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To,
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
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Subject: Grant of recognition of Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

References:

- 1) Letter No. SPV. 169/2020 dated 21/4/2022.
- 2) This office letter bearing Computer No. 148299 dated 12/7/2021.
- 3) Application received vide letter Special Officer 1/18 dated 21/2/2022.
- 4) This office letter F.No.19-113/92-CZA(140)(Vol.I)(M)/2235 dated 20/2/2013.

Sir/Ma'am,

The application for recognition was received from the Director, Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala vide correspondence listed at (3). With reference to the aforementioned subject, the approval of the Master Plan of Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala (2013-14 to 2032-33) was accorded vide correspondence listed at (4).

The agenda pertaining to the recognition of the said zoo was deliberated in the 101st Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on 28/6/2021 and further recommended for the approval of the Central Zoo Authority. The Central Zoo Authority in its 38th meeting held on 16/11/2021, granted recognition under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala. The recognition of Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala is valid for a period of two years i.e., up to 20/5/2024 as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and extant

guidelines of the CZA; 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	During the operation of the zoo
2.	10 (1.5)	The boundary wall of the zoo should be completed.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
3.	10 (4.7)	Vegetative hedges between enclosures shall be planted to prevent aggression and stereotypes in bird enclosures.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
4.	10 (4.9)	Standoff barriers must be provisioned in all the enclosures.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
5.	10 (4.6)	The enclosures shall be provisioned with appropriate species-specific enrichment.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
6.	10 (5.5), 10 (1.7)	Drainage of rainwater/stormwater shall be ensured in all the enclosures so that there is no retention/stagnation of water in moats/enclosures. The drainage of natural streams passing through enclosures shall be treated appropriately prior to draining outside the zoo premises.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
7.	10 (4.3)	The cattle guard in the Indian Gaur enclosure shall be appropriately modified to ensure that spacing between bars should be reduced to ensure that the legs of animals do not get accidentally get trapped.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
8.	10 (2.2)	The Zoo should appoint a Biologist and Education Officer before the zoo is opened to public.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
9.	10 (3.1)	The amended master plan of the Zoo should be prepared and submitted to CZA for consideration of CZA.	Three months
10.	10 (3.5)	The rescued animals to be housed at Rescue Centre should have prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state and in case of endangered statutory requirements as per recognition of zoo rules, 2009 shall be followed.	Immediately
11.	10 (4.3), 10 (6.1-5)	The veterinary infrastructure and related ancillary infrastructure such as quarantine, restraint equipment etc. shall be completed prior to acquisition of animals.	Before the zoo is operationalized.
12.	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.
13.	10(4.10)c & 10(11.1)b	The Zoo should also make effort to complete the work of Interpretation Centre at the earliest.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo
14.	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 pandemic (COVID-19).	Immediately
15.	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.	During the operation of the zoo
16.	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	During the operation of the zoo

		animals against infectious diseases are also done, as per the prescribed schedule.	
17.	10 (5.3) 4	The Zoo should have written schedule of vaccination and deworming of different species of wild animals proposed to be housed at zoo and the same should also be displayed at the enclosure.	Immediately
18.	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.	Immediately
19.	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.	Immediately
20.	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.	During the operation of the zoo
21.	10 (6.2) 1	The Zoo should have appropriate animal restraint equipment, accessories and drugs before operationalized.	Immediately
22.	10 (6.3)	The Zoo/Rescue Centre should appoint support staff (Lab Assistant & Compounder) as specified by the CZA.	Immediately
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.	Immediately
24.	10(10.1)	The zoo should strive to implement the research plan as indicated in the Master Plan and conducted research on need-based solution-oriented research projects.	During the operation of the zoo
25.	10 (12.2)	The zoo should ensure availability of first-aid facilities including snake anti-venom and lifesaving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	Immediately
26.	10(12.3)	As mentioned, the Zoo should ensure, that facilities are "Divyang Jan" friendly and universally accessible. Further, wheelchair should also be readily available.	Prior to operationalisation of the zoo

Further, compliance to the following conditions shall be ensured and compliance reported to this office within two months of issue of this letter:

- (1) The establishment of the said zoo is taken up in a phased manner (accounting for financial availability), however, there is a need for a plan such that the distribution of the activities across phases accounts for the minimum infrastructure required for operation of a zoo. A plan for the same shall be submitted for consideration of the CZA.
- (2) Since the zoo is situated on forest land, the Zoo operator is yet to furnish necessary statutory clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980, following which permission for acquisition of animals shall be sought.
- (3) The relocation of State Museum and Zoo, Thrissur, Kerala was proposed with the intention to provide better care, housing and enhance standards of captive management. The application (dated January 12, 2021) states that the newly established Thrissur Zoological Park has created some enclosures to house animals from old zoo, however they have also stated that the remaining enclosures will be

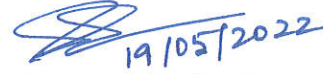
completed in six months. The compliance against the same and factual status on the completion of the infrastructure at the zoo as per approved Master Plan shall be furnished.

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 Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala for the period beyond 20/5/2024 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 Thrissur Zoological Park, Puthur, Kerala 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.

Sincerely,



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Member Secretary
Central Zoo Authority

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