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**To,**

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**Subject: Grant of recognition to Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda District, Bihar under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Reference:**

1. Letter No. 1657 dated November 11, 2020 from the Conservator of Forests, Patna Circle, Patna.
2. This office letter bearing Computer No. 139450 dated September 15, 2020.
3. This office letter bearing Computer No. 139450 dated August 8, 2020.
4. Letter no. 726 dated July 07, 2020 from the Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda.
5. Letter No. 20-4/2015-CZA(Vol.1)(AK)/988/2017.

Sir,

With reference to the aforementioned subject, approval in-principle for the establishment of Wildlife Safari (Nalanda Prani Vihar) at Rajgir, Nalanda District, Bihar subject to conditions as per Section 38-H(1A) was accorded as per correspondence listed at (5).

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The application for recognition and compliance to stipulated conditions was received from the Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari and Conservator of Forests, Patna Circle, Patna vide correspondences listed at (4) & (1). Further, as per the application for recognition, the name of establishment was changed from Wildlife Safari (Nalanda Prani Vihar) at Rajgir to Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda. Accordingly, the zoo was evaluated as per correspondence listed at (2). The application and Evaluation report for granting recognition to the Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda, Bihar was deliberated in the 98<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on November 19, 2020 and recommended for the approval of the Central Zoo Authority.

The Central Zoo Authority in its 37<sup>th</sup> meeting held on December 07, 2020, granted recognition under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to the Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda, Bihar, for a period of two years. The recognition of Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda, Bihar is as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and extant guidelines of the CZA, for the period up to December 06, 2022; and subject to the compliance of the conditions stipulated below and mid-term evaluation:

Sl.	Norm No.	Conditions stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1.	10(1.1)	The zoo should make efforts to maintain population of physically, genetically and behaviourally healthy animals	Right from the opening/ beginning of zoo.
2.	10(2.2)	The Zoo should appoint a Biologist and Education Officer before the zoo is opened to public.	Once the Zoo is opened.
3.	10(3.1)	The amended master plan of the Zoo should be prepared and submitted to CZA for its approval.	Six months
4.	10(3.5)	The rescued animals to be housed at Rescue Centre should have prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state.	With Immediate Effect
5.	10(4.3)	The Zoo should ensure completion of minor construction works such as chain-link fixtures, entry gate, finishing touches in holding rooms, door locking mechanism towards keeper gallery etc. and a report should be submitted to CZA before opening the Zoo.	Before the time of opening of the zoo.
6.	10(4.10)a & 10(11.1)a	The zoo should ensure installation of appropriately located bilingual signages containing the biological & behavioural information of respective animals.	Before the zoo is operationalized.
7.	10(4.10)c & 10(11.1)b	The Zoo should also make effort to complete the work of Interpretation Centre at the earliest.	One year.
8.	10(5.2)3	The Zoo should have appropriate storage facility for meat and feed for the animals, at least for	With Immediate Effect



		one week keeping in view the emergency situation like prevailing pandemic (COVID-19).	
9.	10 (5.2)6	The Zoo authorities should take up the random food and water samples being tested periodically for microbiological, toxicological and any other contaminants at recognized laboratory.	Six Months
10.	10 (5.3) 3	At the time of acquisition of animals, all animal arriving should be screened for parasitic loads and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases are also done, as per the prescribed schedule.	Six Months
11.	10 (5.3) 4	The Zoo should have written schedule of vaccination and de-worming of different species of wild animals proposed to be housed at zoo and the same should also be displayed at the enclosure.	With Immediate Effect
12.	10 (5.3) 5	The Zoo should maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With Immediate Effect
13.	10(5.3) )6	All staff of the zoo involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and action appropriate should be ensured.	With Immediate Effect
14.	10 (5.3)8 10 (6.4)	The Zoo should have formal linkages with some Veterinary University/ Institution through a MoU on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis and consultation in treatment and management.	One Year
15.	10 (1.9)	Prior to operationalising the zoo, it shall be ensured that all wild and domestic animals shall be driven out of the zoo campus, before releasing animals in safari.	With immediate effect
16.	10 (6.2) 1	The Zoo should have appropriate animal restraint equipment, accessories and drugs before operationalized.	With Immediate Effect
17.	10 (6.3)	The Zoo/Rescue Centre should appoint support staff (Lab Assistant & Compounder) as specified by the CZA.	As early as possible.
18.	10 (8.1)	The Zoo/Rescue Centre should not euthanize any animal unless doing so is essential for relieving from suffering from incurable disease /condition	With Immediate Effect

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		as per the norms of CZA.	
19.	10(10.1)	The zoo should have act on implementation of research plan as indicated in the Master Plan and conducted research on need-based solution-oriented research projects.	From the beginning itself.
20.	10(12.1)a&b	Additional number (1 or 2) of drinking water point and urinals can be provided alongside the exit road of the zoo safari	One year
21.	10(12.2)	The zoo should ensure availability of first-aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect.
22.	10(12.3)	The Zoo should ensure, that visitor facilities are "Divyang Jan" friendly and have easy access. Further, wheel chair should also be readily available.	Before opening of the zoo to public.


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

The recognition of Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda District, Bihar for the period beyond December 06, 2020 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoos.

The recognition of Rajgir, Zoo Safari, Nalanda, Bihar 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 competent Authority.

**Yours sincerely,**

  
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