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Dated 11/07/2022

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forest and Wildlife,
Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014,
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Subject: Order on appeal filed by the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala, under Sub-section (7) and (8) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, against cancellation of recognition – regarding

Reference: Appeal No.A1-1800/15 dated January 11, 2022 from Shri Suresh Babu. I.S., Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to forward a copy of the Order dated June 22, 2022, issued by the Secretary to the Government of India (Environment, Forest and Climate Change), on the subject cited above. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

2. In the said Order, the Central Government has upheld the Central Zoo Authority's Order No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(E) dated 13th December, 2021, with a direction to transfer two rescued tigers in Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, to a recognized zoo / rescue centre in the State having appropriate facility in the off-display area for housing upkeep and healthcare of the rescued animals. The said transfer of animals shall be carried out following the prescribed protocol and the zoo should be physically closed to visitors under intimation to this Office.

3. Further, regarding establishment and operation of the animal hospice in Wayanad, as you are aware, any establishment meant for long-term care of animals specified in the Schedules of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, for period beyond 30 days of their admission is covered under definition of 'Rescue Centre' and requires prior approval for establishment under Section 38-H(1-A) of the Act and recognition for operation under Sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H of the Act.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to take up appropriate action as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, expeditiously and apprise compliance to this office.

This is for your information and appropriate action.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Akanksha Mahajan)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Room No. 403, 4th Floor, Annex – I, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 001, E-mail: prlsecy.forest@kerala.gov.in

[Zoo Operator of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]

2. The Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division and Officer in-charge, Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Forestry Complex, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Vattiyookavu P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013, Kerala, E-mail: ww-tvm.for@kerala.gov.in

3. DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload Order on official website of the CZA.

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ORDER

Subject: Cancellation of recognition of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala under Section 38-H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Reference:

1. Reply to notice at (3) vide letter WL3-37426 from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala dated 8/10/2021.
2. Reply to notice at (3) vide letter A1-2084/2021 from the Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram dated 12/8/2021.
3. This office Notice I/5243/2021 bearing computer no: 161753 dated 30/7/2021.
4. This office Notice I/4584/2021 bearing computer no: 147043 dated 3/6/2021, under Section 55(aa) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
5. This office letter I/3277/2020 bearing computer no: 147043 dated 31/12/2020.

(1) Whereas, the recognition of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala under Section 38H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 was valid up to 19/8/2021 communicated vide letter dated 31/12/2020 referenced at (5) subject to the compliance with the conditions specified therein under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

(2) And whereas, the CZA Secretariat vide letter dated 3/6/2021 referenced at (4), issued notice under section 55 (aa) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in matters relating to violation of the provisions of the Chapter IV-A and Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

(3) And whereas, the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its 101st meeting held on June 28, 2021 noted that Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala does not have any captive animal on display to visitors and non-compliance with Rule 6, 10 and 11 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 read with Section 4 and 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Subsequently, the committee members recommended to serve a notice to the Zoo Operator.

(4) And whereas, the CZA Secretariat vide letter dated 30/7/2021 referenced at (3), issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala under the provisions of Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and provided an opportunity of hearing to the Operator of the Zoo under Section 38-H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(5) And whereas, Dr. Shiju S.V, Asst. Forest Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottoor, Kerala availed the opportunity of hearing provided as per provisions laid down under Section 38H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The hearing was conducted virtually by the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on August 13, 2021 from 3:12 PM - 3:27 PM.

(6) And whereas, during the hearing representative of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala agreed to the remarks by the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority that:

- a. the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar is operating against the National Zoo Policy, 1998.
- b. the state government should attempt to acquire additional/new land as per CZA guidelines.
- c. conclusively, given that the facility is not in accordance with the CZA prescribed guidelines, in the present circumstance the operation of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala cannot be permitted.

Norm under RZR, 2009	Violations of RZR, 2009	Compliance/ Submission hearing	Remarks of CZA during Secretariat
Rule 11, 7 (1.1), 7 (1.3)	1. Whereas the death of a male Asiatic Lion and male Bengal Tiger came to notice of this office through a news article. Subsequently, this office vide letter dated May 19, 2021, sought factual report along with copy of post-mortem report, Animal History Card, Treatment Card and report on	<u>Submission by the Assistant Forest Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottur during hearing:</u> None <u>Reply submitted vide (1) & (2):</u>	1. The PM report and other documents pertaining to male Asiatic Lion was submitted on July 23, 2021 i.e. after two months. The cause of death based on gross PM examination is inconclusive. No report on further investigation to

histo-pathological examination of samples collected, for perusal of this Office. However, reply to this has not been received at this office as on June 28, 2021, the date on which the Technical Committee took cognizance of the non-compliance by the zoo.

1. The post-mortem of the deceased male lion Nagaraj brought from Sakkerbag Zoo, Janagarh, Gujarath was on 13.05.2021 by the expert committee constituted by Chief Wildlife Warden on the same day. A comprehensive report along with the Animal History Card and Treatment card was sent to the Conservator of Forests (ABP) on 25.05.2021.
2. The solo lioness Bindu aged 20 years had developed heath related ailments and succumbed to death on 02.06.2021. Immediately on knowing this, a Whats App message was sent to Dr. Devendar Kumar, Evaluation &Monitoring officer, Central Zoo Authority in the light of the existing lock down on that day itself. Post-mortem report of the female lion is not finalized yet for want of histopathological

identify the cause of death has been submitted. The treatment card submitted is incomplete.

2. Neither the mortality report nor the PM Report pertaining to the female Asiatic Lion has been received at this office as on date. The information communicated informally is not acceptable. Further, it is not understood why the mortality report could not be formally communicated over email to this office as it is apparent that internet services were functional.

report from State
Institute of Animal
Disease, Palode,
Thiruvananthapur
am.

Rule 11	<p>2. And whereas, all zoos recognised under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 are required to e-mail the report to this office within 24 hours, as and when there occurs death of animal listed in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule II of the Act, in compliance with the Circular No.25-1/2002-CZA(VolII)(Part) dated January 29, 2021.</p>	<p><u>Submission by the Assistant Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottur during hearing:</u> None <u>Reply submitted vide (1) & (2):</u> In view of the strict restrictions to contains the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, timely Whats App messages could only be sent to Dr. Devender Kumar, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority, Delhi immediately after deaths.</p>	<p>The information communicated informally is not acceptable as the same is not available on records of this office. Further, it is not understood why the mortality reports could not formally communicated over email to this office as it is apparent that internet services were functional.</p>
	<p>3. And whereas, this Office vide notice issued bearing computer number 147043 dated June 3, 2021 asking detailed response from Lion Safari Park, Neyyar under section 55(aa) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.</p>	<p><u>Submission by the Assistant Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottur during hearing:</u> None</p>	<p>The reply has not been received at this office till date and three months have elapsed since the issue of the notice. In this context it is pertinent to mention that the zoo authorities have continually ignored various Show Cause Notices and Reminders</p>
	<p>4. And whereas, no</p>	<p><u>Reply submitted vide (1)</u></p>	<p>issued by this office</p>

	<p>reply for the above & (2): was received at this office within the stipulated time for the notice issued on June 3, 2021.</p>	<p>Detailed reply on the developments on the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar was</p>	<p>indicative of gross negligence towards scientific management of the said zoo.</p>
		<p>submitted to Conservator of Forests (ABP Circle) for onward submission on 14.06.2021 and again on 18.06.2021.</p>	
<p>Rule 10 (3.8)</p>	<p>5. (a) In the annual inventory of animals for the year 2019-20, the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar reported housing two Asiatic Lions (Panthera leo) [1 male : 1 female]. Media reports indicate the death of both these animals. Two Bengal tigers (Panthera tigris) reportedly housed in the zoo do not have approval under Section 38-I of the Wild Life Protection) Act, 1972. Also the same was not reported in the inventory in violation of Rule 11 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.</p>	<p><u>Submission by the</u> <u>Assistant Forest</u> <u>Veterinary Officer,</u> <u>Thiruvananthapuram,</u> <u>Elephant Rehabilitation</u> <u>Centre, Kottur during</u> <u>hearing:</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Reply submitted vide (1)</u> <u>& (2):</u></p> <p>Two tigresses captured on transgressing to human habitations in Wayanad were brought to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar on 17.01.2019 and 29.10.2019 and presently lodged in two cages. They were brought to Neyyar for observation, quarantine and treatment and would be translocated to the newly built animal hospice in Wayanad.</p>	<p>The zoo has failed to intimate the acceptance of the said animals to this office as per Rule 10 (3.8) till date. Further, no permission for the acquisition of the said animals under Section 38-I for long term care has been obtained by the Central Zoo Authority.</p> <p>Further, the said animals have not been reported in the Inventory reports submitted to this office.</p> <p>The care of the animals, in practice, could have proceeded following fulfilment of necessary legal provisions.</p>

Rule 10 (3.1) 5. (b) The Lion Safari Park, Neyyar does not have a Master Plan required as per Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Submission by the Assistant Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottur during hearing:

The CZA has pursued the matter for submission of the plan since 2011. Till date, 7 area of the zoo, it was reminded and 2 show informed that acquiring cause notices have additional land for been issued to the zoo expanding the zoo area authorities for is difficult and hence submission of the plan increasing the area is which has been not possible. And that grossly ignored. the zoo authorities are exploring for the acquisition of the land.

Reply submitted vide (1) & (2):

After much follow up, the Master Plan was submitted by the said zoo for consideration of the CZA on July 30, 2018. The Master Plans reliably Observations of the learnt to be submitted to CZA Secretariat on the Central Zoo Authority Master Plan was from office of Chief communicated vide Wildlife Warden during F.No. 19-186/93-August, 2020. CZA(136)(PKR)/136/2 019 dated January 22, 2019.

Compliance and revised Master Plan was submitted vide A1 – 2022/2019 dated June 9, 2020. On perusal of the compliance the following was observed:

a. The Master plan

is not prepared as per guidelines prescribed by the CZA in this regard.

b. The existing collection indicated in the plan, proposed collection plan does not correlate with the annual inventory reports submitted by the zoo to the CZA.

c. The observation pertaining to increasing the area of the safari is still pending and has not been complied. Currently, the area of the safari is 4ha which is gross deviation from the prescribed guidelines (around 20% of the prescribed area for carnivore safari).

Rule 11	5. (c) The Lion Safari Park, Neyyar has not submitted Quarterly Inventory, Annual Inventory and Annual Report for	Submission by the <u>Assistant Veterinary Officer, Thiruvananthapuram, Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottur</u> during <u>hearing:</u> The Annual Inventory for the year 2020-21 is being transitioned to an online system and the delay in submission is acceptable.
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the financial year
2020-21 as
mandated in Rule
11 under
Recognition of Zoo
Rules, 2009.

None.

Reply submitted vide (1)
& (2):

However, Annual
report of the said zoo
has still not been
received till date
(more than two
months have elapsed
since the stipulated
time).

There was a delay in the
online submission of the
annual inventory owing
to innate complexities of
the newly introduced
system and also

due to the strict COVID-
19 restrictions in the
state. This office is
making earnest efforts
to expedite online
submission of the
details.

Furthermore, on
perusal of the records
it was observed that
Lion Safari Park,
Neyyar, Kerala has
consistently delayed
submission/not
submitted statutory
reports prescribed in
the Recognition of Zoo
Rules, 2009.

(7) And whereas, the Central Zoo Authority has issued several Show cause notices and reminders to the Zoo Operator of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala in the past as follows:

1. As a result of non-compliance to conditions stipulated during the first evaluation, a Show Cause was served to the Zoo Operator under sub-section 5 of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (based on a second evaluation of the zoo). The same was communicated vide F.No.19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) dated August 16, 2002.
2. The said zoo failed to submit annual inventory of animals and summary of death reports of animals for the financial year 2005-06 and a reminder was issued. The same was communicated vide F.No.19-186/93-CZA(136) (M) dated May 4, 2006.
3. The zoo has failed to submit the Master Plan within the stipulated time and reminder for the same (as a follow-up of the facilitation workshop held in Thiruvananthapuram on January 16, 2009) was issued vide F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) dated February 9, 2009 and repeated reminders vide F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(135)(M) dated June 16, 2009, F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) dated July 5, 2010, F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) dated October 29, 2010, F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) dated November 1, 2010 and Show Cause under sub-section 5 & 6 of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 communicated vide F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M)

dated March 3, 2011 and F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(S)/2147/2016 dated July 28, 2016.

4. The said zoo has repeatedly failed to file application for recognition for continuation of the operation in time and this has office has issued various reminders in this regard [F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(NS)/770 dated September 4, 2015, F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(PKR)/4941/2018 dated December 12, 2018]. The application for renewal of recognition for the period beyond August 19, 2021 was also received (on August 3, 2021) following a reminder communicated vide letter I/4671/2021 dated June 12, 2021.
5. Taking cognizance of the non-compliance to the conditions stipulated by the CZA for operating the said zoo, a show cause was served under sub-section 6 under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The same was communicated vide letter F.No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(NS)/4936/2018 dated December 12, 2018. Till date, no reply has been received.

(8) And whereas, Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala has failed to ensure timely submission of both annual and quarterly inventory of animals and annual report, not complying to Rule 11 under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. as evident from the table below:

Statutory Reporting	FY	Date of Submission
Annual Report	2019 - 20	November 2, 2020
Annual Report	2017 - 18	July 13, 2018
Annual Report	2016 - 17	November 21, 2017
Annual Inventory	2019 - 20	July 2, 2020
Quarterly Inventory (July - September)	2019 - 20	November 25, 2019
Quarterly Inventory (January - March)	2018 - 19	April 8, 2019
Quarterly Inventory (April - June)	2018 - 19	July 19, 2018
Quarterly Inventory (July - September)	2018 - 19	October 12, 2018
Quarterly Inventory (October - December)	2018 - 19	January 28, 2019

(9) And whereas, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 38th meeting held on November 16, 2021, took cognizance of the recommendations of the 101st Technical Committee meeting, repeated non-compliance to Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and after due deliberation on the proceedings of the opportunity of hearing provided to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala approved the cancellation of recognition of the said zoo under section 38 H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(10) Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala is hereby cancelled as per provisions laid down in the section 38H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, with a provision to file an appeal before the Central Government as per provisions laid down in Sub-section (7) and (8) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Sincerely,



(Sonali Ghosh)

Dy Inspector General Of Forest

To,

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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – regarding

Reference:

1. This Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25th August 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2038/2020 dated 6th January 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-186/93-CZA(136)(PKR)/4940/2018 dated 11th December, 2018
4. E-mail dated 5th February 2020 from the Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar, Kerala under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till 27th September 2019. Shri Praveen Chandra Tyagi, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer/s deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on 29th January 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th Meeting held on 30th July 2020. The Technical Committee, after detailed deliberation, made its recommendation to the Central Zoo Authority.

3. This office issued Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25th August 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37th Meeting held on 7th December 2020, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, approved recommendation of the Technical Committee.

4. The Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after 27th September 2019 and renewed recognition of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar as a Mini Zoo for a period up to **19th August 2021** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
1. General requirements:			
1	10.1(1)	The Crocodile in the Crocodile Rehabilitation Centre, and Deer in the Deer Rehabilitation Centre are to be observed and screened for ensuring that the animals are physically, genetically, and behaviourally healthy animals. The Zoo should maintain information from stud book regarding the genetic lineage and relatedness of Lions in Lion safari so that the population remains physically, genetically, and behaviourally healthy and infusion of new blood through breeding exchange program should be initiated.	Three months
2	10.1(2)	The naturalistic environment in the Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre should be maintained by landscaping and greening the area that has a series of concrete enclosure for Crocodiles.	Six months
3	10.1(3)	In the Lion Safari Park and the Agasthya Nature Study Centre the movement is regulated, however in the Crocodile Rehabilitation Centre and Deer centre the gate is in front of visitor viewing area and used as service gate unduly disturbing animals and visitor movement. Separate viewing path is to be delineated.	Six months
4	10.1(7)	Waste management should be properly organised at four facility far and secluded from enclosure and away from visitor paths. The waste dumping pits, yards and tanks for storing bones are to be separately constructed.	Immediately
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
5	10.2(2)	The Zoo is managed by the Wildlife Warden, Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary who visits Zoo twice a month and there is no whole time in-charge of the zoo with powers to take decision. There should be whole time Officer in-charge for the Zoo with such large animal collection for continuous monitoring.	Six months
3. Development and Planning:			
6	10.3(1)	The Master plan is to be prepared and CZA's queries must be attended urgently. The Safari Park and other facilities is part of the Wildlife Sanctuary therefore as per the extant provisions, clearance is required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	Two months
7	10.3(6)	The Animal Collection Plan prepared and incorporated in Master plan is to be reviewed and animal stock required for display is to be decided with due regard to the climatic conditions of the locality for the general health of the species, availability of space and infrastructural support for proper upkeep and healthcare of the species, in accordance with CZA.	Two months

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
8	10.3(7) & 10.3(8)	The Zoo has accepted a rescued Tiger without having any Rescue and Quarantine facility and adequate enclosure for housing the animal. This must be sent to a rescue facility after approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
9	10.4(1)	The animals in Crocodile Rehabilitation Centre are not in naturalistic nature immersing enclosure and the crocodiles needs additional space and enrichment. The holding area for Lion Safari, the retiring and feeding cell are to be enriched. Enrichment to be provided in Deer Centre.	Immediately
10	10.4(2)	The area of the Lion Safari is to be expanded from 5 Hectare to 20 Hectare to meet the minimum area prescribed for Lion Safari.	One year
11	10.4(2)	The feeding platform located in front of the viewing area in the Deer Rehabilitation Centre is too close to viewers and exceptionally large and on one side Animal Keepers' equipment and store material are stocked. The feeding platform should be shifted to a safe distance from visitors.	Immediately
12	10.4(2)	The Mugger enclosure in the Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre are small and not as per the Guidelines. They should be modified by merging of enclosures.	Immediately
13	10.4(6)	The Mugger enclosure in the Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre are small and not enriched and no withdrawal area is provided for free movement and expressing their natural instincts. The species-specific enrichment is to be provided.	Immediately
14	10.4(9)	The Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre has several Mugger Crocodile enclosures without stand-off barrier. Also, the Deer enclosure does not have stand-off barrier. Stand-off barrier of the size prescribed by the CZA should be provided.	Immediately
15	10.4(10)	Appropriate signage should be provided with relevant information on the biology, behaviour, and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure. The information board and directional signage are to be reviewed and modified to ensure appropriate information and additional board are required	Immediately
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
16	10.5(4)	The secondary holding areas for safe movement of animals from primary enclosures for cleaning/ feeding/ medical procedures in Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre is required for safety of Animal Keeper.	Six months

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
17	10.5(9)	The staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease are provided appropriate treatment.	Immediately
18	10.5(10)	The records of animals should be maintained as per format prescribed by the CZA which includes Keeper's Diary, Daily Report, Animal History Card, Treatment Card, and inventory of animals showing mortality, births and disposal.	Immediately
19	10.5(10)	The Keeper's Diary and Daily Report are not in the format prescribed by CZA and little information is now recorded in a register with running note on animal observation.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
20	10.6(1)	The Quarantine facility of appropriate size to house animals should be constructed urgently.	Nine months
21	10.6(3)	Adequate animal restraint equipment to meet unforeseen emergencies for tranquilising, capture and transport of animals is required urgently. The available equipment is to be maintained and made functional.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
22	10.9(4)	Single Saltwater crocodile should be paired and kept in social group.	Immediately
23	10.9(9)	The population of Deer in the Deer rehabilitation centre must be limited by control measures like segregation of sexes and reproductive control.	Three months
24	10.9(12)	The Lion Safari has a pair of pure Asiatic Lions (1:1) brought from the Sakkarbaug Zoo Junagadh and one female hybrid lion. These Lions should not be mixed, and the Hybrid Lion should be kept separately or even transferred to another Zoo.	Immediately
11. Education and outreach activities:			
25	10.11(1)	The Zoo has not conducted regular Zoo Education program except program during Wildlife Week and special days, no pamphlet, brochure, and education resource material is available. Such resource material should be prepared and website should be created.	Immediately
26	10.11(1)	The Zoo should submit Quarterly inventory and Annual Report within the period prescribed.	Immediately
12. Visitors' facilities:			
27	10.12(2)	The Zoo should keep First aid kit and anti-snake venom serum and lifesaving drugs in the Zoo campus.	Immediately
28	10.12(3)	Facility to be provided to physically disabled visitors including ramps to facilitate movement on wheelchair and appropriate shelters.	Immediately

5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

6. The renewal of recognition of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar for period beyond 19th August 2021 as a Mini Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and

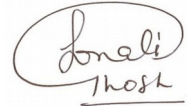
general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar 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 approval of the competent authority.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Sonali Ghosh)

Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Room No. 403, 4th Floor, Annex – I, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 001, E-mail: prlsecy.forest@kerala.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Wildlife Warden, Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division and Officer in-charge, Lion Safari Park-Neyyar, Forestry Complex, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Vattiyoorkavu P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013, Kerala, E-mail: ww-tvm.for@kerala.gov.in
3. The DPA, CZA – to update database and to upload on website.

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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(PKR)/4940/2018

By Post/ E-mail
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To,

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Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for period beyond 05.05.2018 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

1. This office letter F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(NS)/875/2016, dated 09.06.2016.
2. This office letter F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)/3875/2018, dated 08.06.2018.

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 17.07.2018. The evaluation report of the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala considered by the Technical Committee in its 86th Meeting held on 28.09.2018. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee decided for renewal of recognition of the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for a period of one year. A copy of the evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officer is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala as a "Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 27.09.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 and mid-term evaluation, and to regularise the period after 05.05.2018:-

Sr. No.	RZR , 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
1. General requirements			
1	10.1(3)	I. The Lion Safari, Neyyar dam is running three different facilities at far away places i.e. Lion Safari Park, Crocodile Rehabilitation Centre, Agasthaya Nature Study Centre, and Deer Rehabilitation centre where Spotted deer are housed and there is no co-ordination between three facilities, since they are located on	Immediately.

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Sr. No.	RZR , 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
		<p>distance.</p> <p>II. Visitors' movement is not regulated at Lion Safari park where the Muggers are housed. It should be ensured that visitors' path should not exceed 25% of the periphery of the enclosure. This is to ensure adequate withdrawal area to the animal.</p> <p>III. At present the parking of vehicle is inside the Agasthaya Nature Study Centre. The same should be stopped and vehicle should be parked outside.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
2	10.1(6)	The Guest House next to Muggers enclosure is used for the students camping overnight, and as a guest house, which is not permitted, unless it has independent entry and exit.	With immediate effect.
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
3	10.2(1)	<p>I. The Zoo Operator has not deputed whole time Officer In-charge for the zoo. It is informed during evaluation that the Officer in-charge of the Zoo visits the zoo twice in a month. Zoo with such large animal collection with minimal infrastructure demands continuous monitoring and surveillance. The whole time in-charge should be deputed by the Operator of the Zoo.</p> <p>II. Though the State Government has named the facility as Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre, but no records of animals is being maintained in scientific manner, neither the State Government has appointed a biologist or any other scientific staff. The Zoo should have full time officer in-charge, a veterinary officer and biologist cum education officer.</p>	<p>Immediately.</p> <p>Six months</p>
3. Development and Planning			
4	10.3(8)	The Safari Park Operator has not reported the acquisition of Leopard and Python. Further, approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden and the Central Zoo Authority has also not been obtained. Such illegal acquisition should be stopped forthwith and a report on acquisition of animals should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority. Also, the Zoo Operator should submit factual inventory of captive animals.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	10.4(2)	<p>I. The total area of the Lion Safari is only 5 hectares, however as per the norms prescribed by the CZA, the minimum area for the Safari Park should be 20 hectares. There is no scope for expansion of Lion Safari at the present site.</p> <p>II. The Safari Park should maintain the Rain Water accumulating in the moat of enclosure for Jackal</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>

Sr. No.	RZR , 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
		<p>due to lack of drainage. It should be stopped immediately.</p> <p>III. The Mugger at the Safari Park should be housed in the enclosures, which meets the minimum prescribed area by the CZA.</p> <p>IV. The Safari Park Operator has been housing one single Leopard in feeding and retiring cell. The same should be with the enclosures of the size as prescribed by the CZA, after obtaining the approval of the master (layout) plan and drawing of the enclosure from CZA, else should be shifted to a recognized zoo in the state.</p> <p>V. The Deer Rehabilitation Centre should be provided double gate entry for the safety of keepers and animals.</p> <p>VI. The vehicle coming with animal feed should not be allowed to enter inside the animal enclosure area for off load the feed. The service gate should be shifted away from the visitors viewing area.</p> <p>VII. The feeding platform presently located in front of the animal viewing area should be kept away from visitors approach.</p>	<p>Three months</p> <p>Three months</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
6	10.4(3)	The Safari Park should separate visitors' path and service path. Service entry into animal enclosure should not be accessible to visitors.	Immediately
7	10.4(6)	Enrichment of animal enclosures is inadequate. The same should be provided. Particularly, a raised platform should be provided in the retiring cell for Leopard.	Three months
8	10.4(9)	Stand-off barrier in the enclosure for muggers housed near the office of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam is missing. It should be provided with stand off barrier of the size as prescribed by the CZA.	Immediately
9	10.4(10)	At Agasthaya Nature Study Centre, the Safari Park operator has been keeping 1:15 mugger in captivity, however, no signage at animal enclosure has been shown. Signage with biological information of the species should be provided immediately.	Immediately
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
10	10.5(2)	<p>I. The Crocodiles housed at the Park are fed daily. This practice should be discontinued.</p> <p>II. The water used for the Muggers from Neyyar Dam is never being tested for its purity. The water should be tested immediately and report should be submitted to the CZA.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
11	10.5(6)	The daily wagers are allowed to clean the Mugger enclosure at the Safari Park. The same should be	Immediately.

Sr. No.	RZR , 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
		stopped.	
12	10.5(9)	No staff screening for zoonotic diseases has been done. It should be done with immediate effect.	Immediately.
13	10.5(10)	Not maintained records of animals in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority. The Animal History Card is maintained only for carnivores. It should be extended to all animals in the zoo. The Daily Report should be maintained in format prescribed by the CZA.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
14	10.6(3)	I. The Safari Park should have adequate animal restraint equipment to meet emergency. It should be ensured that adequate restraining and tranquilising and transport equipment are in operational condition. II. The area meant for isolation and quarantine has been used for dumping waste. The same should be used exclusively for the purpose it was established.	Immediately. Immediately.
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
15	10.7(1)	At the Safari Park the animal records do not match with the animals available with the Safari Park. There have been more than 20 deaths of Mugger as per the inventory stock register at the zoo, however their post mortem reports were not available for any of these death of Muggers during the 2015, 2017 and 2018. No records are available with the department in the format as prescribed by the CZA. The same should be maintained.	With immediate effect.
16	10.7(2)	As per the records available, there has been death of Mugger on 26.07.2017, however, the post mortem report was not available. The same should be maintained.	With immediate effect.
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
17	10.9(4)	The safari is housing hybrid lions 0:2. They should pair the animals and should phase out the hybrid stock of animals.	Six months
18	10.9(8)	None of the Lions housed at the Safari Park are marked, not even Muggers housed at the facility are marked so far. All the animals housed with the Lion Safari, should be marked.	Immediately
12. Visitors' facilities			
19	10.12(1)	There is no drinking water point for visitors at the park. The same should be provided at an appropriate place.	Immediately.
20	10.12(2)	There is no First aid kit and snake anti-venom serum and life saving drugs on the zoo campus. The same should be provided.	Immediately
21	10.12(3)	The Safari Park should have visitors' path to facilitate physically disabled visitors to visit animal enclosures. The visitors' path should be modified and the zoo should provide appropriate ramps to facilitate wheel chair bound visitors to visit the zoo.	Six months

Sr. No.	RZR , 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
Rule 11. Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory			
22	11(1)	The Zoo Operator not submitted Quarterly Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority. It should be submitted promptly within 15 days from end of the quarter.	Immediately
Others:-			
23		The present area of the Safari Park is part of Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary (128 sq km), therefore should obtain the prior approval from FC Division of MoEF&CC under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	With immediate effect.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for period beyond 27.09.2019 as a "Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari at Neyyar Dam (Neyyar Mini Zoo), Thiruvananthapuram, 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.

Yours sincerely

Encl. As above

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(Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak) 11/12/19
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(NS) / 875/2016

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To

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Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2015-Reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. A1-1800/2015, dated 26.10.2015 received in this office on 29.10.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala for period beyond 31.01.2015.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Kerala was carried out by Dr. M. Navin Kumar on 19.11.2015. The evaluation report of the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala as a "Mini category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
1	4.2	Newly constructed paths should have same gradient.	With immediate effect
2	4.3	The animal houses of lions should have chain link mesh and roof top to be replaced with concrete slab.	With immediate effect
3	4.10	Signage should be in English and local language.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
4	5.3	Prophylactic vaccination and medicines as prescribed by local veterinarian	With immediate effect

		should be carried out on regular basis as per the schedule.	
5	5.10	All records of the zoo should be maintained as per CZA prescribed formats	With immediate effect
12. Visitor Facilities			
6	12.1 & 3	Arrangements should be made for free movement of person in wheel chair for viewing wild animals at various enclosures and access civic facilities.	With immediate effect
Other Observations			
7		Roads should be widened in Safari for Safari vehicles for free negotiations at curves.	With immediate effect
8		The hybrid lions displayed in the Lion Safari Park are all aged and unfit for the Safari. The physically unfit lions should be not displayed.	With immediate effect

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid condition should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala beyond the period of 5th May, 2018 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Lion Safari Park, Neyyar Dam, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. DPA, CZA.



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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M) / 4198

DATE: 20.01.2014

To
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Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, Vattiyoorkavu P.O.,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013 (Kerala).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2014.

Sir,

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram was carried out on 03.12.2013 by Sh. H. J. Bhandary. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the Chairman, Technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority vide note dated 01.01.2014 subject to post-facto approval & ratification in next Technical Committee of the CZA.

It seem from the report that the zoo has not complied most the stipulation and need to take it seriously else may be closed. Therefore, the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st January, 2015 extendable 2016 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 during mid-term evaluation of the Zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
1.	4.2	Old Crocodile ponds near the office is very congested and unhygienic. Gradient is very steep and difficult for the movement of senior citizens and children. Crocodiles in the old ponds should be shifted elsewhere or released in their habitat where there is no human habitation after getting CZA approval.	With immediate effect

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2.	4.5.	<p>(i) Lion animal houses have to be remodeled. Animal care takers passage should be provide with chain-link mesh or iron grills, keeping 2m width of passage and single door to be provided with lock and key to prevent chances of animal escaping from the cubicles. It will provide double protection.</p> <p>(ii) Roof top of the Lion animal house should be replaced with concrete slab of iron grills beneath the top cover.</p>	With effect	immediate
3.	4.10 (a)	Proper signages should be erected in local and English languages.	With effect	immediate
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals				
4.	5.3 (3)	Prophylactic vaccination and medicines should be administered as prescribed.	With effect	immediate
5.	5.3(5)	Proper records should be maintained in CZA prescribed format.	With effect	immediate
12. Visitors facilities				
6.	12.1	<p>(i) Proper gradient should be maintained in the visitors' path for the movement of wheel chair (New Crocodile park).</p> <p>(ii) In Lion safari roads made for the transportation of the visitors should be widened to facilitate the free and easy movement of vans.</p> <p>End points of the roads should be widened for smooth turning of the visitors' vehicle to avoid any mishap. Weeds overgrown should be regularly cleaned for proper sighting of the animals.</p>	With effect	immediate

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition beyond 31st January, 2015 to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as a 'Mini Category Zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point in time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

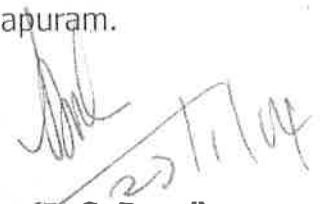
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2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.



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F. No. 19-186/93-CZA(136)(M)/464

DATE: 13.03.2012
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To

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Thiruvananthapuram – 695 013 (Kerala).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2011.

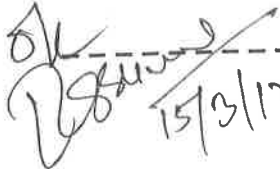
Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. A 1-2294/2004 dated 06.12.2011 seeking renewal of recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2011.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram was carried out by Sh. B. G. Mugadur on 8th December, 2011. The evaluation report of the Wild Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 61st Meeting held on 21st February, 2012.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram as a Mini Category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st March, 2014 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	4	The Safari Park should strengthen the perimeter chain link mesh barrier to prevent the entry of feral dogs in the Safari Park (wherever it is broken)	Within six months
3. Development and Planning			
2.	6	Every zoo shall in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority, prepare a collection plan indicating the names of the species and	With immediate effect


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		maximum number of animals of each species to be housed in the zoo, having due regard to the congeniality of the climatic conditions of the locality for the general health and well being of the species, availability of the space and infrastructural support for support upkeep and healthcare of the species, proximity o the zoo to the habitat range of the species and the past record of the zoo in management and breeding of the species and no zoo shall compromise on housing and upkeep standards of animals for accommodating new species or additional animals of the species in its collection.	
3.	9	Any decision of the Central Zoo Authority about any animals being sent to a particular zoo for augmenting the number of founder animals for the conservation breeding programme of the species shall be binding on the concerned zoo.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	1	Every zoo shall endeavour to display the animals in nature immersing enclosures (i) The feeding and retiring cells of Lions should be modified and suitable species to be planted in front of cages to display animals in nature immersing enclosures. (ii) Cubicles of Lions to be remodeled, the inner walls to be provided with tiles/ granite slabs upto atleast 2 meters height. Floor to be relaid with tiles/ granite, covered with wooden plank (Takht) front portion of each cells to be provided with chain-link mesh to avoid crows and rats. The front drainage to be repaired. The top of the cells to be replaced with pucca cement slabs in place of GI sheets. (iii) Old Crocodile pits to be dismantled by shifting the Crocodiles elsewhere or housed by construction of a separate enclosure as per standard design and dimension.	Within months six Within months six Immediate proposal to shift
5.	7	Adequate screening shall be provided between adjacent enclosures to safeguard against the animals getting unduly excited or stressed due to visibility of animals housed in these enclosures. (In Lion enclosure)	Immediate
6.	9	Every zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective stand off barriers at every animal display enclosures to regulate the movement of visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of wild	With immediate effect

		animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards to keep a safe distance from the animals.	
7.	10	Every zoo shall provide appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
8.	5	Every zoo operators shall ensure that the left overfeed, excreta of animals and all other waste are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding and kraals are washed and disinfected as per the advice of the authorized veterinary officers and the solid and the liquid waste generated during the process shall be disposed off in such manner that has no adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo and the landscape surrounding the zoo.	With immediate effect
9.	8	Every zoo animal shall be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
10.	9	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
11.	10	Every zoo shall 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 keepers' diary, daily reports, animals history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
12.	4	Tranquilization of any animals shall be done exercising utmost care and following the standards specified in this regards by the Central Zoo Authority from time to time.	With immediate effect

13.	6	Every zoo shall have linkages with the eminent institutions and organizations working in the field of wild animals healthcare with the objectives to provide for: (a) the training and upgrading technical skills of zoo staff; and (b) the development of protocols for preventive medicines and vaccination.	With immediate effect
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
14.	1	Every animal dies in the zoo shall be subjected to a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of death.	With immediate effect
15.	2	The findings of the post-mortem examination referred to in sub-paragraph (i) shall be recorded in such format as may be prescribed by Central Zoo Authority and in this regard and shall be maintained for a period of not less than six years.	With immediate effect
16.	3.	In the event of post-mortem being inconclusive and no specific reason for death is identified, the zoo authorities shall send the samples of the tissues and organs, blood, visera etc., for further examination to the qualified diagnostic laboratory having adequate specialization for further investigation and identifying the cause of death.	With immediate effect
17.	4	Every zoo shall ensure that the carcasses of the animals, after the post-mortem has been conducted, is disposed off by buying or burning in a manner that does not have any adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo. Provided that the carcasses of large cats shall be disposed off by burning in the presence of the Director of the zoo or any officer in the next rank to him and authorized by him in this behalf; Provided further that the carcasses of animals died due to Anthrax or such other communicable diseases shall not be opened and subjected to post-mortem, as a safeguard against spread of the disease. These shall be buried intact.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
18.	1	Every zoo shall endeavour to keep and maintain animals of various species in their collection in such a sex ratio that optimized breeding and helps in developing a self-sustaining population of each species	Procedure to be followed

19.	5	For the purpose of transportation of animals from one place to another, the standards specified in this regard by the Central Zoo Authority shall be complied with.	Within three months
20.	8	Every zoo shall with a view to prevent inbreeding and the loss of heterozygosity, the zoos shall maintain the animals history cards and stud and hard book of the animals of endangered species housed in the zoo and put appropriate identification marks and transfer or exchange animals with other zoos. <u>Lions housed in the park being of doubtful image</u> should be tested for its genetic purity in consultation with laboratory for conservation of endangered species (LaCONES), CCMB, Hyderabad and CZA.	Within three months
21.	9	In the meantime for the uncontrolled growth in the population of Crocodiles, Spotted deer, the part authorities should adopt population control measures specified by the CZA.	With immediate effect
22.	11	No zoo shall release any captive animal into the wild except in accordance with the norms specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard.	With immediate effect
10. Research activities			
23.	1	Every zoo shall endeavor to carry out collaborative research of evolving innovative strategies for providing the animals housed in the zoo a better quality of life, enhanced longevity, higher genetic and behavioural visibility and improved reproduction potential and to achieve the said goal the every zoo, other than mini zoos, shall make arrangements for meticulous recording of data on the social behaviour, group dynamic and reproductive biology of the species housed in the zoo and developing a data base to be shared with other zoos and identified institutions, in accordance with norms specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard.	With immediate effect
11. Education and outreach activities			
24.		Every zoo shall endeavour to educate the visitors to the zoo and the people at large about the significance of wildlife conservation for the general well being of the people and keeping the life support system of nature intact and the efforts shall be made to make people aware about the role played by the zoos in this regard and the ways means through which general public an participate and contribute for the same. Besides, the park authorities to fix placards, pamphlets to educate the visiting mass. The	With immediate effect

		sign boards should be attractive, educative and innovative for conservation of flora and fauna.	
12 Visitors' facilities			
25.	1	Every zoo operator shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantage persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do no mask or impact the view of enclosures.	Within three months
26.	2	Every zoo shall have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
27.	3	Every zoo shall make arrangements for providing access to the handicapped persons for viewing wild animals at various animal enclosures.	Within three months

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition to Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram beyond 31st March, 2014 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Neyyar Dam, Thiruvananthapuram 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.

Yours faithfully,


(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.


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