

Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep

5. 28

(i) All the bears in the zoo should be subjected to PCR test to rule out tuberculosis and leptospirosis and the animals found positive should be segregated and provided intensive treatment to make them totally free of infection.
 (ii) No newly arriving bear should be put in any enclosures other than the isolation and quarantine cell without ensuring that they are free of infection of the two diseases. For this they should be subjected to PCR Test immediately after their arrival at the Center.

Six months

With immediate effect

6. 29

All the staff engaged in the upkeep and health care of Bears should be screened every six months to ensure that they are free of zoonotic diseases.

With immediate effect

7. 30

Animal history and treatment cards should be maintained for each Bear in the forms prescribed in the "Recognition of Zoo Rules.

With immediate effect

animals should be accepted on the basis of written request from the
Divisional Forest Officer, National Chambal Sanctuary, Agra.

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 Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra as a
"Zoo (Rescue Centre)" beyond 30th September, 2012 would be considered on the
basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of
the zoo.

The recognition to the Agra Bear Rescue Facility at Keetham, Agra 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. Rajesh Gopal)
Member Secretary

Copy to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow
for favour of information and necessary action.



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REGISTERED

F.No. 22-17/2004-CZA(445)(M)

DATE: 8.8.2005

To

The Secretary
Wildlife SOS,
D-210, Defence Colony,
New Delhi – 110 024.

Sub:- Recognition of Wildlife SOS, Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Keetham, Agra under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated NIL. seeking recognition of Wildlife SOS, Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Keetham, Agra as a 'zoo', under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

The evaluation of the Wildlife SOS, Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Keetham, Agra was carried out on 23.1.2005 by Shri S. C. Sharma, Member, Central Zoo Authority and Shri Brij Kishor Gupta, Scientist in the Authority. The evaluation report was placed before the Technical Committee Meeting held on 19.7.2005 and the Committee has approved granting recognition to the Wildlife SOS, Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Keetham, Agra as a 'zoo', subject to fulfillment of the following conditions within a time period upto 31.8.2009:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
General		
1.	2.	The zoo shall not acquire any animal without the permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11 (1)(a) and the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38I of the Act.

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Administrative and Staffing Pattern		
2.	12	A full time officer-in-charge of the zoo should be posted. He/She should be delegated adequate administrative and financial powers to purchase feed and medicine and carryout emergency repair of animal enclosures as may be necessary for proper upkeep and care of zoo animals.
Animal Enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features		
3.	15	The animal enclosures in the zoo should be so designed as to fully ensure the safety of the animals and caretakers.
4.	16	The animal enclosures in the zoo should be so designed as to meet the biological requirements of the animals housed therein. The enclosure should be of such size as to ensure that the animals get space for their free movement and exercise. The enclosures shall not be smaller than the dimensions prescribed in <u>Appendix II</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.
5.	16A	Appropriate screening between the adjacent enclosures should be provided to safeguard against the animals getting exited or stressed because of the visibility of animals in other enclosures.
6.	18	Every mammal in the zoo should be provided food inside a feeding cell/ retiring cubicle or feeding kraal. The number and size of cells and kraal will be such that the dominant animals do not deprive other animals from getting adequate food. The endangered mammalian species should be provided individual feeding cells or night shelters of dimensions as prescribed in <u>Appendix I</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.
Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep		
7.	25	A schedule for periodic application of disinfectants in animal enclosures should be made according to the directions of the veterinary officer of the zoo and implemented.
Veterinary Facilities		
8.	31	Isolation and quarantine wards for newly arriving animals and sick animals should be located away from the animal enclosures, to minimize the chances of infections spreading to other animals of the zoo.
Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority		
9.	42	The records of birth, acquisition, disposals and deaths of the animals should be maintained. The inventory of the animals in the zoo as on 31 st March of every year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year.

10.	43	A brief summary of the death of animals in the zoo for every financial year, along with the reasons of death identified on the basis of the postmortem report and diagnostic tests should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.
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Other Recommendations:-

The centre should keep in its collection only such number of bears for which appropriate housing facility exists. The zoo operators shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of bears does not go beyond the holding capacity of the enclosures available in the zoo and housing standards are not compromised for keeping excessive numbers.

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 31.8.2009 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 Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh for favour of information.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, National Chambal Sanctuary, Agra for favour of information & necessary action.


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