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To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden  
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**Subject:- Recognition of the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972- regarding.**

**Reference:**

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516 dated 05.04.2022
2. Application vide letter No. WLWC/Estt/2021-22/1620-22 dated September 13, 2021 from the Wildlife Warden, Central Division, Srinagar for recognition of Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, It is to inform that the application for the recognition of Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Shri R.K. Shukla, IFS (Retd.) was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on June 7-10, 2022.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the recognition of Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for a period of two years and, subject to compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the Zoo Operator may

be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 106<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has granted the recognition of Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for a period up to December 20, 2024 under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Central Zoo Authority.

Sl.	Norm No.	Particulars suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General Requirements</b>			
1.	10.1(7)	The Rescue Centre should carry out its operations in a manner that causes minimum stress on natural resources and produces the minimum of solid wastes and effluents. The rescue centre should also endeavour to put in place the practices of effective waste management through reducing, reusing and recycling and disposing the effluents and the solid wastes in a manner that causes least adverse environmental impact.	Within three months
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
2.	10.2(2)	The rescue centre should have adequate scientific and technical staff.	Within six months
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
3.	10.3(1)	The rescue centre should prepare and get the Master Plan approved by the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months
4.	10.3(10)	Whenever rescue centre decides to accept any rescued animal, a detailed report regarding the source from which the animal has been received, legality of its acquisition and the facilities available for housing, upkeep and healthcare should be sent to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. In case the rescued animal pertains to an endangered species the copy of the report shall also be sent to the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
5.	10.4(1)	Animals to be displayed in nature immersing enclosures	Three months
6.	10.4(2)	The design and dimensions of every enclosure shall be determined having due regard to the biological behavior of the species and as per the standards specified by the CZA.	Six months

<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
7.	10.5(1)	Rescue center should house and maintain the animals in its collection in socially and behaviourally viable groups. No animal shall be separated from the group unless doing so is necessary for the security and welfare of the animal/ other animals in the group.	Immediately
8.	10.5(2)	All the animals should be given timely supply of quality food of such a composition and in such quantities that nutritional and behavioural requirement of each animal are fully met. The Rescue center should also ensure round the clock supply of potable water to all the animals.	Immediately
9.	10.5(3)	Timing of distribution of food, placement of food and way of distribution of food to the animals shall be regulated in such a manner that the animals get maximum opportunity to express natural instincts/ skills and behaviour related to feeding.	Immediately
10.	10.5(5)	Rescue center to ensure that the left over feed, excreta of animals and all other wastes are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals. Feeding cells and kraals shall be washed and disinfected according to the advice of the authorized veterinary officers with proposer waste management techniques.	Immediately
11.	10.5(6)	The curatorial and the veterinary staff shall keep a close watch on the general behaviour and health parameters of the animals.	Immediately
12.	10.5(7)	Any animal that shows any sign of dullness, loss of appetite, injury or abnormal behaviour shall be thoroughly assessed and provided medical attention promptly in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority and the direction of the Zoo administration.	Immediately
13.	10.5(8)	Animals should be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the rescue center in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements. Vaccination of animals against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by	Regularly

		the Veterinary Officer.	
14.	10.5(9)	All the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year	Within a year
15.	10.5(10)	Rescue centre 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 guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority.	Within three months
<b>6. Veterinary and Infrastructure facilities</b>			
16.	10.6(1)	RRC has a well-equipped Veterinary Health Care Centre which has a full scope of further improvement and adding in house veterinary facilities.	Six months
17.	10.6(1)	The operation theater needs to be augmented with advanced equipment like hydraulic surgical table, pulse oximeter, inhalation anesthesia machine, oxygen support, ECG and radiology unit (USG & X ray).	Six months
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
18.	10.7(1)	Every animal that dies should be subjected to a detailed postmortem examination by registered veterinarian(s) to determine conclusively the cause of the death.	Immediately
19.	10.7(2)	The findings of such examination shall be recorded in such format as may be prescribed by Central Zoo Authority and maintained for a period of at least six years.	Immediately
20.	10.7(3)	In the event of the post-mortem being inconclusive and no specific reason for death being identified, the zoo authorities shall send the samples of the tissues/ organs, blood, viscera etc. for further examination to the qualified diagnostic laboratory having adequate specialization for further investigation and identifying the cause of death.	Immediately
21.	10.7(4)	Rescue centre should ensure that the carcasses of the animals after the post-mortem has been conducted, is disposed off by burying or burning in a manner that does not have any adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness	Immediately

		of the center	
<b>Rule 11 Maintenance of Records and Submission of Inventory</b>			
22.	11	Rescue center should maintain an inventory register for all the animals in stock. Separate set of pages should be assigned to different animal species. Any change in number of acquisition, birth, death or disposal should immediately be made in the inventory register. Annual and quarterly inventory reports of the animals in the rescue center as prescribed should be submitted to the CZA in the prescribed format.	Three months
<b>Other Observations</b>			
23.		Meat, fruits, vegetables, cereals, honey supplied by the vendors should be stored during the harsh weather of the place.	Immediately
24.		With high occurrence of Man animal conflict with a frequency of average 3-4 encounters per week a proposal for expansion of the facility may be submitted.	Six months
25.		The laboratory needs to be augmented more with more advanced equipment for which adequate funding is highly recommended	Six months
26.		Considering the frequent occurrence of conflict cases, the rescue teams need more strengthening with specialized rescue vehicle, cages, support equipment, in order to mitigate the situation and improve the response time	Six months

A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter. Further, half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of the aforesaid conditions should also be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The recognition of Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the period beyond December 20, 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 Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre-Dachigam, Srinagar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir 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,**

**Encl: as above**

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MEMBER SECRETARY**

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

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2. The Wildlife Warden, Central Division, Srinagar, New Theed, Harwan, Dachigam- 191123, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Email: wlwc786@gmail.com)
3. The DPA, O/o CZA, (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in) - to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.