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Subject: Grant of recognition to Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

Reference:

1. This office letter bearing Computer No. 143621 dated November 12, 2020.
2. This office letter bearing Computer No. 143621 dated October 23, 2020.
3. Letter No. 128/23-1 dated September 05, 2020 from the Director, Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.
4. This office letter F.No. 20-4/2008-CZA(M) dated January 29, 2009.

Sir,

With reference to the aforementioned subject, conditional approval was accorded for the establishment of a zoo at Ramgarh Tal Development Area in Gorakhpur City of Uttar Pradesh as per Section 38-H(1A) as per correspondence listed at (4).

The application for recognition of the said zoo, now named as Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh was received from the Director vide correspondence listed at (3). Accordingly, the zoo was evaluated as per correspondence listed at (2). The application for recognition was deliberated in the 98<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on November 19, 2020 and further recommended for the approval.

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 Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, for a period of two years. The recognition of Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh 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

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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 (2.1)	The zoo operators shall post an officer of appropriate rank as "whole time in-charge" of the zoo with powers to take decision and ensure that adequate financial resources and infrastructural support is made available to such officer for proper housing, upkeep and healthcare of the zoo animals and managing the zoo in a planned manner.	Right from the opening/ beginning of zoo.
3.	10 (2.2)	The Zoo should appoint a Biologist and Education Officer before the zoo is opened to public.	Once the Zoo is opened.
4.	10 (4.8)	In case of enclosures of endangered species constructed without the approval of the Central Zoo Authority, approval may be sought at the earliest.	With Immediate Effect
5.	10 (4.3)	In view of visitor safety, the High-Tension line passing through the entrance should be heightened and insulated.	With Immediate Effect
6.	10 (3.4)	Buffer areas between enclosure should be further vegetated to the extent that species housed adjacently are visually isolated. The vegetation along the visitor viewing side needs to be improved. The ramps to the service area, in general, are very steep. The slope should be gentler from the point of view of management.	With Immediate Effect
7.	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
8.	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.
9.	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.
10.	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.
11.	10 (5.2)3	The Zoo should have appropriate storage facility for meat and feed for the animals, at least for one week keeping in view the emergency situation like prevailing	With Immediate Effect



		pandemic (COVID-19).	
12.	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
13.	10 (5.3) 3	At the time of acquisition of animals, all animals 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. All the enclosures should be thoroughly cleaned before animals are shifted. The zoo premises and some enclosures have been used by the labours for stay during construction. Prior to opening of the zoo, thorough cleaning of the premises/enclosures for metal scraps, plastic etc. should be carried out.	Six Months
14.	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
15.	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
16.	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
17.	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
18.	10 (5.4)	During the evaluation, rodent burrows were noticed in almost all the enclosures. Intensive rodent proofing measures should be undertaken in all the enclosures. During implementation, it should be ensured that the method undertaken will not leave residue that could be lethal to the animals to be housed. Further, non-target species should not be harmed.	With Immediate Effect
19.	10 (5.10)	The zoo should consider installation of CCTV monitoring system throughout the visitor circuit and in animals enclosure for effective monitoring of visitor and animal behaviour.	As early as possible.
20.	10	The Zoo should have appropriate animal restraint	With Immediate

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	(6.2) 1	equipment, accessories and drugs before operationalized.	Effect
21.	10 (3.4)	During the evaluation it was observed that there was water stagnation in all the moats. A system has been set-up to drain the water from the moat to a sump, from where it will be pumped out to main drain. However, this was not functional during the visit. Further, it was informed by the Chief Wildlife Warden, U.P. that National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee will be commissioned to audit the drainage system prior to releasing animals in the enclosures.	With Immediate Effect
22.	10 (6.3)	The Zoo/Rescue Centre should appoint support staff (Lab Assistant & Compounder) as specified by the CZA.	As early as possible.
23.	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 as per the norms of CZA.	With Immediate Effect
24.	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.
25.	10 (5.5)	The entrance to all the enclosures/service hallways should be provisioned with a foot-bath.	With immediate effect.
26.	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.
27.	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. The visitor ramps should have gentler gradient. It should be modified to have a slope ratio of minimum 1 (height):8 (length).	Before opening of the zoo to public.

The compliance against the observations conveyed through correspondence listed at (1), shall be submitted to this office prior to operationalization of the zoo. 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 Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh 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 Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Prani Udyaan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh 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,

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