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To,

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Subject:- Recognition of Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir under Section 38-H (1,3,4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972- regarding.

Reference:

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 150316 dated 05.04.2023.
2. Application vide e-mail dated Jul 22, 2020 and July 7, 2021, from Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence cited above, it is to inform that the application for the recognition of Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir as received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Dr. Devender Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on April, 6th & 7th, 2023 by Dr. Devender Kumar.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 107th meeting of the Technical Committee of Central Zoo Authority held on April 19th, 2023. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the recognition of Jambu Zoo, Jammu, 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 107th Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority

has granted the recognition of Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir for a period up to May 15, 2025 under Section 38-H (1,3,4) 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.

S.No.	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1.	10.1(1)	The zoo shall make effort to maintain a population of physically, genetically, and behaviourally healthy animals right from the beginning of the zoo.	Right from the beginning of the zoo.
2.	10.1(4)	The small remaining portion of approximately 100 mtrs of the boundary chain-link fence which is being repaired, shall be completed.	As stated within four to five days and compliance with photographic proof shall be submitted to CZA.
3.	10.1(5)	The zoo is surrounded by human habitation (towards Veterinary Hospital and Leopard cat enclosure). The chain-link fence should be replaced by brick/ stone wall.	One year.
4.	10.1(9)	Lot of domestic animals were seen during the evaluation. The repair of remaining portion of the chain-link fence should be completed at the earliest.	As stated within in four to five days.
5.	10.2(2)	As stated, the post of Biologist shall be filled before opening the zoo.	Immediately.
6.	10.3(1)	The amended Master Plan incorporating the compliance to the CZA's observations should be submitted to the CZA for approval and approval shall be obtained.	Six months.
7.	10.3(3), 10.4(1 & 7)	The chain-link fence between the adjacent enclosures and towards the public viewing area should be masked with vegetative cover.	Six months.
8.	10.4(2)	The design for Marsh crocodile and Gharial enclosure to be amended as per CZA OM dated 22/12/2020. Further, the chain link fence should be masked with vegetation (creepers) and the viewing area shall be restricted to 20% of the total area.	Six months.
9.	10.4(10) & 10.11(1)	The signages should be appropriately placed and compliance should be submitted to CZA.	Before the opening of the zoo and compliance with photographic proof shall be submitted to CZA.
10.	10.5(2.6)	Food and water samples are being tested periodically for microbiological, toxicological and any other contaminants at recognized laboratory and the records should be maintained.	Every three months.

11.	10.5(3.3)	Every zoo animal screened for parasitic loads as per the written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases are also done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	As per schedule.
12.	10.5(3.4)	The zoo shall have written schedule of vaccination and de-worming of different species of the zoo animals and displayed at the enclosure site.	Immediately.
13.	10.5(3.6)	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease are provided appropriate treatment till, they get cured and become free of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees are kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	Six months.
14.	10.3(5) & 10.6(1)	The veterinary hospital is there, however, an isolation and quarantine facilities need to be constructed.	One year
15.	10.7(1)	A modern post-mortem room, equipped with sufficient light and equipment shall be constructed.	As stated under construction, the construction shall be completed before opening the zoo and compliance shall be submitted to CZA.
16.	10.12(1)	As stated, 10 numbers wheelchair shall be procured before opening of the zoo.	One month.
Other general observation			
17.		The zoo shall submit a compliance report on the completion of remaining small works in the zoo to the CZA and ensure that no construction material is lying in the animal enclosure which may harm/injure the animal.	Before the operationalization of the zoo.
18.		The location of Bengal Tiger and Asiatic Lion needs to be interchanged. This will enable Bengal Tiger to be housed in an enclosure with natural water feature.	Before the operationalization of the zoo.
19		It shall be ensured that optimal distance between existing vegetation and enclosure fencing on both sides so as to ensure proper containment of the captive animals.	Before the operationalization of the zoo.

A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation and observation communicated vide letter dated 17.04.2023 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 Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir for the period beyond May 15, 2025 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 Jambu Zoo, Jammu, 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.


(Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla)
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, R. No. 2/7, 2nd, Floor Main Building, Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001 / R. No. 307, 3rd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar - 190001 (E-mail: cs-jandk@nic.in) [Zoo Operator of the Jambu Zoo, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Additional Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo, Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government, Office of the Wildlife Warden, Jambu Zoo, Manda Hills, Near Hotel Ashok Jammu (E-mail: wlwjammu@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.