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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Govt. of West Bengal,
North Block-3rd Floor,
VikasBhawan, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata - 700091, West Bengal.
(Email: wbwildlife@gmail.com)

Subject:- Renewal of recognition of the South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond August 19th, 2021- regarding.

Reference:

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516, dated 31.03.2022.
2. E-mail dated August 6, 2021, received from DFO Jaldapara WL Division, Coochbehar and Ex-officio Director, South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre.
3. This Office Memorandum File No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I), dated 25.08.2020.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, I am directed to inform that the recognition of South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal was accorded up to August 19th, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal for the period beyond August 19th, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Sh. B. K. Singh, IFS (Retd.) was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on June 5, 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 renewal of recognition of South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal 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 106th 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 South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal for a period up to December 14, 2024 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.

| SNor m No. | Particulars of suggestions/ recommendation | Time Period to Comply |
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| 1.General Requirements | | |
| 1. | Water table in the area is quite high; discharge of waste water in soak pits may pollute underground aquifer. Treatment plant or underground drainage system for conveying sewage and waste water to municipality should be thought off. (7) | Two year s |
| Other Observations | | |
| 2. | There are 21 rescued leopards and one tiger each housed separately in the shelter meant for carnivores like tiger, fishing cat, jungle cat, sloth bear and Himalayan bear. There is no interaction between the animals. Master layout plan which has been approved provide for leopard safari. It is suggested to implement it early so that the leopards have opportunity to interact and even visitors are taken for viewing. | Two year s |
| 3. | Leopards are kept in Carnivore enclosures and are proposed to be shifted to Safari. It should be done as quickly as possible. There is no interaction among them. The shifting should be expedited. Presently the leopards are in the enclosure of other carnivore but the Master Plan proposes safari as per CZA specifications | Two year s |

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 South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal for the period beyond December 14, 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 South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal 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 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 South Khairbari Rescue Centre, Madarihat, West Bengal 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: mswbza@gmail.com, wbzooauthority@yahoo.in).
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar & Ex-Officio Director South Khairabari Rescue Centre & Kunjanagar Eco Park Nilkuthi, P.O. Cooch Behar – 736001. West Bengal (E-mail: dfowl3wb@gmail.com, dfojwd-wb@nic.in).
4. The DPA, O/o CZA, (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in) – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
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Central Zoo Authority
केन्द्रीय विज्ञानपर प्राधिकरण

F. No. 22-63/2004-CZA(Vol.I)(462)(BKG) } 1/20

Date: 16.06.2017

To,

Divisional Forest Officer
Jaldapara Wildlife Division,
Cooch Behar &
Ex-Officio Director
South Khairabari Rescue Centre &
Kunjanagar Eco Park
Nilkuthi, P.O. Cooch Behar 736 001(West Bengal)
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Subject: Grant of renewal of recognition to South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal under Section 38 H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 05.05.2017

Reference: Your undated application received in this office on 11.04.2017

Sir,

Reference is invited to the above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal (Rescue Centre) was carried by Shri Bipul Chakrabarty on 12th April, 2017. The evaluation report of the South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in the 83rd meeting held 19th May, 2017. Copy of evaluation report is enclosed with this letter for your perusal.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 of the South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal as a "Rescue Centre" for a period up to 18th May, 2020 subject to compliance of the following directive under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. The Technical Committee also regularised grant of recognition period between 05.05.2017 and 19.05.2017.

| S. No. | Norm No. | Violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 | Time period to rectify |
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| Administrative & staffing pattern | | | |
| 1 | 2(1) | The Rescue Centre operator has failed to post a full time officer in charge to take care of day to day management of the rescue center, who should be delegated adequate financial and administrative powers for taking immediate decisions concerning health and welfare of the captive wild animals. | Immediately |
| 2. | 2(2) | The Rescue Center operator has failed to post full time Veterinary Officer, though the Rescue Centre is housing endangered animals like tiger and leopard.. | Immediately |

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| Development and planning | | | |
| 3. | 3(7) | The Rescue Centre operator has failed to provide an isolation cum quarantine enclosure for all newly arriving animals before they are admitted into the life time care centre. | Immediately |
| Veterinary & Infrastructure facilities | | | |
| 4. | 6(3) | The Rescue Centre operator has failed to provide Post mortem room, isolation and quarantine ward, animal restraining and tranquilizing equipment's, which should be provided/arranged. | Immediately |
| 5. | 6(6) | The Rescue Centre should enter into a written agreement with the veterinary college for: 1. Round the year veterinary support 2. Training of zoo personnel 3. Veterinary internship | Immediately |
| Postmortem and disposal of carcass of animals | | | |
| 6. | 7(4) | The Rescue Centre operator should provide safe disposal of animal carcasses and other bio wastes. Carcasses of all large cats are not being disposed of by burning and in the presence of the Director of the Rescue Centre or any officer in next rank to him and authorized on his behalf. | Immediately |
| Acquisition and breeding of animals | | | |
| 7. | 9(11) | The rescue centre operator must obtain prior approval of CZA and CWLW of the state before releasing any captive animal into wild. | Immediately |

Following are the recommendations made by the evaluating officer:

| S. No. | Norm No. | Violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 | Time period to rectify |
|---------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------|
| General Requirements | | | |
| 1. | 1(1) | Currently the rescue center is functioning as a life time care center for rescued animals. As and when any wild carnivore is rescued and brought to the centre, plan for its future rehabilitation in wild should be drawn up keeping in view of its current health status, age etc. Only animals which cannot be rehabilitated back into their wild habitats should only be considered for life time care. | With immediate effect |
| 2. | 1(2) | Shady trees may be planted in the campus & hedges be provided to mask all hardscapes in the campus | Immediately |
| Development and planning | | | |
| 3 | 3(6) | The future collection plan of animals to be considered for life time care should be prepared and got approved from CZA. | Immediately |

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| Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures | | | |
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| 4. | 4(3) | a) To prevent animal escape and injury, the corrugated sheet provided all along the moat, sides of enclosure and overhang should be replaced with plain steel sheets of appropriate thickness. All tree outgrowths in the moat should be pruned/uprooted to avoid being used as props by leopards for escape. b) Moats should be cleaned to avoid water logging. | One year |
| Veterinary & Infrastructure facilities | | | |
| 5. | 6(5) | A full time veterinary assistant should be posted in the life time care centre to assist the visiting veterinarian in discharging his/her duties towards care and welfare of captive carnivores. | One year |
| Research activities | | | |
| 6. | 10 | The zoo authorities may enter into an agreement with the North Bengal University & local colleges for engaging graduate/postgraduate students in behavioural studies of rescued animals as an aid to improve their life spans & well being. | Two years |

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 South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal for period beyond 18th May, 2020 as a "Rescue Centre" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition of the South Khairabari Leopard Rescue Centre, South Khairabari, Cooch Behar, West Bengal 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

Enclosed- As above

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of West Bengal, 3rd Floor, Bikash Bhawan, North Block, Saltlake City, Kolkata – 700 091. (West Bengal)
2. Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, 2nd Floor, KB-19, Sector-III, Saltlake City, Kolkata 700 098. (West Bengal)
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
Central Zoo Authority



BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL

F.No.22-63/2004-CZA(462)(AK) / 2482/2016

DATE: 29.08.2016

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar &
Ex-officio Director, South Khairbari Rescue Centre,
Nilkuthi, P.O. Cooch Behar – 736 101. (West Bengal)
E-mail:- dfowl3wb@gmail.com

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Subject:- Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 of South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre, District Alipurduar, West Bengal for period beyond 30.09.2015 - regarding

Reference:-

1. Your application vide letter No.18/WBZA/28-5/2016-17 dated 24.06.2016
2. This office letter F.No.22-63/2004-CZA(462)(M)/3635 dated 26.09.2013

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre, District Alipurduar, West Bengal was carried out by Shri Bipul Chakrabarty on 18.03.2016. The evaluation report of South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre, as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to issue Show Cause Notice under Section 38H (5&6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to the authorities of South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre, District Alipurduar, for non-compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority in violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, to provide time period of six months to the zoo to submit a compliance report on the issues mentioned in the Show Cause Notice. Besides, the Committee has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of one year. Show Cause Notice is being sent separately. The renewal of recognition of South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre, District Alipurduar, West Bengal as "Rescue Centre" under provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 5th May, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the Rescue Centre:-

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| S. No. | Norm No. | Conditions Stipulated | Time Period to Comply |
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| 1.General requirements | | | |
| 1 | 1(2) | Indigenous floral species be planted in the Rescue Centre. | With immediate effect |
| 2 | 1(5) | The Rescue Centre is located within the premises of a protected forest. Providing a masonry wall all round may not be a feasible option. Wherever, the Rescue Centre boundary forms the common boundary dividing the human landscape, a masonry wall of 2 meters height with an overhang having concertina barbed wire fence be provided to avoid encroachment and trespassing by humans and stray dogs & livestock. | Within six months |
| 3 | 1(9) | During evaluation, stray dogs were found on the campus of Rescue Centre. Steps should be taken to avoid such situation in future. | With immediate effect. |
| 2.Administrative and staffing pattern | | | |
| 4 | 2(1) | A "whole time in-charge" of the Rescue Centre with adequate financial and administrative powers should be appointed at the Rescue Centre to take care of day to day management of the zoo. | Six months |
| 3.Development and Planning | | | |
| 5 | 3(3) | All future development of the Rescue Centre should be done as per the master plan approved by the CZA and APO (Annual plan of operation) prepared accordingly. | With immediate effect |
| 6 | 3(6) | The future collection plan of animals to be considered for life time care should be prepared and got approved from CZA. | With immediate effect |
| 7 | 3(7) | An isolation cum quarantine enclosure should be created on utmost priority near the proposed treatment room. All newly arriving animals shall be subjected to quarantine before admitting them into the life time care centre. | Six months |
| 8 | 3(8) | Animals which cannot be rehabilitated back into their wild habitats should only be considered for life time care. | With immediate effect |
| 4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures | | | |
| 9 | 4(2) | Perches for leopard with timber logs be provided. | Two months |
| 10 | 4(3) | The existing enclosure of Leopards should be strengthened by providing welded / steel square mesh of 1-inch gap on the keeper gallery side to make it safer to house Leopards. In order to prevent animal escape and injury, the corrugated sheet provided all along the moat, | Two months |

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| | | sides of enclosure and overhang should be examined from time to time. All tree outgrowths in the moat should be pruned / uprooted. | |
| 11 | 4(3) | Footbaths should be provided at entry & exit points to animal enclosures/night shelters. | With immediate effect |
| 12 | 4(3) | During evaluation it was found that keepers' hygiene is compromised by working bare foot. This practice should be discontinued immediately. | With immediate effect |
| 13 | 4(9) | Provision of effective stand-off barrier including hedge should be made. | Two months |
| 14 | 4(10) | All animal enclosures shall be provided with signage having relevant information on the date of arrival, age and sex at the life time care centre. | With immediate effect |
| 5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals | | | |
| 15 | 5(2) | The carnivores in the zoo are provided daily with meat as per quantity prescribed by the Visiting Forest Veterinarian. The meat upon reaching the rescue centre is weighed & processed on the floor of keeper gallery before supply to the carnivores. This is totally unscientific and allows the meat to be carrier of diseases. A meat inspection cum processing room should be created within the Rescue Centre campus, preferably near the treatment room. | One year |
| 16 | 5(3) | Currently, the animals in the life time care centre get an hour's time to eat their food. It would be better if the inmates are provided more time to spend with their food. | With immediate effect |
| 17 | 5(4) | Animals shall consume their food inside the feeding cells only and not be allowed to take away their food into the open areas. | With immediate effect |
| 18 | 5(5) | Soil should be turned inside the animal enclosures on regular basis and enclosures disinfected to reduce soil borne parasites and diseases. Top burning of the soil in controlled way is also recommended. | Two months |
| 19 | 5(5) | Thick wooden platforms should be provided inside the feeding and retiring cubicles. They should also be cleaned on daily basis and disinfected. | With immediate effect |
| 20 | 5(5) | All the feeding cells should be disinfected and cleaned on day to day basis. The cells should also be blow lamped once every week and cleaned with hot water. Leftover food should be disposed off in a manner that it has no adverse impact on the immediate environment and the landscape surrounding the centre. | With immediate effect |
| 21 | 5(8) | All animals in the life time care centre should be screened for parasitic loads and prophylactic | With immediate effect |

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| | | measures taken under guidance of the visiting veterinary doctor. A written schedule should be prepared and implemented. | |
| 22 | 5(9) | All staff involved in upkeep & healthcare of animals should be subjected to annual health check-up {stool & urine examination, sputum examination, blood examination and X-ray (PA view)} to avoid spread of Zoonotic diseases. | With immediate effect |
| 23 | 5(10) | Daily reporting by the animal keepers' should be introduced through Keepers' Diaries and Daily Reports in the format prescribed by the CZA. | With immediate effect |
| 6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities | | | |
| 24 | 6(1) | A treatment room for treating sick and injured animals should be created. | One year |
| 25 | 6(3) | Post-mortem room, isolation and quarantine ward, animal restraining and tranquilizing equipment and a mobile veterinary van should be provided. | One year |
| 26 | 6(5) | The Rescue Centre houses endangered animals like Tiger and Leopard. A full time Veterinary Assistant should be posted to assist the visiting Forest Veterinary Officer in discharging his duties towards daily health management and welfare of animals. | One year |
| 27 | 6(6) | The zoo should enter into a written agreement with the veterinary college for: 1. Round the year veterinary support 2. Training of zoo personnel 3. Veterinary internship | With immediate effect |
| 7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals | | | |
| 28 | 7(1&2) | Every animal that dies in the zoo should be subjected to detailed post-mortem by a registered veterinarian. The findings should be recorded in the CZA prescribed format and maintained at the zoo premises and open for inspection. | With immediate effect |
| 29 | 7(3) | In the event the Post-mortem being inconclusive and no specific reason for death is identified, the authorities should send samples of tissues, organs, blood & viscera etc. for further examination to the nearest veterinary laboratory having adequate specialization for further investigation. Samples may also be sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute being National Referral Centre. | With immediate effect |
| 30 | 7(4) | A wood fired incinerator may be installed within the rescue center campus for safe disposal of animal carcasses and other bio wastes. Carcasses of all large cats shall be disposed off by burning in presence of the Director of the Zoo or any officer in next rank to him and authorized on his behalf. | With immediate effect |
| 9. Acquisition and breeding of animals | | | |

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| 31 | 9(10) | Effective safeguards should be put in place to retrieve animals escaping accidentally. | With immediate effect |
| 32 | 9(11) | The Rescue Centre shall not release any captive animal into wild without the written permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden and Central Zoo Authority. | With immediate effect |
| 10. Research activities | | | |
| 33 | 10 | The zoo authorities may enter into an agreement with the North Bengal University & local colleges for engaging graduate/postgraduate students in their animal rehabilitation projects. | Two years |

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 South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre for period beyond 5th May, 2017 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 South Khairbari Leopard Rescue Centre 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 faithfully



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, 3rd Floor, Bikash Bhavan, North Block, Saltlake City, Kolkata – 700 091. (West Bengal) – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
2. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, 2nd Floor, KB-19, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 098. (West Bengal), E-mail:- mswbza@gmail.com, wbzooauthority@yahoo.in – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
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(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary



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Central Zoo Authority

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F. No. 22-63/2004-CZA(462)(M)/3635

DATE: 26.09.2013

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Coochbehar Division,
Post & Distt. Coochbehar,
Coochbehar – 736 101 (West Bengal).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the South Khairabari Leopard Safari and Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.10.2012.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 1844/2 dated 06.07.2012 seeking renewal of recognition to South Khairabari Leopard Safari and Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.10.2012.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 26.04.2013 and the evaluation report of the South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri as submitted by Sh. R. C. Bhattacharjee was considered by the Technical Committee in its 67th Meeting held on 30th August, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th September, 2015 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

| S. No. | Relevant Norm No. | Details on the Conditions stipulated | Period by which the condition should be complied |
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| 1. General Requirements | | | |
| 1. | 1.4 | Boundary wall separating the village (600 mts) to be completed on priority. The Safari Park and Rescue Centre should be surrounded by a perimeter wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level. | Within six months |
| 2. | 1.9 | Stray dogs near the Leopard enclosures and from the premises of the zoo to be removed. | With immediate effect |

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| 3. Development & Planning | | | |
| 3. | 3.2 | Preparation of Master Plan to be expedited. | Immediately |
| 4. Animal housing, display of animal and animal enclosures | | | |
| 4. | 4.6 | Perches for Leopards with timber logs be provided | Immediately |
| 5. | 4.9 | Standoff barrier to be erected near the visitors area. | Within one year |
| 6. | 4.10 | Signage's to be improved and informative. | Within six months |
| 6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities | | | |
| 7. | 6 (6)(b) | Field staff should be deputed for training. | With immediate effect |
| 9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals | | | |
| 8. | 9.9 | For population control attempt to be initiated to castrate the males. Veterinary College at Khanpara, Guwahati may be connected. | With immediate effect |
| 12. Visitor facilities | | | |
| 9. | 12.1 | Civic facilities for physically challenged Personnels be provided along with improvement of the existing ones. | Within one year |

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

Grant of recognition to South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri beyond 30th September, 2015 as a mini category Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri 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 for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata for favour of information.
2. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority, Kolkata, West Bengal.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.


(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation and Monitoring Officer



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
Central Zoo Authority

BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 22-63/2004-CZA (462)(M)

DATE: 11.10.2010

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Wildlife Division - II,
Post and District Cooch Behar - 736 101 (West Bengal)

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 1535/28-119 dated 19.04.2010.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 14th August, 2010 and the evaluation report of the South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri as submitted by Dr. Vibhu Prakash and Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, CZA was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55th Meeting held on 24th September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri as a mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st October, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

| S. No. | Relevant Norm No. | Details on the Conditions stipulated | Period by which the condition should be complied |
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| Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority | | | |
| 1(a) | 11 | 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. | With immediate effect |

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| 1(b) | 11 | 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. | With immediate effect |
| General Requirements | | | |
| 2 | 5 | The Safari Area is encompassed by an barbed wire fence. It is advised that keeping in view of the safety of the animals and people living adjoining to area, the same should be converted into the chain link fence mesh. | Three months |
| 2. Administrative & Staffing Pattern | | | |
| 3 | 1 | The Safari does not have full time officer in-charge. The DFO Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary is the additional in-charge of the Safari. | With immediate effect |
| 4 | 2 | An arrangement should be made with any outside veterinarian for visiting the zoo everyday to look after the animals since the Wildlife Veterinary doctor working with Jaldapara is fully occupied. | With immediate effect |
| 3. Development & Planning | | | |
| 5 | 1 | A master plan should be revised as per the comments communicated by the CZA and resubmitted for its approval, as mandatory. | Latest by 1 st November, 2010 should be submitted to CZA |
| 4. Animal housing, display of animal and animal enclosures | | | |
| 6 | 2(a) | The area of the Safari Park as per the guideline of the CZA should be of 20 hectares, however the same is at present is only 12.34 hectares. Therefore additional area should be acquired. | Six months |
| 7 | 5 | The feeding and retiring cells should be enlarged and repaired immediately. The feeding cells should be provided with proper ventilation. | Three months |
| 5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals | | | |
| 8 | 5(a) | Only non- phenolic disinfectants should be used. | With immediate effect |
| 9 | 5(b) | Proper arrangement for drainage of excess water and arrangement for removal of excreta and residual water from each feeding cell/ retiring cubicle should be made. Soak pits should be provided. | Three months |

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| 10 | 6 | The staff handling the wild animals should be deputed for training being conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India and Nandankanan Zoological Park, Bhubaneswar. | with immediate effect |
| 11 | 8 | Routine examination including parasite checks should be carried out regularly for the animals in the zoo and preventive medicines including vaccination should be administered at such intervals as may be decided by the veterinary officer. | With immediate effect |
| 12 | 10 | Animal history sheet and treatment card in respect of each leopard should be maintained in the format as prescribed by the CZA | With immediate effect |
| 6. Veterinary and infrastructural facilities | | | |
| 13 | 1 | The Safari Park does not treatment room. As per the DFO the veterinary facility at Madarihat which is 15 km away from Leopard Safari is being utilized at present. | Three months |
| | | A treatment room should be constructed in the premises of the zoo where routine examination of animals can be undertaken and immediate treatment can be provided. | |
| 14 | 3 | The Safari Park does not have post-mortem room. | Three months |
| 9. Acquisition and Breeding of animals | | | |
| 14 | 9 | To safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population of leopards appropriate population control measures should be implemented, like sterilization and vasectomy etc. | Three months |
| 11. Education & Research | | | |
| 15 | 1 | Appropriate sign board displaying the scientific and ecological information regarding the animals exhibited in it should be placed near the animal enclosure. | Appropriate sign board displaying the scientific and ecological information regarding the animals exhibited in it should be placed near the animal enclosure. |
| 12. Visitor facilities | | | |
| 16 | 1 | Civic facilities like toilets, visitor sheds and drinking water points at convenient places shall be provided for use of the visitors | Three months |

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First aid equipments including anti venom should be readily available in the premises of the Safari Park.

Immediately

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 South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri beyond 31st October, 2012 as a mini category Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the South Khairabari Leopard Safari & Rehabilitation Centre, South Khairabari, Jalpaiguri 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 for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata for favour of information.
2. DPA, CZA.



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