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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Department of Forests and Wildlife,  
Van Bhawan, C-18, Sector – 6,  
Panchkula – 134 109, Haryana.  
(E-mail: pccfwhry@gmail.com)

**Subject:- Renewal of recognition of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021- regarding.**

**Reference:**

1. This office letter no. 27-1/2006-CZA(509), Computer no. 147662, dated 19.08.2021.
2. Application vide letter no. 96, dated 30.06.2021 from the office of PCCF & CWLW, Haryana for renewal of recognition.
3. This office memorandum no. 7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I), dated 25.08.2020.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, It is to inform that the recognition of Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana was accorded up to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana for the period beyond August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Dr. Gowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant, CZA and Ms. Arundhati Mohanty, SRF, CZA was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The zoo was accordingly evaluated on August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation

officer was deliberated in the 107<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana for a period of two years and to regularise the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, subject to compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the zoo operator may be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while renewal of recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 107<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and renewed the recognition of Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana for a period up to June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Sr. No.	Norm No.	Particulars suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
<b>1.General requirements:</b>			
1.	10.1(1)	All the animals in the collection must be marked and genetic assessment for better management of the populations to be done.	1 year
2.	10.1 (7)	Organic waste must be suitably disposed in the compost bins. The compost bins need regular maintenance. The compost must be used in areas where the animals do not come in contact with the compost. Compliance with the Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in the year 2016 should be strictly ensured.	Six months
<b>3.Development and Planning:</b>			
3.	10.3(1)	The zoo master plan was approved in 2011. Updated master plan not submitted	Six months
4.	10.3(6) 10.4(2)	The carrying capacity of the enclosures to be determined. Surplus animal management to be done in a planned manner with participating zoos of the Conservation breeding program. The release of vultures from VCBC, Pinjore to the participating zoos should be done after the evaluation of the facility and training of the engaged manpower specialized to look into vulture conservation breeding.	1 year

5.	10.3 (7 & 8)	Compliance with statutory provisions of reporting acceptance of rescued birds and obtaining permission from the CZA u/s 38-I, for wild animals that require long-term care. Also, proposal should be forwarded to the CZA for rescued individuals already under long-term care in the zoo for post-facto approval.	Immediately
<b>5.Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
6.	10.5(2)	Routine food and water samples may be sent to the nearest lab for testing.	Three months
7.	10.5(6) & 10.5(10)	The zoo must conduct a thorough physical assessment of all the animals, identify sex and mark the individuals and maintain animal history cards for each.	6 months
8.	10.5(9)	At least an annual screening of all personnel involved in upkeep and healthcare of captive animals must be conducted by the zoo with a registered medical practitioner.	One year
9.	10.5(10)	Data records- The zoo should maintain <u>updated</u> records for  7. Animal history cards 8. Keeper Diary 9. Treatment register 10. Post mortem register 11. Feed register- detailing feed provided (type and quantity) to individual species. 12. Disinfection protocols 13. Vaccination and deworming schedules	Three months
<b>6.Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:</b>			
10.	10.6(1)(b)	The zoo to upgrade diagnostic facility e.g. X-ray/ inhalant anaesthesia for intervention	One year
<b>7.Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
11.	10.7(2) & (3)	Report of mortality is not submitted to CZA as per guidelines and should be corrected.	Immediately
<b>9.Acquisition and breeding of animals:</b>			
12.	10.9(2)	Details of acquisition of animals on rescue is not submitted to CZA as per guidelines and must be rectified. Any breeding of captive animals must be done after scientific assessment.	Immediately

13.	10.9(2)	Birds that are not injured and have passed their breeding age should be exchanged with zoos that have vultures in their animal collection plan for display purposes to generate awareness of the conservation story behind the species	1 year
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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 Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana for the period beyond June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana 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.

**(SANJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)  
MEMBER SECRETARY**

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

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana, Forest & Wildlife Department (E-mail: psforest505@gmail.com) [Zoo Operator of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, Haryana under Rule 2(m) (III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Deputy Director, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, B-3, Forest Complex, Pinjore 134102, Haryana (E-mail: v.mathur@bnhs.org).
3. 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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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 27-1/2006-CZA(509)(M) / 2064**

**DATE: 21.12.2011**

To

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The Chief Wildlife Warden  
Government of Haryana,  
C-18, Van Bhawan,  
Sector - 6,  
Panchkula (Haryana)

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore beyond the period of 30.06.2011 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 2891 dated 15.11.2011 seeking renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore beyond the period of 30.06.2011 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore was carried out by Dr. B. R. Sharma on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. The evaluation report of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore as a Rescue Centre under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 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
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1.	5	The small rivulet on the eastern boundary of the Centre has breached its bank and partially entered into the Centre. There is an immediate need of some soil conservation work to train the bank of the rivulet.	With immediate effect

OLC  
Dated 23/12/11


<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
2.	2	(i) Being bhabhar area availability of water is a problem. Water is transported from a distance and stored in a tank for use. There should be a deep tube well for regular supply of water to the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre.  (ii) Meat is transported manually from a distance. Quarantine facility is at 5 km from the Centre, whereas Post-mortem facility is at 8 km (Pinjore) from the Centre. It will be better to have a motorized van for transportation of feed/ animal with the Centre.	Within six months
			Within three months
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
3.	1(9)	Laboratory is well equipped. There is a need of an X-ray machine.	Within three months
<b>10. Research</b>			
4.		More CCTVs are needed in aviaries to have better viewing/ recording of the constant behaviour of the Vultures, as the number of animal is increasing.	Within three months

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 Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 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 to the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore 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,

  
21/12/11

**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

1. Dr. Vibhu Prakash, In-charge, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.

  
**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**



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## Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 27-1/2006-CZA(509)(Vol. I)/BKG/937/2016

Date: 21.06.2016

To

Chief Wildlife Warden  
Government of Haryana  
C-18, Van Bhawan  
Sector-6, Panchkula  
(Haryana)

Noted  
July  
22/6/16

**Subject:- Grant of renewal of recognition under Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre as "Rescue Centre" for period beyond 28.02.2016 - regarding**

**Reference:-** Your application No. 6885, dated 24.02.2016

Madam,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore was carried out by the undersigned on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The evaluation report of the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore as submitted by the undersigned was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, as "a Rescue Centre" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 subject to compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (Amended in 2013) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No. Under Rule 10	Conditions Stipulated	Time period to Comply
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of Animals</b>			
1.	5.1	The enclosure and fences thereof need to be disinfected on routine basis. The perches and shelves needs to be cleaned regularly and to be kept free of faeces.	Regularly
2.	5.3	It was observed that there are three CCTV cameras only in colony aviaries. There is a need to install CCTV cameras in all the holding and breeding aviaries to get quality observations on the birds.	Six Months

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<b>9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals</b>			
3.	9.6	Double clutching coupled with chick swapping should be followed since it increased the productivity of the vultures at the centre.	With immediate effect
4.	9.6	The pre- release activities should be completed and bird should be released in the wild as per the mandate and mission of the project.	As per the target for release.
5.	9.6	Shifting of captive bred birds to other centres may be expedited. There are about 30 Juvenile/sub-adult birds which are kept in holding aviaries. These birds ideally should be kept in colony aviaries but due to lack of space they have been kept in holding aviaries. Instead of keeping so many birds at one centre, it is advised to send 30-35 birds to CZA supported Vulture Conservation Breeding Centres which have no birds so far.	Six months

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 Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore for period beyond 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 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 to the Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore 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. In-charge, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, B-3 Forest Complex, Pinjore, Haryana -for favour of information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented.
2. DPA, CZA – to update database.



(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary





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F. No. 27-1/2006-CZA(509)(M)/4362

DATE: 19.02.2014

To

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)  
cum-Chief Wildlife Warden  
Government of Haryana,  
Panchkula.

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore beyond the period of 31.12.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 2332 dated 14.10.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore beyond the period of 31.12.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore was carried out on 30.11.2013 by Dr. B. R. Sharma. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 68<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore as a Rescue Centre under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 subject to the compliance of the following directives under 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
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
1.	9 (2)	Shifting of captive bred birds to other centres. There are about 30 juvenile or sub-adult birds which are kept in holding aviaries. These birds ideally should be kept in colony aviaries but due to lack of space they have been kept in holding aviaries. Instead of keeping so many	Shifting of 30 Juveniles or sub-adults immediately to VCBC, Bhopal within a month

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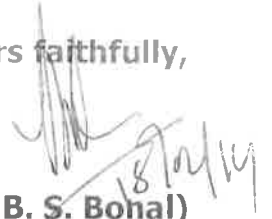
		birds at one centre, it is advised to send 30-35 birds to CZA supported Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre at Bhopal which has no birds so far.	and 10 more within six months
<b>10. Research activities</b>			
2.	10 (i)	It was observed that there were CCTV cameras only in colony aviaries. There is a need to install CCTV cameras in all the holding and breeding aviaries to get quality observations on the birds.	Within three months
3.	10 (ii)	Electric point/ provision of lighting in all the aviaries may be provided which could be used during emergencies.	Within six months
4.	10 (iii)	Increase efforts for double clutching so that more nestlings are produced and are available to be released in wild once the release programme is initiated.	Within the current Breeding Season and subsequent breeding season.
5.	10 (iv)	Experiments with Dummy Satellite Tags should be carried out in the colony aviaries to see how birds react to this and their behavior should be mentioned. It will be very important to put Satellite Tags on the birds before they are released in the wild and this conditioning will help birds during the release programme.	Within a year
6.	10 (v)	Work on creating Vulture Safe Zone around the centre should start as soon as possible. The first release of birds should be around the centre which is expected earliest by 2017, it should be ensured that there is enough food for birds in the area, there is no threat of persecution and the drug diclofenac is not used in treating life stock in a radius of at least 100 km from the centre. The monitoring should continue at least for two year before the birds are released in the wild.	Work should start 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 Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore beyond 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Vulture Conservation Breeding and Rescue Centre, Pinjore shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point in time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



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