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Sub.: Grant of Post-facto recognition to the Abheda Biological Park, Kota, Rajasthan under Section 38-H (1), (3) 7 (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref.:

- (i) Letter no. 1743 dt. 15.03.2022 received from DCF (WL), Kota, Rajasthan.**
(ii) This Office letter dy. Dispatch no. I/6565/2021 dated 01.12.2021.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence cited above, I am directed to inform you that the evaluation of the Abheda Biological Park, Kota, Rajasthan was carried out by Dr. Devender Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 07.02.2022. The evaluation report (copy enclosed) was deliberated by the Technical Committee, Central Zoo Authority in its 103rd meeting held on February 10, 2022. The Technical Committee recommended to the CZA to grant *post-facto* recognition under Section 38-H (1,3&4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to Abheda Biological Park, Kota, Rajasthan. Subsequently the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority approved the recommendation of the 103rd Technical Committee, CZA.

The post facto recognition granted to the Abheda Biological Park, Rajasthan to be operated as per provisions laid down under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and guidelines issued by the CZA in this regard, for a period of two years upto 25.07.2024 subject to the compliance of the suggestion/ recommendations tabular below and mid-term evaluation:

Sl.	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestion/ recommendations	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(1.4)	The height of boundary wall from inside is less towards service road behind the Cheetal enclosure an entry point to natural water source and birds enclosures an exit to the same water source through a water canal. The same shall be realigned to 2 m (as	As per feasibility.

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		area is habitat for free ranging wildlife like Leopard).	
3.	10 (1.7)	Concertina wire is used at some places (like behind the Large Carnivore complex) needs to remove or may replace with solar power fence.	Immediately.
4.	10 (2.2)	The Zoo should appoint a Biologist and Education Officer.	Immediately.
5.	10 (3.1)	The amended master plan of the Zoo incorporating the observations of the CZA communicated vide office letter dated 01.12.2021 shall be prepare and submitted to CZA for its approval.	Six months.
6.	10 (3.8)	If the zoo decides to accept any rescued animal for housing, prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state shall be obtained and a detail report regarding source from which the animal has been received, legality of the acquisition and the facility available for housing, upkeep and healthcare should be submitted. If the animal belongs to Schedule I & II (B) of the W(P)1972, a report should also be submitted to CZA as per prescribed format.	With Immediate Effect
7.	10.4(1)	The chain link fence used as barrier in animal enclosure needs to be camouflaged with vegetative buffer so as to provide naturalistic display of animals. Further, the height of the standoff barrier is more than the CZA prescribe norm of 0.90 m which can be reduced to provide more naturalistic outlook to enclosure and landscape thereof.	Immediately
8.	10.4(7)	Adequate vegetative screening should be provided in between adjacent enclosures particularly in Carnivore section.	Three months
9.	10(4.1 0)	The Zoo should make sincere effort to complete the work of Interpretation Centre at the earliest.	One year
10.	10(5.1) h	Footbath are quite deep which may be re provisioned in such a way that it should not hinder for any vehicle/ equipment to enter in night cell/ shelter.	Three months
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 pandemic Corona Virus.	With Immediate Effect
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 or breakdown of law and order or other natural calamity.	Three months
13.	10 (5.8)	At the time of acquisition of animals, all animal arriving should be screened for parasitic loads and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements. The vaccination and parasitic scheduled should be displayed in each enclosure and accordingly, shall be followed.	Six Months
14.	10 (5.8)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	The Zoo should maintain detailed records of	With Immediate

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	(5.3)5	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.	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(5.9))	All the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should also be screened against zoonotic disease at least once every year.	Immediately
18.	10 (5.3)8 10 (6.4)	The Zoo shall make effort to have linkages with some local 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
19.	10 (6.1)	The zoo has also proposed to house schedule I animal species, the construction of hospital with basic diagnostic facilities, comprehensive range of drugs, operation theatre and in-patient ward should be completed at the earliest and made functional.	Six months.
20.	10 (6.3)	The Zoo should have veterinary support staff as specified by the CZA.	Immediately
21.	10 (8.1)	The Zoo 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
22.	10(10. 1)	The zoo should prepare and implement research plan. The same also be incorporated in the Master Plan. The local students should also be encouraged to take up research activity.	From the beginning itself.
23.	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.	With immediate effect.
24.	10(12. 3)	The zoo shall procure and make readily available wheelchairs for facilitating the visit of 'Divyangjan' to zoo.	Before opening of the zoo to public.

Additionally, since the zoo has been opened to public from January 1, 2022 and acquisition of animals 1:1:0 Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), 4:6:0 Black buck (*Antelope cervicapra*), 2:2:0 Wolf (*Canis lupus*), 0:1:0, Jackal (*Canis aureus*), 1:2:0 Hyena (*Hyena hyena*), 1:3 Chinkara (*Gazella bennettii*), 8:21:0 Spotted deer (*Axis axis*), 6:4:0 Nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) and 1:1:0 Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*) from the Kota Zoo, Kota, Rajasthan (old zoo site) has already been carried out, the post facto approval for the same shall be sought from the Central Zoo Authority.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of above suggestion/ recommendation shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The recognition of Abhedha Biological Park, Kota, Rajasthan for period beyond 25.07.2024 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the suggestion/ recommendation stated above and general performance of the zoo.

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The recognition to the Abheda Biological Park, Kota may be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time, if the zoo operator is found not complying with the stipulated recommendations.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above.

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Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Rajasthan, Department of Forests and Environment, Government Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan (E-mail: env_raj@yahoo.co.in, pstrajasthan@gmail.com) [Zoo Operator of the Abheda Biological Park, Kota, Rajasthan, under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife-Kota and Officer in-charge, Abheda Biological Park, Opposite J. K. Pavilion International Stadium, Nayapura, Kota – 324 001, Rajasthan (E-mail: dcfwl.kota.forest@rajasthan.gov.in).