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To

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**Subject: Grant of recognition of Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour, Yamuna Nagar District, Haryana as per provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

Reference:

1. Application vide letter No.2421 dated 24.10.2013 from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana
2. This office letter F.No.20-5/2013-CZA(M)/6279 dated 19.11.2014

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour, Yamuna Nagar District, Haryana was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA and Dr. A.K. Sharma, Principal Scientist & In-charge, Centre for Wildlife, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly on 06.09.2016. The evaluation report of the Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional recognition for a period of one year. The recognition of Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour as a "Rescue Centre" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period of two years up to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the Rescue Centre:

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1.General requirements</b>			
1	1(5)	The Rescue Centre does not have any boundary wall or elephant proof trench on its periphery though it is surrounded by the villages. It is presently having power fence as barrier, which is not sufficient. The centre should have boundary wall of 2 meter high on its perimeter as barrier to safeguard the animals and local public.	Six months

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2	1(7)	The faecal matter is not disposed off hygienically at present. The same is dumped next to animal shelters. It should be dumped away from animal night houses and proper hygiene should be maintained.	Immediately
<b>2.Administrative and staffing pattern</b>			
3	2(1)(2)	The Rescue Centre does not have adequate staff for the upkeep and maintenance of elephants. Presently the Centre head is Sub-Inspector and he has been assigned many other duties other than the upkeep of Rescue Centre. The Centre should have adequate personnel as prescribed by the CZA.	Six months
4	2(2), 6(3)	The tranquilizing equipment is stored in residences. The same should have been stored in veterinary clinic or room or laboratory. Veterinary Officer is not available at Centre daily, at the same time, there is no other person to handle the tranquilizing equipment in case of any emergency. The Veterinary Officer should be posted full time at the Centre who has experience in handling the tranquilizing equipment. Necessary medicines should also be stored at the Centre	Immediately
<b>3.Development and Planning</b>			
5	3(1)	The Rescue Centre operator has not prepared any Master (layout) Plan of the existing facility. The same should be prepared along with Master Plan for its long term development and should be submitted to CZA for its approval.	Three months
6	3(7)	The Rescue Centre has been housing 3 animals and is in process to accommodate more elephants. Quarantine / isolation area be provided, as mandatory under the Rules. The Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour may house a total of 20 (twenty) Indian elephants at the existing site, subject to compliance of the guidelines as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
7	4(2),(3)	The animal sheds/night houses do not have ramp to climb, the same should be provided with ramps made of <i>kuccha</i> mud.	Three months
8	4(6)	No enrichment has been provided in the Animal Shelter houses. The animal shelter housed should be enriched keeping in view behavioural and biological requirements of the elephants.	Three months
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals</b>			
9	5(2)	Water tanks installed in each animal shelter are not filled with water for elephants to drink during night hours. Presently the elephants are provided drinking water through the tap of the water tank. The elephants should be provided 24x7 potable water in the adequate quantity and through adequate size of water troughs.	Immediately
10	5(2)	The Centre does not have any water storage facility. The same of adequate capacity should be provided.	
11	5(2)	The Rescue Centre has been purchasing the fodder from outside and the same is not being tested for its quality before the same is offered to the Elephants. The same should have got checked by the Veterinary Officer for pesticides, toxins or any other chemicals, randomly and periodically. It should be followed with immediate effect.	Immediately
12	5(10)	The Rescue Centre operator has not been maintaining the Animal History Sheets for each elephants housed at the Centre. No Keeper Diary is being maintained. The same should be maintained as prescribed by the CZA immediately.	One month

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6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
13	6(1)	The Centre does not have any veterinary care lab, room or medicine or medical equipment room. The same should be made available.	Six months
12. Visitors facilities			
14	12(2)	The Centre should have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the premises.	Immediately
General conditions			
15		All elephants housed at the Centre have a bell tied in their neck, as is commonly seen in temple elephants, the same should be removed.	Immediately
16		The chain used for tying the elephants in animal shades in not covered by the leather or plastic pipe. The same should be covered appropriately.	Immediately
17		The angles used in the Animal Shelter house are left with sharp corners, which may hurt the animal, therefore, the same should be rounded off.	Immediately
18		The supporting poles of animal house have been broken by the elephants; the same should be got rectified immediately.	Immediately
19		The ground water provided to the elephants for drinking is not tested by the Rescue Centre authorities. The same should be got tested.	One month
20		The staff quarters are located within the premises of elephant paddock areas; there is no barrier or boundary wall to separate the same. There should be boundary wall of 2 meter high separating the residential area. No staff should have their residence/ stay in the Rescue Centre.	Six months

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour for period up to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018 is subject to compliance with above conditions. 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 Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour for period beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018 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 to the Ch. Surinder Singh Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour 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



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Member Secretary

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1. The Inspector General of Forests and Director, Project Elephant, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Jal Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi – 110 003. – for information, please.
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Haryana, Van Bhawan, C-18, Sector – 6, Panchkula – 134 109. (Haryana), E-mail: [apccfwl@gmail.com](mailto:apccfwl@gmail.com) - for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
3. DPA, CZA – to update database

