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Dated 31/03/2021

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forests,
Pragati Bhavan, III Floor,
Zone – I, M.P. Nagar, Bhopal – 462 011,
E-mail: pccfwl@mp.gov.in

Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, 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 August 25, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2051/2020 dated January 8, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol-VIII)(NS)/015/2019 dated January 2, 2019
4. Application vide letter No. Management/1491 dated July 26, 2019 from the Director, Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till September 28, 2019. Application dated July 26, 2019 received in this office from the Director, Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal, for renewal of recognition. Shri B. K. Singh, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on February 14 and 15, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th Meeting held on July 30, 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 August 25, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37th Meeting held on December 7, 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 September 28, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal as a Small Zoo for a period up to **August 19, 2022** 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
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
1	10.2(2) & 10.6(5)	The Zoo Operator should appoint Biologist and Lab Assistant immediately.	Six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
2	10.4(2)	The enclosures and houses of species like snake and star tortoise are substandard, the new enclosures will be constructed after approval of the master plan.	One year
3	10.4(2) & 10.4(6)	The snake display facility is considerably basic and lacks proper enrichment. The size of the enclosures should also be according to the snakes displayed. A new facility should be constructed so that visitors have enough space to move around while viewing and there is proper learning too with the help of signages and information provided about the behaviour and life of the animal.	Two years
4	10.4(2)	Pucca buildings and housing have been coloured in local sandstone colour, which is blending very nicely with the surroundings, but still camouflaging by vegetation can be done in some places	One year
5	10.4(2)	Ventilation is not adequate and proper in the enclosure housing snakes.	Two years
6	10.4(6)	Sufficient enrichments have been provided in enclosures of species such as Sloth bear, Tiger, Leopard, Lion and Snakes. No enrichment is done in other enclosures. Some more enrichment can be added to the crocodile and gharial enclosures.	One year
7	10.4(10)	The signages of animals are in place but still more are required in local language.	As early as possible
8	10.4(10)	The interpretation centre near gate 2 does not have many exhibit or information. It should be upgraded, and more interactive information can be installed or arranged for visitors.	One year
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
9	10.9(4)	zoo management should acquire pair for solitary animals like Chinkara and Gaur	As early as possible
10	10.9(10)	No mock drill exercise for the Zoo staff is taken, to equip them to deal with the eventuality in case when there is accidental escape of animal from enclosure or even in accidents when the person makes his way into the enclosure. Staff should be prepared for such eventuality.	As early as possible
11. Education and outreach activities:			
11	10.11(1)	Souvenir shop should be made operational.	As early as possible

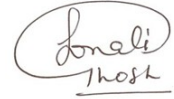
5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

6. The renewal of recognition of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal for period beyond August 19, 2022 as a Small Zoo would be considered based on compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal 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 Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Department of Forests, Secretariat, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, E-mail: psforest@mp.gov.in , secyforest@mp.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Director, Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhadbhada Road, Bhopal – 462 003, E-mail: dirvvnpl@mp.gov.in
3. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.
4. File No.19-29/92-CZA(144) – for record

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Central Zoo Authority

REGISTERED POST

By Post / E-mail

F. No. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. VIII)(NS)/015/2019

Date : 02.01.2019

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) &
Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forest,
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Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh for period beyond 31.07.2017 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

1. This office letter no. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. VI)(M)/5366, dated 22.07.2014.
2. This office letter no. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. VII)/1357/2017, dated 20.07.2017.
3. This office letter no. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. VII)(BKG)/1633, dated 03.10.2017.

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences. It is to inform that the evaluation of Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh was carried out by Dr. D.N. Singh, Member Secretary, CZA on 5th and 6th October, 2017. The evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh was considered by the Technical Committee in its 86th Meeting held on 28.09.2018. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee recommended to the CZA for renewal of recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh for a period of one year. A copy of the evaluation report is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The recommendations of the 86th meeting of the Technical Committee held on 28.09.2018 were placed before the Central Zoo Authority in its 32nd Meeting held on 19.11.2018. The members approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The renewal of recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh as a "Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 28.09.2019 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 31.07.2017:-

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Sr. No	RZR, 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1. General requirements			
1	10.1(3)	The entry of the visitors towards the snake pits has been stopped as temporary arrangement. The temporary holding facility should be kept away from the visitors in the off display area. These snake pits should be demolished.	One year
2	10.1(7)	There is no proper arrangement for disposal of solid and liquid waste in the zoo. The zoo should have proper and environment friendly waste disposal system so that it operates with minimum stress on the environment. The disposal of the liquid wastes in the zoo should be particularly planned in a proper manner for the entire zoo area.	One year
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
3	10.2(2)	The zoo is a medium category zoo. Therefore, the zoo should have the Curator, the Education Officer and the Biologist, one person for each of the posts. These posts are separate posts with well-defined duties and responsibilities under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. Therefore, these posts should be filled up accordingly as per rule.	One year
3. Development and Planning			
4	10.3(1&2)	The zoo should get its Master Plan approved immediately.	Immediately
5	10.3(4)	The zoo should prepare the Collection Plan properly as per the availability of the housing facility in the zoo for the particular species.	Immediately
6	10.3(3)	The pucca buildings in the zoo, including animal houses and visitor facilities, needs to be properly camouflaged with vegetation so that they merge with the green environment of the zoo.	One year
7	10.3(8)	The zoo is accepting rescued animals for housing without intimation to the CZA. The CZA should be informed about the acquisition and housing of the rescued animals of the endangered species.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
8	10.4(3)	The chain link fences of the display enclosures should be properly erected without any looseness and with proper concrete & brick grouting. They should be periodically maintained and painted to protect it from rusting.	One year
9	10.4(5)	Leopard enclosure should have inclined iron sheet to prevent escape of animals.	One year
10	10.4(5)	The enclosure of the Nilgai, Sambar and Blackbuck has been constructed with temporary fencing. It was observed that the free living animal of the National Park has been kept in the enclosure for the visitors viewing. It is highly objectionable and should not be practised in the zoo in future. No animal from the National Park should be taken in captivity for display to the public in captive conditions. The fencing should be removed immediately and all animals of the National Park be freed. The action needs to be taken against the officers responsible for this illegal action.	Immediately

11	10.4(9)	All enclosures in the zoo should have stand-off barriers as per the CZA norms. The existing stand-off barriers of the animal enclosures is not as per the CZA norms. Some of the enclosures do not have stand-off barriers. The stand-off barriers in front of leopard enclosure should be replaced immediately. Further, the foot paths for visitors, along the enclosures, are in very bad conditions. They need to be repaired immediately. The hedge plantations are required for all enclosures.	One year
12	10.4(10)	The zoo being a medium category zoo, interactive interpretation facilities should be provided for the purpose of explaining behaviour and biology of the species displayed in the enclosure.	One year
13	10.4(10)	Most of the enclosures in the zoo do not have appropriate signages. There is need to install signages with adequate information regarding biology and behaviour of the animals.	Immediately
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
14	10.5(1)(h)	Provision of footbath of adequate size with proper disinfectant at entry and exit points of all animal houses should be provided and it should be made use of also.	One year
15	10.5(2)(6)	The food and water samples should be tested randomly.	Immediately
16	10.5(2)(3)	The zoo should have a sufficient sized functional freezer in the meat processing facility for storage of meat products and to keep cold until it is fed to the animals.	Immediately
17	10.5(2)(4)	The meat handlers entering the facility should change into a clean and disinfected boots and coveralls.	Immediately
18	10.5(2)(5)	The meat handlers should use clean gloves when handling the meat.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities			
19	10.6(3)	The zoo should have a Lab Assistant.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
20	10.9(4)	The zoo should acquire mates for single animals (Gaur, White Tiger and Gharial) on priority basis.	Immediately
10. Research Activities			
21	10.10	The zoo should conduct research works on different aspects of captive wild animals for effective management.	One year
11. Education and Outreach Activities			
22	10.11	The zoo should have appropriate signages and interpretation facilities, Souvenir Shop, Library Facility accessible, dedicated Website to carry out the education, outreach and awareness activities.	Immediately
12. Visitor Facilities			
23	10.12(1)	The civic facilities for visitors should be maintained neat and clean and it should be functional so that the visitors may use it. All of these civic facilities should be accessible, appropriate and convenient for the physically disadvantaged persons.	Immediately
24	10.12(3)	Ramp facilities to the toilets and drinking points and all animal enclosures should be made available for the physically disadvantaged persons.	Immediately

Rule 9 of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009			
25		i. The zoo has 87 animals of the 15 species only in captivity as per the information provided at the time of evaluation. It was also confirmed during evaluation.	Immediately
		ii. The zoo has a large number of free living animals in the National Park. The free living animals are being shown in the zoo inventory of captive animals. As a result the categorization of the zoo needs re-examination.	Immediately
		iii. The area under the zoo should be clearly demarcated and enclosed with a chain link fence to separate captive animal facility from the National Park. The area under the National Park should be clear.	Immediately

A time bound compliance report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority within 30 days of the date of issue of this letter and half yearly compliance report should also be submitted subsequently.

The renewal of recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh for period beyond 28.09.2019 as a "Small 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 Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh 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)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Director, Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Post Box No. 348, Central T.T. Nagar, Bhadhad Road, Bhopal – 462 003. Email: fdvanvnp.bpl@mp.gov.in
2. The DPA, CZA – to update database.



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F. No. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. VI)(M)

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DATE: 22.07.2014

To

The Director
Van Vihar National Park,
Bhopal -- 462 003 (Madhya Pradesh).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond the period of 31.10.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. Management/1103 dated 15.05.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond the period of 31.10.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal was carried out by Dr. B. R. Sharma and Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 19.04.2014. The evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 70th Meeting held on 1st July, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal as "a Medium Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st July, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General requirement			
1.	1.3	The snakes in the pit get disturbed due to top viewing. The snake should be displayed at equal level.	Within one year
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
2.	2.2	Quick action is required to recruit Biologist-cum-Education Office.	Within one year
3. Development and Planning			
3.	3.1	The Members of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of CZA made certain observations which have not been complied till date. So, Master Plan needs revision.	Within three months

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The animal collection plan should be prepared in CZA format. Within three months

4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

5.	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 & 4.5	The enclosures of snakes are small in size and a few are kept in pits. Star tortoise, Leopard enclosures are small in size whereas, one Tiger enclosure is very large. These enclosures should be re-done as per CZA's norms.	Within one year
6.	4.6	The enclosures of Tiger, Leopard, Bear and Jackal require behavioral enrichment tools.	Within six months
7.	4.7	There should be screening space between Tiger enclosure.	Within six months
8.	4.9	All the enclosures should have standoff barriers as per CZA's norms. Hedge should be planted between moat wall and standoff barriers.	Within one year
9.	4.10	Most of the enclosures do not have appropriate signages. There is need to install signages with adequate information.	Within six months

5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals

10.	5.2 (6)	The food and water samples should be go tested randomly.	Within one months
11.	5.3(5)	The operator should prepare and use keeper dairy, daily report, animal history card, animal treatment card and studbook.	With immediate effect
12.	5.3 (6)	The staff involved in the healthcare of animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year.	Within one year
13.	5.2(6)	The food and water samples should be got tested randomly.	Within one month

9. Acquisition and breeding of animals

14.	9.6 (b)	The zoo should prepare conservation breeding plan of Tiger and Vulture.	Within one month
15.	9.8	The zoo should prepare animal history card and studbook of endangered species.	Within three months

11. Education and Outreach activities

16.	11.1	The exhibit centre requires a lot of improvement in terms of labeling, information and statics.	Within six months
17.	11.2	The physical handling of animals should be stopped.	With immediate effect

12. Visitors facilities

16. 12.3 The zoo should have anti snake venom. Within three months

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

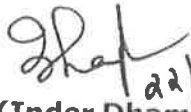
Grant of recognition to Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal beyond 31st July, 2017 as "a Medium Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal 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,
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(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal 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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SPEED POST



BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-29/92-CZA(144)(Vol. V)(M)

DATE: 08.10.2010

To

The Director
Van Vihar National Park-Zoo,
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal beyond the period of 29.06.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. Management/1841 dated 14.07.2009.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 11th & 12th August, 2010 and the evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal as submitted by Dr. Vibhu Prakash and Dr. Naim Akhtar, Scientific Officer, CZA was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55th Meeting held on 24th September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st October, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition	Time to comply
1. General requirements			
1	5	As the zoo is located in the centre of the city hence entire zoo should be surrounded by the perimeter concrete wall.	2 year
2. Administrative & Staffing pattern			
2	2	The zoo operator should post fulltime curator, biologist and education officer.	One year
3. Development & Planning			
3	1	Follow up for the approval of the Master plan of the Van Vihar zoo should be expedited and get approved at the earliest.	One year

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4	5	Visitor facilities especially shelter should be "pucca" building type structure with proper design and material.	One year
5	9.	Any decision of the Central Zoo Authority about any animal 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.	As and when require
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
6	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common palm civet should be shifted to regular housing built as per the CZA guidelines. • Grasses from Crocodile and Gharial enclosure has to removed immediately and sand mound should be provided for basking and nesting of the animals. • Leopard enclosure should have inclined iron sheet to prevent escape of animals. • Chain link fences of the display enclosures should properly erected without any looseness and with proper concrete & brick grouting as have in the enclosure of Rescue centre. • Stand off barriers in front of leopard enclosure should be replaced. • Moat of the enclosures should be repaired. • Zoo should not store or place any type of the manure in front of the enclosures or nearby to the visitor's path. • Grasses from the all the enclosures should be removed regularly. Some of the trees and bamboo vegetation from the carnivore enclosures may be trimmed to have some open spaces and increase the visibility. • The zoo should plan to construct some more glass viewing enclosures for snakes and existing pit enclosures has to be dismantled. Zoo should also ensure identification of the snakes (sex etc) before put them for display. 	Within six months

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The zoo should put more effort to provide congenial conditions to sloth bear for breeding as this is hard species to be bred in captivity. Hyena enclosure needs to be strengthened. Actual number of free ranging animals has to be ascertained. 	
7	3	Snake pits are vulnerable to visitor disturbance hence need to be rebuilt on the pattern of glass enclosure.	One year
8	5	Regular enclosure for Common palm civet as per the guideline of the CZA is need to built.	Six months
9	6	Tiger, leopard and lion, civet and hyena enclosure need to have special efforts to enrich the environment of the enclosure to meet the species specific behavioural requirements of the animals.	3 months
10	9	The zoo shall provide appropriately designed and effective stand off barriers at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors especially in crocodile, tiger, turtle and gharial enclosure.	6 months
11	10	The zoo shall have appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure.	6 months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
12	3	The 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 and skills and behaviour related to feeding. Crocodile and gharial should be largely fed with fishes.	With immediate effect.
13	5	The zoo should ensure that the left over feed, excreta of animals and all other wastes are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding cells and kraals are washed and disinfected. Incinerator may be made functional at the earliest. Meat should not be allowed to rotten in the water.	With immediate effect.

9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
14	(4)	Zoo may make effort to pair the Himalayan black bear.	6 months
15	(6)	The zoo should developed & implement project on conservation breeding of the tiger and vultures as per the guideline of the CZA.	6 months
16	(7)	The surplus animals from the breeding population shall be made available to the contributing zoo for display purposes on the basis of quality of housing and infrastructural facilities available with the zoos.	As and when require.
17	(9)	The zoo shall endeavour to limit the number of animals of each species within the limits set by the animal collection plan of the zoo by implementing appropriate population control measures like segregation of sexes, vasectomy, tubectomy and implantation of pellets etc., with due consideration of the health and welfare of the animals and interest of their long term survival.	As and when require.
10 Research activities			
18		The zoo shall endeavor to carry out collaborative research for evolving innovative strategies for providing the animals housed in the zoo a better quality of life, enhanced longevity, higher genetic and behavioural viability and improved reproduction potential and to achieve the said goal the every zoo	Six months
11. Education and outreach activities			
19	(1)	The interpretation centre should be maintained properly with modern media devices and quality signage on animals and warning signage should be placed at all appropriate places.	Six months
20	(2)	No physical handling or performances by animals shall be permitted as part of educational activity.	With immediate effect.
12. Visitors facilities			
21	(1)	The zoo shall provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disadvantaged persons and such facilities shall be so located that they do not mask or impact the view of enclosures.	With immediate effect.

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 Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal beyond 31st October, 2013 as a small 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 Van Vihar National Park-Zoo, Bhopal 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.

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2. DPA, CZA.



**(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation & Monitoring Officer**



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Central Zoo Authority

(STATUTORY BODY UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS, GOVT. OF INDIA)

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BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-29/92-CZA(Vol.III)(144)(M)

DATE: 25.6.2007

To

The Director
Van Vihar National Park-Zoo,
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)

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**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Van Vihar National Park- Zoo,
Bhopal under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
Regarding.**

Sir,

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Kindly refer to your letter No MAGT./Steno/974 dated 7.4.2005, seeking renewal of recognition for Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal beyond 31.12.2004 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

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The evaluation report of the Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal as submitted by Shri R. S. Bhadauria and Dr. Utkarsh Shukla was considered by the Technical Committee in its meeting held on 23.1.2007. The Committee members had desired that the for fresh categorisation of the Zoo, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh should submit an undertaking that authorities are equally responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the free ranging animals including maintenance of records on their births and deaths. The same was communicated to you vide this office letter of even no., dated 08.02.2007.

Keeping in view of the undertaking report submitted by you vide your office letter No. 1475 dated 24.3.2007 that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is equally responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the free ranging animals including their maintenance of records on their birds and deaths, the Central Zoo Authority had decided to grant conditional recognition to Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal as a medium category Zoo upto a period till 29.6.2009.

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The conditions to be complied by 29.6.2009 have been reproduced below:-

A. A master plan (including a layout plan) for development of the Van Vihar National Park – Zoo, Bhopal shall be prepared and submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 31st March, 2008 in the format circulated vide letter no. 27-1/2005-CZA(M), dated 03.02.2006. A management plan giving detailed proposals and activities to be taken up during next five years should also be submitted.

B. Other conditions under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
GENERAL		
1.	2	The zoo should not acquire any animal in violation of the Act or Rules made their under. Prior permission of the Central Zoo Authority shall be obtained for acquisition of animals listed under Schedule I & II of the Act. ✓
2.	11A	A collection plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo should be prepared. The plan should be prepared keeping in view due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area. ✓
Administrative and Staffing Pattern		
3.	13	The zoo shall have an official with masters degree in Wildlife Sciences/Zoology as a full time curator solely responsible for looking after the upkeep of animal and maintenance of animal enclosures. ✓
Animal Enclosure – Design, Dimensions and Other Essential Features		
4.	15	Stand off barriers should be provided at all animal enclosures for keeping the visitors at a safe distance from the animals. ?
5.	18	The mammals in the zoo should be provided food inside a feeding cell/ retiring cubicle or feeding kraal. The number and size of feeding cells or kraals will be such that the dominant animals do not deprive other animals from getting adequate food. ✓
6.	20.	Designing of new enclosures for endangered species shall be finalized with approval of the Central Zoo Authority. ✓
Animal Care, Health and Treatment		
7.	22	The Zoo should provide a proper waste disposal system for treating both solid and liquid wastes generated in the Zoo. ✓

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8.	28	A schedule for routine examination including parasite checks of the animals should be prepared and implemented. Preventive medicine including vaccination should be administered at such intervals as decided by the veterinary officer. ✓
9.	30	The zoo shall maintain animal history sheets and treatment ✓ cards in respect of each animal of endangered species.
Veterinary facilities		
10.	31	The veterinary unit shall have isolation and quarantine wards to take care of newly arriving animals and sick animals as to ✓ minimize the chances of infections spreading to other animals.
11.	35	The zoo should have a proper facility for disposal off ✓ carcasses without affecting the hygiene of the zoo.
Breeding of animals		
12.	36	The zoo should keep in its collection only such number of animals and such species for which housing facility exists. The zoo operators shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of animals of any species does not go beyond the holding capacity of the enclosures available in the zoo and housing standards are not compromised for keeping the ✓ excessive numbers.
13.	37	The Zoo should shift the single male Hyena and male Gharial and male Ratel to a recognised Zoo in the country in consultation with the CZA. ?
Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority		
14.	40	To safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population spotted deer, nilgai and Hanuman langur, Sambar, the zoo shall implement appropriate population control measures. ?
15.	42	The records of birth, acquisition, disposals and deaths of the animals should be maintained. The inventory of the animals in the zoo as on 31 st March of every year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year. ✓
16.	43	A brief summary of the death of animals in the zoo for every financial year, along with the reasons of death identified on the basis of the postmortem report and diagnostic tests ✓ should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.
Education and Research		
17.	45	Every enclosure in the zoo should bear a sign board displaying ✓ scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.

S.No		
1.	Name of the Zoo	Van Vihar Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
2.	Category of the Zoo	Large Zoo
3.	Area of the Zoo	445.21 hectare
4.	Objective	I Conservation breeding of Tiger, Asiatic lion, Hard ground swamp deer and Vultures. II Conservation Education and Awareness. III Research for conservation of wild animals in captivity. IV Rescue and rehabilitation of Tiger/ Leopard/Sloth bear.
5.	Theme of display	Broad taxonomic display of wild animal species of Central India.
6.	Animal Collection Plan	I Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Hyena, Wolf, Jackal, Wild dog, Porcupine, Jungle cat, Leopard cat, Civets, Pangolin, Ratel, , Swamp Deer, Mouse deer, Gaur, Spotted Deer, Sambar, Barking deer, Blackbucks, Neelgai, Chinkara, Chousinga, water birds, Peafowl, Red Jungle Fowl, Gharial, Mugger, Terrapins, Tortoise, Snakes etc. II Off display conservation Breeding Centres for Tiger, Hard ground swamp deer and Vultures (at Kerwa). III Off display rescue centres for Tiger/Leopard/Sloth bear.
7.	Master (Layout) Plan	To be prepared.
8.	Manpower	I CF/DCF rank officer-in-charge as Director II DCF/ACF rank Curator (animals)- 1 No. III Veterinary Officers - 2 Nos. 2 IV Education officer - I No. ? V Biologist - I No. ? VI Support staff as per needs

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