

**File No.19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-II) (Computer No.136131)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY**

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Dated **December 28, 2021**

**ORDER**  
**[UNDER SUB-SECTION (6) OF SECTION 38-H**  
**OF THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972]**

Whereas, the Central Zoo Authority in its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on November 19, 2018, cancelled recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur vide Order dated November 28, 2018. However, the Appellate Authority, on hearing the appeal filed by the zoo, set aside the CZA's Order. While setting aside the CZA's Order dated November 28, 2018, and disposal of the appeal filed by the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, issued following directives vide Order dated July 18, 2019:

- (a) *The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur shall complete the perimeter boundary wall in three months' time.*
- (b) *The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur shall remove all domestic birds from its collection.*
- (c) *The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur shall make provision for solid waste, liquid waste management at the zoo.*
- (d) *The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur should shift all animals to the animal enclosures built with financial assistance of the CZA*
- (e) *The CZA shall depute a team of experts for physical verification of compliance to conditions stipulated by the CZA after one month from the date of the order.*
- (f) *The decision to grant recognition under Section 38-H shall be taken on receipt of the report.*

2. And whereas, in expectation of compliance report from the zoo and in view of restrictions imposed to control pandemic, evaluation of the zoo could not be taken up immediately. In the intervening period, following was compliance reported by the Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation on March 18, 2021:

- (a) that the construction of perimeter wall is completed.
- (b) that domestic birds were removed from the zoo.
- (c) made a generic remark that collection of garbage, plastic, metal etc. is done on daily basis and water logging at entrance gate is removed by proper drain. Also, reported that a vehicle is arranged for collection of solid waste and a septic tank constructed. However, compliance with the Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in the year 2016 is not specified.

(d) that Leopards are shifted to new enclosure. Also, reported that Utilization Certificate is submitted to the CZA and unspent amount is refunded.

(e) that additional land for construction of Veterinary Hospital is sub-judice and hence construction of zoo hospital could not be constructed. Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur did not obtain approval of the Central Zoo Authority for its Master Plan that is a pre-requisite for operation of a zoo. Manpower deployment is not in compliance with the RZR, 2009. Further, series of complaints filed in office of the CZA alleging serious irregularities in the zoo. Notice dated April 28, 2021 and May 28, 2021 respectively, issued to the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur under Section 55(aa) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Reply filed by the zoo is found not satisfactory and placed for perusal of the Committee along with remarks of this Office.

3. And whereas, Office of the CZA received series of complaints alleging poor upkeep of captive animals and other irregularities in the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur. Time to time, this Office has asked the concerned to apprise factual status and to take appropriate action on complaints under intimation to this Office. Reference of this Office correspondence in this regard is listed below.

(a) This Office letter No. 19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-III) dated April 4, 2021

(b) This Office letter No.27-1/2020-CZA(Pt.) dated March 8, 2021

(c) This Office letter No.19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-II) dated December 21, 2020

(d) This Office letter No.19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-II) dated December 15, 2020

(e) This Office letter No.19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-II) dated December 14, 2020

(f) This office e-mail dated April 11, 2020

(g) This office letter No.19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol-V)(PKR)/723/2019 dated April 30, 2019

As reply is not received, this Office issued notice dated April 28, 2021 and May 28, 2021 respectively, addressed to the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur. Subsequently, reply was received from Dr. Somnath Charate, I/C Zoo Director, Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur. The reply to notice furnished by the Officer in-charge of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur is not satisfactory.

4. And whereas, Compliance reported by the zoo was placed before the Technical Committee in its 101<sup>st</sup> Meeting wherein, after due deliberation, recommended to the CZA to take up action as per provisions laid down under the Sub-section (6) of Section 38-H in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and serve a notice upon the respective Zoo Operator to show cause why recognition of the zoo should not be suspended or cancelled, with an opportunity of hearing before the Member Secretary of the Central Zoo Authority.

5. And whereas, evaluation of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur was carried out on July 14 and 15, 2021, by Dr. Gowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant and Shri T Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant from this office.

6. And whereas, detailed evaluation report was circulated to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur respectively on September 13, 2021, for reply within three working days. However, reply was not received.

7. And whereas, evaluation report of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra, was placed before the Central Zoo Authority in its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on November 16, 2021. The Central Zoo Authority, after detailed deliberation, decided to serve notice to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under sub-section (6) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Accordingly, notice dated November 29, 2021, was served upon the Zoo Operator. In the said notice dated November 29, 2021, the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, was directed to show cause as to why recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, should not be suspended or cancelled and asked to close down. Also, period of seven days was granted to the Zoo Operator, to file reply to the said notice. Further, the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur / authorised representative, was provided an opportunity of hearing before the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on December 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The Zoo Operator was advised to specify whether the said hearing is desired in person or virtual mode through Cisco-webex platform. In response, email dated December 3, 2021 is received from [mahatmagandhizooSolapur@gmail.com](mailto:mahatmagandhizooSolapur@gmail.com) preferring the said hearing through Cisco-webex application on date and time specified in the notice. However, any reply to notice or authorization of representative is not received from the Zoo Operator.

8. And whereas, there is no written submission from the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur in response to Notice No.19-25/1993-CZA(Vol-II) dated November 29, 2021, issued by O/o CZA. Also, there is no representation of the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur / authorised representative, in the hearing conducted by the Member Secretary, CZA, on December 7, 2021. Details of violation of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, committed by the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, are as follows:

Sl. No.	Norm No. under RZR	Particulars of non-compliance	Compliance pending since
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>1.General requirements:</b>			
1	10.1(2)	Vegetation is not present in enclosures for peafowl, spotted deer and crocodiles. Trees and shrubs are not planted for shade and enrichment.	22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
2	10.1(3)	Visitors' path itself is the service path as well in the entire zoo. Visitor circulation pathways are not clearly indicated. In case of Leopard enclosure, the visitor pathway extends to the feeding cell/night house. In case of enclosure housing Blackbuck, around 70% of enclosure periphery has access and on display to visitors. In case of enclosure for Lion, around 45 % is on display to visitors. Visitor viewing is more than the guidelines prescribed by CZA and it is highly unregulated. Also, visitors' path near entry of the zoo has potholes filled with rainwater. Also, it is found that open drain runs middle of the visitors' cum service path.	Violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

Sl. No.	Norm No. under RZR	Particulars of non-compliance	Compliance pending since
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3	10.1(4)	Perimeter wall is damaged in several places and height of perimeter wall in the old construction does not meet the required height of 2 mts up to 1.24 meters. A part of the zoo area under litigation does not have perimeter. Also, perimeter wall is badly damaged and fallen towards main road. Also, it is found that inspection path does not exist either from inside or from outside of perimeter wall. One has to wade through thorny bushes to see the perimeter. For part of it, even that is not feasible. Inspection Path on either side is urgently needed. At one place, a steppingstone is specially arranged where height of the perimeter wall is less to facilitate entry into / exit from the zoo. This should be addressed on priority.	20.12.2006, 23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
4	10.1(7)	It is observed that the practice of burning leaf litter has not been stopped. Garbage and plastic waste were found scattered along the perimeter wall. Also, there is a lot of metal and debris lying in the zoo as well as lots of built structures in dilapidated conditions. Further, the site under litigation identified for construction of hospital and CB centre for GIB is currently open to general public and is used as an open defaecation site.	23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
5	10.1(7)	Solid waste is picked up and taken away outside the zoo by the local municipal corporation, Disposal of organic waste (leftover feed) is not done appropriately and is just discarded in the open. Liquid waste is collected from all enclosures (via a pipe) in a single septic tank constructed at the boundary. The tank is emptied two times a month as informed by the zoo. It is noted that when the tank fills up, untreated liquid waste will be discharged into the municipal drain. No attempt at water treatment or recycling is made within the zoo premises. Also, liquid discharge from the designated post-mortem room is discharged onto the ground directly to leach into the soil without any treatment.	23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
6	10.1(9)	Stray dogs were seen in the campus during evaluation.	04.10.2004, 20.12.2006, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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<b>2.Administrative and Staffing Pattern:</b>			
7	10.2(1)	Despite the CZA stipulating condition on 20.12.2006, 23.03.2007, 22.09.2009, 23.06.2016 & 16.10.2017, the Zoo Operator has failed to appoint whole time Officer-in-charge of the zoo of the appropriate rank with adequate financial and administrative powers. The Incumbent officer-in-charge additionally holds charge of the Veterinary Officer, the Curator and the Supervisor of the stray dog operation of the Solapur Municipal Corporation. Whereas, documents produced during evaluation indicate only the charge handed over as Vet officer and Officer in-charge.	20.12.2006, 23.03.2007, 22.09.2009, 23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
8	10.2(2)	Excluding the Veterinary Officer, there is no documentary evidence indicating appointment of scientific and technical staff. However, it was verbally indicated that a Biologist was appointed who is also involved with the Malaria Eradication Program of the Corporation. The Biologist was not present during the entire period of evaluation of the zoo.	23.03.2007, 07.09.2007, 14.11.2007, 22.09.2009, 23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>3.Development and Planning:</b>			
9	10.3(1)	From records, it is observed that on December 30, 2016, office of the CZA communicated detailed observation on Master Plan proposed by the zoo. Any efforts are not evident from the zoo to finalise the Master Plan. Moreover, reported misleading information that reply is awaited on their proposal dated September 23, 2016. Master plan of the zoo is not submitted for consideration of CZA based on the Layout of the zoo that was approved in 2009. With reference to layout of the zoo approved by the Technical Committee of the CZA in the year 2009, it was informed that land of the zoo is of 3 categories. Currently under operation- 6.96 Ha. Land under litigation is 7.88 ha and land yet to be acquired is 4.96 ha.	08.02.2007, 23.03.2007, 10.02.2009, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017, 23.06.2016, 30.12.2016 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
10	10.3(3)	Structures proposed for demolition in the layout approved in year 2009 are not dismantled till date of evaluation. First animal enclosure after entry to zoo is displaying Muggler but stated as off-display facility. Also, crumbling old enclosures are left as it is. Infrastructure in the zoo may be planned in accordance with the norms. Water tank of one lakh litre storage capacity is left unutilized. Post-mortem Room does not have access road.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
11	10.3(6)	Master Plan of the zoo is yet to be finalized with collection plan for animals to be housed and displayed in the zoo keeping due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area.	08.02.2007, 23.03.2007, 10.02.2009, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017, 23.06.2016, 30.12.2016 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
12	10.3(7) & 10.3(8)	Regarding acquisition of rescued Pariah kites (04) and painted stork (01) noted in last evaluation, it is reported that these birds were disposed. However, the same is not reflected in the Form – II and did not produce any document regarding their acquisition and disposal.	24.07.2007, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:</b>			
13	10.4(1)	With brightly coloured buildings, captive animals are not displayed in nature immersing conditions.	18.06.2004, 20.12.2006, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
14	10.4(2)	<p>The Zoo has failed to provide the animal exhibits as per the norms prescribed by the CZA, 18.06.2004, 20.12.2006, 22.09.2009 &amp; 16.10.2017 respectively. Following is observed during evaluation.</p> <p><b>Rhesus Macaque:</b> Dimension of enclosure is grossly inadequate as per norms prescribed by the CZA, no provision of sunlight in the enclosure, no enrichment and flooring is always wet.</p> <p><b>Bonnet Macaque:</b> Dimension of enclosure is grossly inadequate as per norms prescribed by the CZA, the enclosure had an uncovered open drain within the animal house where waste water was collected before discharge into common septic tank.</p> <p><b>Spotted Deer:</b> Service entry of the enclosure is through visitors' path, inadequate shade, drinking water tubs are clustered at one place adjoining chain-link fence along visitors' path. Retiring cell is inadequate for number of animals. Kraal does not exist. Liquid waste is stagnated in the retiring cell. It is informed that Blackbuck housed in adjoining enclosure share the keeper's gallery of the same enclosure, however it appears impractical due to long distance to be covered and metallic barriers and ramps to be covered. Visitors' path is not according to norms, extends up to Animal house and visitors' path covers around 40% of enclosure perimeter.</p> <p><b>Leopard:</b> Does not have provision of kraal despite condition stipulated by the Expert Group on Zoo Designing while granting condition approval of design for resubmission, vegetation in paddock is overgrown and makes visibility of animal and maintenance of enclosure difficult. Visitors' path is not according to norms, extends up to Animal house and visitors' path covers around 40% of enclosure perimeter.</p> <p><b>Lion:</b> Enclosure was empty. Does not have provision of kraal. Visitors' path is not according to norms, extends up to Animal house and visitors' path covers around 40% of enclosure perimeter.</p>	18.06.2004, 20.12.2006, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
15	10.4(2)	The zoo has shifted leopard to new enclosure but the zoo has visitor pathway reaching up to the feeding & retiring cell. The new enclosure is constructed without provision of Kraal space.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
16	10.4(2)	In case of many enclosures, entry to Animal Houses is along the visitors' path. 13 Sambar (2 male : 11 female) housed in an enclosure originally meant for large carnivore species. Enclosure constructed to house Blackbuck, Sambar, Lion and Leopard does not have provision for kraal. Also, stagnation of water is seen the kraal of enclosure housing Spotted Deer. The zoo management should take immediate action for modification / reconstruction of the enclosures which are being planned / proposed in the master plan on immediate basis so that the animals housed in menagerie type enclosures can be provided comfortable life. Till such period the zoo should not acquire any new animal for which the zoo has not yet constructed new enclosures.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
17	10.4(3)	No arrangements or enclosure modifications have been made to make the peafowl enclosure free of rodents. Prominently the enclosure housing Rhesus and Bonnet macaques. Enclosure housing Bonnet Macaque has open gutter within the enclosure and chain-link fence is severely rusted and torn at few places. Also, the enclosure housing Peafowl is found infested with rodents and devoid of enrichment. Pulley chain in the enclosure for Lion is not secured properly and fraught with accidents. Sambar prone to injury with loose chain-link fence lying in the enclosure.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
18	10.4(3) & 10.4(6)	Leopard and Crocodiles haven been shifted to the enclosures that were non-operational/ new (year) constructed. But little effort has been made to provide enrichment for the leopards. The crocodile enclosure housed 16 animals in (size) is bare, does not have a sandbank. There is no water vegetation or filtration for the preservation of water or to prevent algal bloom.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
19	10.4(4)	Adequate space is not available to the animals to maintain safe distance from the dominant animals in the group or herd in case of Spotted deer, Sambar, Blackbuck.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
20	10.4(7)	Adequate screening is not provided between adjacent enclosures to safeguard against the animals getting unduly excited.	18.06.2004, 20.12.2006, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
21	10.4(8)	The snake enclosure (not species specific) are deep pits that need ladders for access. They have a metal roof which is not ideal. Keeper access and safety have not been considered in the design and there is no plan for any contingencies like snakebites. Revised designs for approval based on species to be housed have not yet been submitted to CZA	23.06.2016 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
22	10.4(9)	Except newly constructed enclosures, stand-off barrier is absent in all old enclosures. Also, there is no hedge plantation. Even in case of newly constructed enclosure for Spotted Deer, stand-off barrier is not in continuity, and it has gap in between to function as service entry for zoo personnel. This is not in accordance with the norms.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
23	10.4(10)	Enclosure is constructed to house Spotted Deer. However, signage is still inadequate. Placement of the signages could be improved as well as adding some additional signages for visitor information e.g.: directional signage, general zoo information, map etc	22.09.2009, 23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
24	10.5(1)	A single male Blackbuck that has shown aggression is just separated for a short duration in makeshift areas. It was found housed in the night cell without provision of bedding material or water. The Bonnet Macaques are simply housed in individual cells.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
25	10.5(2)	Food and water samples are not being tested periodically for microbiological, toxicological and any other contaminants	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
26	10.5(3)	The hay storage site is still prone to accumulation of moisture. Storage area of dry grass is damp and prone for rodent infestation. The cupboards in food storage facility were full of old unused materials/ maintenance tools and had not been cleaned in a long time. No separate meat house. Meat procured from market is being brought to animal enclosure directly. No freezer to store. Also, no inspection routine was seen during evaluation.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
27	10.5(5)	The Zoo has failed to provide proper arrangements from drainage and removal of excreta and residual water from each cell/cubicle / enclosure in case of Sambar, Bonnet Macaque. The substrate was found to be waterlogged in the Sambar enclosure making maintenance of hygiene impossible.	22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
28	10.5(5)	Room in the enclosure housing Sambar does not have utility and impacting hygiene adversely. Liquid waste generated in the zoo is partly let out untreated and partly transported to a treatment plant away from the zoo. Compliance to be ensured with the Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in year 2016. Post-mortem Room does not have provision to collect and treat liquid discharge. It is left to natural drainage in the zoo premises. Area of the zoo under litigation has severe human open defecation and leading to unhygienic conditions. Shed antlers are not declared and disposed as per provisions. Lot of obsolete building material is spread in the zoo randomly.	22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
29	10.5(6)	There were injuries (wound and limping) noted in 2 individual Macaques which had gone unnoticed by the Keeper and the Veterinarian cum Curator.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
30	10.5(6)	The zoo is dependent on external agencies for animal handling. The animals at the zoo should be handled only by the staff having experience and training in handling the individual animals. Every care should be taken to avoid discomfort, behavioural stress or physical harm to animals.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
31	10.5(6)	On enquiry regarding complaints filed with the CZA, the Officer in-charge has informed that for the purpose of sexing of Mugger and for capacity building of zoo personnel, one NGO namely Great Indian Biodiversity Conservation Front, L-262, Ashtavinayak Nagar, Solapur represented by Mr. Pankaj Chindarkar, Mr. Rajkumar Koli, Mr. Suresh Kshirsagar and Mr. Somanand Loke respectively were involved in mishandling of captive animals in the zoo. Images shared on social media. These images of riding on back of Mugger and shaking hands depict clear lack of insensibility towards wellbeing of captive animals. Responsibility should be fixed for this violation of provisions laid down in Section 9 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 read with Schedule 4(3), 5(6) and 11(2) of Rule 10 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
32	10.5(8)	The zoo has failed to screen the animals against parasitic loads as per written schedule and failed to maintain specific details related to species on prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases at the Zoo.	20.12.2006, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
33	10.5(9)	Only record dated May 30, 2018 produced during evaluation indicate that screening for Tuberculosis in 16 personnel of the zoo. Annual screening of all personnel involved in upkeep and healthcare of captive animals is not done.	20.12.2006, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
34	10.5(10)	The zoo is maintaining animal history cards but the data is not up to date. Just the basic animal information is written. Except crocodiles, animals are not marked adequately and it is difficult to ascertain the population control measures and the animals were not marked post vasectomy and the data has not been recorded in the animal history card or treatment register. Leopards of wild origin acquired from the Nawab Wazid Ali Shah Zoological Garden, Lucknow are not marked. Treatment Card is not being maintained in the zoo. Prescribed records are not updated with information. There is a dearth of adequate staff to make observations and update records.	22.09.2009, 23.06.2016, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:</b>			
35	10.6(1)	Zoo has even failed to construct veterinary hospital for the last 8 years despite financial assistance provided by the CZA. A room in the office complex houses a cupboard with medicines and 2 office tables that were indicated as examination tables. The facility is highly inadequate for any treatment. No quarantine facility available in the zoo. The Zoo has kept the immobilisation equipment safely under lock and key but has failed to maintain accurate and detailed records with regard to the usage of immobilising animals in a register.	20.12.2006, 07.09.2007, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
36	10.6(1)	The zoo has a minimally stocked pharmacy, but the acquisition of medicine is mixed with acquisition for the municipal corporation domestic animal program and there is no separate register maintained. The zoo does not appropriately account for the use of Schedule H drugs acquired by the zoo and the register was not updated and current with information of use.	20.12.2006, 07.09.2007, 22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
37	10.6(3)	The zoo does not have quarantine and isolation area.	20.12.2006, 07.09.2007, 14.11.2007, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
38	10.6(4)	The Zoo has kept the immobilisation equipment safely under lock and key but has failed to maintain accurate and detailed records about the usage of immobilising drugs in a register.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
39	10.6(4)	The veterinarian has no training to carry out chemical immobilization of captive animals. The zoo vet is a pathologist by training (MVSc Pathology) but no special training in dealing with wild animals has been acquired.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:</b>			
40	10.7(3)	<i>Post-mortem</i> records are maintained but no effort has been made to conclusively diagnose the cause of death. No histopathology has been performed after the <i>post mortem</i> examination.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
41	10.7(4)	It is observed that carcass disposal is being done in multiple locations on zoo campus. Designated carcass disposal area is required.	violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:</b>			
42	10.9(9)	It is stated that seven male Blackbuck and five male Spotted Deer have been vasectomised but no records available and the animals were not marked. The Zoo has failed to house the animals as per the carrying capacity of the enclosure and failed to house the animals in the enclosure with prescribed dimension of CZA. No population control measures are in place and the zoo has failed to phase out the surplus animal to other recognized zoos with prior approval of the CZA. The Zoo has failed to investigate the reason behind the death of animals- Blackbuck, Sambar, Rhesus macaque due to infighting.	22.09.2009 & 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
<b>Rule 11: Maintenance of records and submission of inventory:</b>			
43	11(1) & Section 38-I of WLPA	It was reported that Rose ringed parakeet (13 nos.), Grey partridge were disposed. Both acquisition and disposal of said animals does not have requisite permissions. Moreover, the disposal is not reflected in Form II.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
44	11(1) & Section 38-I of WLPA	Regarding purchase of exotic birds without any approval of the Animal Collection Plan and absence of appropriate housing in last evaluation, letter dated 13.08.2019 addressed to the DCF, Solapur requesting to take possession of birds namely Maskali, Rosella, Sun Conure, Macaw, Parakeet and Cockatiel was produced during evaluation. However, same is not reflected in the Form - II.	22.09.2009, 16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021
45	11(1) & Section 38-I of WLPA	With respect to Budgerigar housed in small cages inside the zoo office observed in last evaluation, it was reported that these birds were disposed. However, same is not reflected in the Form - II.	16.10.2017 & violation observed during evaluation on July 14 & 15, 2021

9. And whereas, with reference to this office Notice dated November 29, 2021, after the time scheduled for hearing the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, a letter No.124 dated December 7, 2021, is received in this office from Shri Dhanraj Pande, Deputy Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation. In the said letter, Shri Dhanraj Pande, Deputy Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation, has stated following:

(a) that they have tried to connect for scheduled hearing conducted by the Member Secretary, CZA but could not succeed.

(b) that they have tried to contact Dr. Devender Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer and Dr. Suvarnagowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant, in this office, but not responded.

(c) that the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, has complied with majority of points mentioned in the notice dated November 29, 2021, and a Committee was constituted to streamline the same. Also, stated that a Consultant has been appointed for revision of zoo layout and for preparation of detailed plan to renovate existing animal enclosures.

(d) that they are providing requisite staff for the zoo. However, no documentary evidence is furnished in this matter.

(e) that fair chance of hearing be given to them and to grant recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur.

10. And whereas, without any mention of purpose, enclosed unsigned copy of layout of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur. Though it is named as Master Plan of the zoo, it is only one annexure. Even that annexure is not in consistence with the Guidelines issued by the CZA for submission of Master Plan for long-term development of the zoo. Moreover, purpose of resubmission of the layout is not specified as layout of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur was already approved and signed by the Member Secretary, CZA, on December 30, 2009. As the said submission is neither from the Zoo Operator nor from any authorised representative, it is not in consistence with the extant provisions of Sub-section 6 of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 read with Sub-rule (m) of Rule 2 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

11. And whereas, proceedings of the said hearing under Sub-section (6) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, were circulated to members of the Central Zoo Authority. In view of the failure of the Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, to comply with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority that are specified above, the members of the Central Zoo Authority, in exercise of powers conferred under Sub-section (6) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, concurred to action proposed by this Secretariat and decided to cancel recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur.

12. Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra, is hereby cancelled as per provisions of Sub-section (6) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, with a provision to prefer an appeal before the Central Government, under Sub-section (7) and (8) of Section 38-H of the Act, within thirty days of issuance of this Order.

13. Appropriate transfer and rehabilitation of animals housed in the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, following the prescribed protocol should be ensured by the Zoo Operator in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the zoo should be physically closed to visitors under intimation to this Office.

This is issued with approval of the Competent Authority.

(Akanksha Mahajan)  
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (HQ)

**To**

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra,  
Department of City Development,  
4th Floor, Secretariat, Madam Cama Road,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Nariman Point,  
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[Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]

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2. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, Third floor, B Wing, Administrative Building No.2, Nagpur – 440 001, Maharashtra, E-mail: [mszooauthority@gmail.com](mailto:mszooauthority@gmail.com)
3. The Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation, 'Indrabhuwan', Ambedkar Chowk, Railway Lines, Solapur – 413 001, Maharashtra, E-mail: [smccommissioner@yahoo.com](mailto:smccommissioner@yahoo.com)
4. The Officer in-charge, Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Opposite Dharamveer Sambaji Talav, NH No. 13, Solapur - 413003, Maharashtra, E-mail: [mahatmagandhizoosolapur@gmail.com](mailto:mahatmagandhizoosolapur@gmail.com)
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(Akanksha Mahajan)  
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**F.No.26-1/2019-CZA/1149/2019**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Central Zoo Authority

B-1 Wing, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Pandit Daandayal Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi – 110003,  
Dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

**Sub: Appeal under Section 38-H(7) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 against the Order passed by the Central Zoo Authority regarding cancellation of recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra**

Reference is invited to the above cited subject.

In this context, the undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the Order of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in connection with the hearing held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in MoEF&CC, on the above matter, for action as appropriate.

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(Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak)

**Member Secretary**

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1. The Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation, Indrabhawan, Ambedkar Chowk, Railway Lines, Solapur – 413001 (Maharashtra), E-mail: [smccommissioner@yahoo.com](mailto:smccommissioner@yahoo.com) – with reference to his appeal dated 17.12.2018.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Department of City Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Secretariat, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Nariman Point, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400032, E-mail: [psec.ud1@maharashtra.gov.in](mailto:psec.ud1@maharashtra.gov.in) [Zoo Operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]
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**F. No. 26-1/2019-CZA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi – 110 003**

**ORDER**

Whereas, the appeal dated 17.12.2108 filed by the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra against order No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(NS)/4863/2018, dated 28.11.2018 issued by the Central Zoo Authority cancelling recognition of the 'captive animal facility' in the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra as per provisions laid under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for non-compliance of provisions laid under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and guidelines there under.

Whereas, a hearing was held by the undersigned as Appellate Authority in the capacity of Secretary to the Government of India (Environment, Forest and Climate Change) as per the provisions laid under Section 38H(7) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at the Conference Hall in the office of the undersigned in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Vayu Wing, Jor Bagh, New Delhi. During the hearing, following were present:-

**Petitioner: - Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra:-**

Representative/s

**Respondent: - Central Zoo Authority**

The Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi represented by Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, Member Secretary, Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer and Shri Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant.

Also, Dr. Gopinath, Joint Director (Wildlife), MoEF&CC and Shri Sashi Kumar from Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC assisted the undersigned in recording the proceedings of hearing.

And whereas, during hearing of the appeal, Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority appraised following as prominent grounds for cancellation of recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra. And whereas the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra pleaded in the appeal dated 11.03.2019 to revoke the cancellation order issued by the Central Zoo

Authority and grant renewal of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra:-

1. The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra has failed to construct the perimeter wall of the Zoo, which is surrounded by human landscape (perimeter wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level on both sides).
2. The Zoo has failed to maintain Zoo premises free from garbage, plastic and metal etc. and also failed to free the entrance of the Zoo from stagnant rain water.
3. The Zoo has failed to take appropriate measures for solid and liquid waste generated inside the Zoo so that adverse impact is not created on the environment.
4. The Zoo has failed to mention the species – Rose ringed parakeet (13 Nos.), Grey partridge housed at the Zoo in the statutory Annual Inventory of the animals submitted to the CZA.

The Zoo has also failed to provide the source of acquisition of these birds.

5. The Zoo has failed to stop housing the wild birds (Grey partridges) along with the domestic birds. The Zoo should remove domestic animals housed in the Zoo immediately.
6. The Zoo has failed to appoint Whole Time Officer In-charge of the Zoo of the appropriate rank with adequate financial and administrative powers.
7. The Zoo Operator has failed to deploy full time Curator, Veterinary Officer, Education Officer as well as Biologist.
8. The Zoo has failed to obtain permission from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the CZA regarding the acquisition of rescued Pariah kites (4) and painted stork (1).

The Zoo has failed to submit the clarification regarding the source of acquisition of birds.

9. The Zoo has failed to provide information regarding the recent purchase of number of exotic birds without any approval as well as it has not followed the Animal Collection Plan. Further, the Zoo does not have adequate space for housing of the acquired species.
10. The Zoo has been exhibiting Leopard in feeding & retiring cell.

The Zoo has failed to shift leopard to new enclosure for the last 8 years against the welfare of the animal and its biological requirements. During the evaluation said enclosure was found lying unused, rusted, full of rain water and vegetation.

11. The Zoo has failed to maintain records of animal feed provided to the animals.
12. The Zoo has failed to maintain the Keeper Diary and also failed to ensure the signing of the same on daily basis.

The Zoo has also failed to maintain the individual Animal History Sheet in the format as prescribed by the CZA.

13. The Zoo has failed to create Veterinary infrastructure. The Zoo has even failed to construct veterinary hospital for the last 8 years in spite of financial assistance provide by the CZA.
14. The Zoo has failed to provide treatment room, post mortem room as well as quarantine and isolation area, at an appropriate area.
15. The following Indian, domestic and exotic species are not shown in the animal inventory submitted by the Zoo to the CZA:-

- a. Grey partridge (7)
- b. Rose ringed parakeet (13)
- c. Muscovy duck (7)
- d. Macaws (2)
- e. Love birds (180)
- f. African love birds (8)
- g. African java birds (8)
- h. Golden pheasant
- i. Rosella (2)
- j. Turkey (4)
- k. Domestic ducks (11)
- l. Domestic pigeons (4)

16. The Zoo has failed to complete the work for which the financial assistance of ₹ 1.78 Crores provided to the Zoo by the CZA during 2009-10 for the construction of following new enclosure and other infrastructure:-

- a. Leopard (₹ 32.30 lakhs)
- b. Spotted deer (₹ 33.42 lakhs)
- c. Lion (₹ 46.84 lakhs)
- d. Marsh crocodile (₹ 15.59 lakhs)
- e. Veterinary Hospital (₹ 50.6 lakhs)

The Zoo has also failed to refund the grant since the Zoo is unable to complete the works for which the funds were allotted by the CZA.

And whereas, during hearing of the appeal, the representatives of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra pleaded to revoke the cancellation

order issued by the Central Zoo Authority and grant renewal of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra.

Now, therefore, after going through the pleadings of the parties, and perusing the records placed before me, by both the parties and after careful consideration, I find that the Central Zoo Authority's Order dated 28.11.2018 and to dispose the appeal filed by the Zoo with following directives:-

1. The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra shall complete the perimeter boundary wall in 3 months time.
2. The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra shall remove all domestic birds from its collection.
3. The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra make provision for solid waste, liquid waste management at the Zoo.
4. The Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra should shift all animals to the animal enclosures built with financial assistance of the CZA.
5. The CZA shall depute a team of experts for physical verification of compliance to the conditions stipulated by CZA after one month from the date of issue of present order.
6. The decision to grant recognition under Section 38H shall be taken on receipt of the report.

All concerned be informed accordingly.



(C.K. Mishra)

Secretary to the Government of India  
(Environment, Forest and Climate Change)

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019



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Date: 28.11.2018

ORDER

**Sub:-** Cancellation of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

**Ref:-**

1. This office letter F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(AK)/986/2016, dated 23.06.2016.
2. This office Show Cause Notice F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(AK)/985/2016, dated 23.06.2016
3. This office Show Cause Notice F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(NS)/3021/2018, dated 03.05.2018.

Whereas, the recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(AK)/986/2016, dated 23.06.2016 was valid up to 05.05.2017 subject to the compliance with the conditions specified therein under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra was issued show cause notice vide letter No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(AK)/ 985/2016, dated 23.06.2016 of this Authority.

Whereas the, Zoo Operator of Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra did not submit any reply to the Show cause notice issued by CZA dated 23.06.2016.

Whereas, the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra was evaluated by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 16.10.2017.

Whereas, the evaluation report of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra was placed before the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23.03.2018.

Whereas, the Technical Committee of the CZA after detailed deliberations recommended to issue a Show Cause Notice to the operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra.

Whereas, the CZA vide its letter F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. V)(NS)/3021/2018, dated 03.05.2018.issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra 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.

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Whereas, Dr. Avinash Dhakane, Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation and Dr. Shubhangi Tajane, Zoo in-charge / Veterinary Officer, Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur availed the opportunity of hearing provided as per provisions laid down under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The hearing was conducted by the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 in the office of the CZA at B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003 as authorised by the CZA.

Whereas, Dr. Avinash Dhakane, Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation and Dr. Shubhangi Tajane, Zoo in-charge / Veterinary Officer, Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur attended the hearing and admitted violation of provision as mentioned in the notice served by the CZA on 03.05.2018.

The proceedings of the hearing are given below:-

Sl.	Norm under RZR	Violations of Recognition of Zoo Rules	Compliance pending since	Submission by the Zoo Operator
<b>1. General requirements</b>				
1	10(1.2)	The Zoo has failed to plant endemic large trees in various enclosures/ aviaries to provide shade and shelter to the animals and to stimulate the conditions of the natural habitat of the animal in the enclosures.	<b>22.09.2009.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Zoo Master Plan was prepared and large endemic trees were planted in 2016. Also we have now planned to plant large trees in June-July 2018, for which pits are already prepared and order is placed for saplings.
2	10(1.6)	The Zoo has failed to construct the perimeter wall of the zoo, which is surrounded by human landscape (perimeter wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level on both sides)	<b>20.12.2006</b> followed by <b>23.06.2016.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	SMC has allocated Rs.1.25 cr. Budget and work is started in Jan, 2018, which is expected to complete by Oct., 2018.
3	10(1.7)	The Zoo has failed to maintain zoo premises free from Garbage, plastic and metal etc. and also failed to free the entrance of the zoo from stagnant rain water.	<b>23.06.2016.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Collection of garbage, plastic, metal etc. is done on daily basis water logging at entrance gate is removed by proper drain. Compliance will be submitted in three months.

Sl.	Norm under RZR	Violations of Recognition of Zoo Rules	Compliance pending since	Submission by the Zoo Operator
4	10(1.7)	The Zoo has failed to take appropriate measures for solid and liquid waste generated inside the zoo so that adverse impact is not created on the environment.	<b>23.06.2016.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	1) For solid waste collection, collection van from solid waste management department of Solapur Mahanagar Palika is collecting solid waste daily basis. 2) For Liquid waste Septic Tank (STP) constructed and it is now functional.
5	10(1.8)	The Zoo has failed to mention the species- Rose ringed parakeet (13 nos.), Grey partridge housed at the Zoo in the statutory Annual Inventory of the animals submitted to the CZA. The Zoo has also failed to provide the source of acquisition of these birds.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Grey Partridge was not available in Zoo since long time. After visit of Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta on 16.10.2017, we have mentioned Rose Ringed Parakeet name in Annual inventory report. Details will be submitted within one week.
6	10(1.9)	The zoo has failed to stop housing the wild birds (Grey partridges) along with the domestic birds. The Zoo should remove domestic animals housed in the zoo immediately.	<b>04.10.2004</b> followed by <b>20.12.2006</b> & <b>22.09.2009.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Grey Partridges are not available in the zoo. We removed domestic birds from the zoo and shifted to another location
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>				
7	10 (2.1)	The Zoo has failed to appoint whole time Officer-in-charge of the zoo of the appropriate rank with adequate financial and administrative powers.	<b>20.12.2006</b> followed by <b>23.03.2007,</b> <b>22.09.2009</b> & <b>23.06.2016.</b> Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Full time veterinary officer is appointed since August,2017, who has been given sufficient financial and administrative powers as per MMC Act, 1949.

Sl.	Norm under RZR	Violations of Recognition of Zoo Rules	Compliance pending since	Submission by the Zoo Operator
8	10 (2.2)	The Zoo Operator has failed to deploy full time Curator, Veterinary Officer, Education Officer as well as Biologist.	23.03.2007 followed by 07.09.2007, 14.11.2007, 22.09.2009 & 23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The appointment of the full time Curator is in process and same will be made before 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2018.  Order on appointment of Biologist will be submitted to the CZA in one week.
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>				
9	10 (3.6)	The Zoo has failed to make available an additional 21 hectares area for the development of zoo.	08.02.2007 followed by 23.03.2007, 10.02.2009 & 22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	21 acres total land is vested in Corporation as per T.P. Scheme. A private person has filed W.P. in Mumbai HC which is pending since last 4 years. However, there is no stay and we have undertaken work of road at main entrance at zoo, which will be completed in a month.
10	10(3.7&8)	The Zoo has failed to obtained permission from the CWLW of the state and the CZA regarding the acquisition of rescued Pariah kites (04) and painted stork (01) The Zoo has failed to submit the clarification regarding the source of acquisition of birds.	24.07.2007 followed by 22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The then Dr. Pankaj Raptwar was a zoo Director and he was looking all matter in the zoo. During Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta's visit on 16.10.2017 and followed his instruction, Veterinary Officer Dr. Shubhangi Tajane sent a letter regarding acquisition of rescued birds to DCF, Solapur for further process for acquisition of birds. Awaiting for their reply. We will get it as soon as possible and report. Copy of correspondence with the Forest Department will be submitted to the CZA in one week.

4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures				
11	10 (4.1) and Sec. 38 I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972	The zoo has failed to provide information regarding the recent purchase of number of exotic birds without any approval as well as it has not followed the animal collection plan. Further the zoo does not have adequate space for housing of the acquired species.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017	Dr. Pankaj Raptwar was a Zoo Director and he was looking after all matters in the zoo. During Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta Sir's visit on 16.10.2018 as per his instructions, annual inventory is maintained. We will take all necessary action as per guidance and instructions before next inspection. We have made adequate provisions in our budget for the same.
12	10 (4.1)	The zoo has failed to stop housing the Budgerigar in small cages inside the office of the zoo and also failed to shift the bird to an appropriate enclosure as per biological and behavioural requirements of the species.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017	The zoo has shifted budgerigar to an appropriate enclosure as per biological and behavioural requirements of the species.
13	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to provide the animal exhibits as per the norms prescribed by the CZA, for example- Jackal, Rhesus macaque, Civet Cat, aviaries etc.	18.06.2004 followed by 20.12.2006 and 22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Jackal and Civet Cat are not available in the zoo. Appropriate aviaries for Macaw and other birds proposed in the new master plan are under implementation.
14	10(4.2)	The zoo has been exhibiting Leopard in feeding & retiring cell.  The Zoo has failed to shift leopard to new enclosure for the last 8 years against the welfare of the animal and its biological requirements. During the evaluation said enclosure was found lying unused, rusted, full of rain water and vegetation.	20.12.2006. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The new enclosures will be repaired and altered. The work will be completed by 16.10.2018.

15	10(4.3)	The Zoo has failed to provide kuchha floor in the aviary for Peacock	23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The zoo has provided kuchha floor in the aviary for peacock see picture in fig. 1,2
16	10(4.3)	The Zoo has failed to make efforts to make its aviaries free of rodents.	23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We maintain rodents free cages with the help of rodents catcher and other necessary measures.
17	10 (4.3 &6)	The Zoo has constructed enclosures for Lion, Leopard and Crocodile but the same has not been made functional. It was informed that it is unused for the last 3 years.	23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	It is too risky to shift leopards and crocodiles in newly constructed enclosures before completion of perimeter wall. The zoo is planning to put to use new enclosures after completion of Perimeter wall i.e. after 16.10.2018.
18	10 (4.10)	The Zoo has failed to provide signage's in local languages with relevant information about biology, behaviour etc. about the animal exhibited in the enclosures.	22.09.2009 followed by 23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	All signages are made in three languages i.e Marathi, Hindi and English and also prepared environmental signages in the zoo. a) Fig 1: old signages b) Fig 2&3: newly prepared signages in the month of January, 2018.
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>				
19	10(5.2)	The zoo has failed to maintain records of animal feed provided to the animals.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The zoo is maintaining feeding records compulsorily under the guidance of animal keeper and veterinary officer.

20	10 (5.2)	The Zoo has failed to ensure the animal feed house rodent free and moisture proof.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Animal feed house is rodent free now. We are taking necessary measure for the same.
21	10(5.5)	The Zoo has failed to provide proper arrangements from drainage and removal of excreta and residual water from each cell/cubicle/enclosures.	22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Now enclosures of leopard and lion are well drained by gutter system and joined to underground drainage system.
22	10(5.8)	The zoo has failed to screen the animals against parasitic loads as per written schedule and also failed to maintain details on prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases at the Zoo centre.	20.12.2006. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have done animal deworming. TB and Brucellosis testing for the zoo animals with the help of Dr.Ghoke (Prof. of Pathology) Udgir Veterinary College. Vaccination Schedule will be emailed to the CZA within one week.
23	10(5.9)	The Zoo has failed to screen the staff working with the animals against the zoonotic diseases.	20.12.2006. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Health screening for the zoo staff for Rabies vaccination, TT injection and T.B. is already done. List of staff involved in upkeep of animals and report on their screening will be emailed to the CZA in one week.
24	10(5.10)	The Zoo has failed to maintain the Keeper Diary and also failed to ensure the signing of the same on daily basis.  The Zoo has also failed to maintain the individual Animal History Sheet in the format as prescribed by the CZA.	22.09.2009 followed by 23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The keeper diary is maintained on daily basis now, also individual animal sheet will be maintained as per the instructions. Animal History Sheet, Daily Report and Treatment Card will be emailed to the CZA in one week.

<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>				
25	10(6.1)	The Zoo has failed to create Veterinary infrastructure. The Zoo has even failed to construct veterinary hospital for the last 8 years in spite of financial assistance provided by the CZA.	20.12.2006 followed by 07.09.2007 and 22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	The land on which veterinary infrastructure is being constructed was under litigation. However, now there is no stay from Hon'ble Mumbai High Court. However, work will be completed in next six months.
26	10(6.1c)	The zoo has failed to provide treatment room, post mortem room as well as quarantine and isolation area, at an appropriate area.	20.12.2006 followed by 07.09.2007 and 14.11.2007. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	As above.
27	10(6.3)	The Zoo has failed to keep the tranquilizing equipment safely under the lock and also failed to maintain the records with regard to the usage of tranquilizing drugs in a register.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have provided a safety box for keeping tranquilizing gun with lock. In future, we are maintaining the records with regard to the usage of tranquilizing drugs in a register.
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>				
28	10(7.1,2&3)	The Zoo has failed to house the animals as per the carrying capacity of the enclosure and also failed to house the animals in the enclosure with prescribed dimension of CZA. The Zoo has failed to investigate the reason behind the death of animals- blackbuck, Sambar, Rhesus macaque due to infighting. The zoo has also failed to adopt immediate population control measures and also failed to phase out the surplus animal to other recognized zoos with prior approval of the CZA.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have taken advice from Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Katraj (Pune) and proposed for Vasectomy for the spotted deer and Blackbuck.

9. Acquisition and breeding of animals				
29	10 (9.4)	The Zoo has failed to pair single porcupine in its collection	22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have requested to the Hemalkasa for breeding of porcupine. Response from them is awaited. E-mail received from the Rescue Centre will be forwarded to the CZA in one week.
30	10 (9.9)	The Zoo has failed to adopt population control measures in respect of Spotted deer, Blackbuck and Bonnet macaque.	22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have taken advice from Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Katraj (Pune) and proposed for Vasectomy for the Spotted Deer and Blackbuck. We will complete the process in next one month.
12.Visitors facilities				
31	10 (12.1)	The Zoo has failed to improve the hygienic condition and cleanliness of civic amenities.	23.06.2016. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Hygienic condition and cleanliness in zoo is empowered now to the satisfaction of citizens.
32	10(12.2)	The Zoo has failed to provide snake anti-venom and lifesaving drugs for the safety of zoo visitors.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have placed the demand for ASV and life-saving drugs are made for the safety of zoo visitors.
33	10 (12.3)	The Zoo has failed to provide functional wheelchair for the physically challenged persons.	22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We are providing wheel chair for the physically challenged persons.

Rule 11.Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory				
34	10 (11.1)	<p>The following Indian, domestic and exotic species are not shown in the animal inventory submitted by the Zoo to the CZA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grey Partridge (7)</li> <li>2. Rose ringed parakeet (13)</li> <li>3. Muscovy duck(7)</li> <li>4. macaws (2)</li> <li>5. Love birds(180)</li> <li>6. African love birds (8)</li> <li>7. African java bird (8)</li> <li>8. Golden pheasant</li> <li>9. Rosella (2)</li> <li>10. Turkey (4)</li> <li>11. Domestic ducks (11)</li> <li>12. Domestic pigeons (4)</li> </ol>	22.09.2009. Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	<p>At the time of evaluation, the documentation of new purchased birds was not complete, so we could not show inventory.</p> <p>Grey Partridges are not available in the zoo since long period.</p> <p>18 no. of lovebirds are available in the zoo and not 180.</p> <p>Bill and other documents pertaining to acquisition of animals from trader will be submitted to the CZA in one week.</p>
<b>Others</b>				
35		<p>The Zoo has failed to complete the work for which the financial assistance of Rs. 1.78 Crores provided to the Zoo by the CZA during 2009-10 for the construction of following new enclosure and other infrastructure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Leopard (Rs. 32.30 lakhs)</li> <li>b. Spotted Deer (Rs. 33.42 lakhs)</li> <li>c. Lion (Rs. 46.84 lakhs)</li> <li>d. Marsh Crocodile (Rs. 15.59 lakhs)</li> <li>c. Veterinary Hospital (Rs. 50.6 lakhs)</li> </ol> <p>The Zoo has also failed to refund the grant since the zoo is unable to complete the works for which the funds were allotted by the CZA.</p>	<p>The grant was released vide CZA letter no. 19-25/93-CZA(Vol. IV)(155)(NA), dated 23.11.2009 and letter no. 19-25/93-CZA(Vol. IV)(155)(NA), dated 12.04.2010.</p>	<p>The grant was released vide CZA letter no. 19-25/93-CZA(Vol. IV)(155)(NA), dated 23.11.2009 and letter no. 19-25/93-CZA(Vol. IV)(155)(NA), dated 12.04.2010.</p> <p>U.C. has been submitted for Rs.167 lacs. Remaining unutilized funds will be refunded after re-conciliation of accounts by May, 2018.</p>

36		The zoo shifted Lion to new enclosure and the lion died a year ago. However, this enclosure is also lying empty.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	Since, we could not get lion, we have required Aurangabad Zoo Royal Bengal Tiger. However, they had asked as for exchange of carnivorous, which we do not have with us.
37		The deer enclosure is being constructed. Signage's were put up as stated by the Zoo, but at the time of evaluation there were not sufficient signage's available. The signage's which were available at the zoo were in very poor condition.	Violation observed during evaluation on 16.10.2017.	We have put additional signage in the visible area.

Whereas, the Technical Committee in its 86<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 after due deliberation on the proceedings of the opportunity of hearing provided to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra recommended to the Central Zoo Authority to cancel recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra as per provisions of Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 keeping in view welfare of the captive animals.

Whereas, the Central Zoo Authority in its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, in view of the failure of the operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra to comply with conditions stipulated by the CZA, approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to cancel the recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra is hereby cancelled as per provisions laid down in Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 with a provision to file an appeal before the Central Government as per provisions laid down in Section 38H(7) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Yours Sincerely,



(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

To

The Principal Secretary (UD II),  
Urban Development Department (UDD),  
Mantralaya, 4th Floor,  
Mumbai – 400032. (Maharashtra).  
Email: sec.ud2@maharashtra.gov.in

[operator of the Mahatma Gandhi Zoo, Solapur, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]

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2. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Zoo Authority, B-Wing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New Administrative Building No. 2, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001 (Maharashtra), E-mail: mszooauthority@gmail.com
3. The Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation, 'Indrabhawan', Ambedkar Chowk, Railway Lines, Solapur – 413 001 (Maharashtra), E-mail: smccommissioner@yahoo.com
4. The Garden Superintendent, Solapur Municipal Corporation & In charge, Mahatma Gandhi zoo, Opposite Dharamveer Sambhaji, Talav, NH No. 13, Solapur- 413 003 (Maharashtra). Email: rppankaj09@gmail.com



**(Dr. D.N. Singh)**  
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## Central Zoo Authority



BY POST/E-MAIL

F.No.19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol.V)(AK) / 986 / 2016

DATE: 23.06.2016

To

The Comissioner,  
Solapur Municipal Corporation,  
'Indrabhawan', Ambedkar Chowk,  
Railway Lines, Solapur – 413 001.  
(Maharashtra)  
E-mail:- smccommissioner@yahoo.com

Noted  
22/6/16

**Subject:- Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur for period beyond 30.09.2012 - regarding**

**Reference:-**

1. Application vide letter No.SMC/GS/3B/507 dated 25.07.2012 from the Garden Superintendent, Solapur Municipal Corporation
2. This office letter F.No.19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol.IV)(M) dated 22.09.2009
3. This office letter F.No.21-1/2014-CZA(AK)/618/2016 dated 13.04.2016

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta on 23.04.2016. The evaluation report of the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to issue Show Cause Notice under Section 38H (5&6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur for non-compliance with conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority in violation of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (amended in 2013), to provide time period of six months to the zoo to submit a compliance report on the issues mentioned in the Show Cause Notice. Besides, the Committee has decided to grant conditional renewal for recognition for a period of one year. Show Cause Notice is being sent separately.

The renewal of recognition of Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur as "a Mini Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under Rule 10 of Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (Amended in 2013) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

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S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1.General requirements</b>			
1.	1(5)	Zoo authorities should complete remaining portion of perimeter wall around the zoo and ensure that the wall is of at least two meter in height from the ground level on both sides.	Three months
2.	1(7)	Garbage, plastic and metal found at various places of the zoo be cleaned.	Immediately
3.	1(7)	Practice of burning leaf litter and other waste be stopped by adopting efficient waste management techniques. During evaluation it was found that they are burnt within the zoo premises and at few places inside the animal exhibits (Spotted deer) itself.	Immediately
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
4.	2(1)	The zoo operator should post an officer of appropriate rank as "whole time in-charge" of the zoo with adequate administrative and financial powers.	Six months
5.	2(2)	Full time veterinary officer, education officer as well as biologist be appointed at the zoo.	Six months
<b>3.Development and Planning</b>			
6.	3(1)	Zoo authorities should submit Master Plan and get approval from the Central Zoo Authority.	Three months
7.	3(3)	Efforts be made to dismantle the structures which have been proposed so in the approved layout plan.	Three months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
8.	4(3)	Floor in the aviary for Peafowl should be made 'kuchha'.	Three months
9.	4(3)	Efforts be made to make the aviaries rodent free.	Three months
10.	4(3)&(6)	Enclosures constructed for Lion, Leopard and Crocodile lying non-operational for last 3 years be put to use by making minor amendments, repairs and enrichment works as suggested during evaluation.	Four months
11.	4(8)	Authorities of the zoo should ensure that enclosures for endangered species are constructed without prior approval of designs by the Central Zoo Authority. Exhibits already constructed to house snakes without obtaining approval from the Central Zoo Authority, found to be of old fashioned pit type, with metal sheet on top, radiating heat may be modified by submitting revised designs to the Central Zoo Authority for approval.	Three months

12.	4(10)	Should provide appropriate signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild at every display enclosure. During evaluation, it was found that the signage provided contains wrong scientific name of the animals housed therein.	Three months
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals</b>			
13.			
14.	5(10)	Should maintain records on observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
15.	12(1)	Condition of civic amenities such as toilet for ladies and drinking water point be improved.	Three months
<b>General observations</b>			
16.		Additives and drugs be purchased in accordance with need. During evaluation, it was found that the zoo has acquired large amount of drugs for storage such as 1600+ ampicillin capsules yet to be consumed before 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 as of the expiry of the drugs. Similarly many other additives and drugs found purchased in large quantity.	Immediately

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 Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur for period beyond 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 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 Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur 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



(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

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3. The Garden Superintendent, Solapur Municipal Corporation & Incharge, Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Opposite Dharamveer Sambhaji, Talav, NH No. 13, Solapur – 413 003. (Maharashtra), E-mail:- [rppankaj09@gmail.com](mailto:rppankaj09@gmail.com)
4. DPA, CZA – to update database



**(Dr. D.N. Singh)**  
**Member Secretary**

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**Central Zoo Authority**

SPEED POST



**BY REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol. IV)(M)**

**DATE: 22.09.2009**

To

The Garden Superintendent  
Solapur Municipal Corporation,  
Mahatma Gandhi Zoo,  
Opp. Dharamveer Sambhaji,  
Talav, NH No. 13,  
Solapur - 413 003 (Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur beyond the period of 31.12.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter No. letter No. GS/MGZoo/2180 dated 13.12.2007 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur beyond the period of 31.12.2007 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur was carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 by Dr. J. H. Desai and Dr. R. G. Jani. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
<b>General</b>			
1.	1	The primary objective of the zoo shall be the conservation of wildlife. The domesticated species of animals and exotic birds should be kept away from the wild animal/ birds enclosures.	With immediate effect

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2.	2	The zoo should not acquire any animal in violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act or Rules made there under. Prior to requisition of animals with respect to Schedule I & II necessary permission should have got obtained from the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
3.	9	The zoo operator should plant endemic large trees in various animal enclosures/ aviaries to provide shade and shelter to the animals.	With immediate effect
4.	11A	The zoo has not prepared collection plan for animal to be housed and displayed in the zoo keeping due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area.	Six months
<b>Administrative &amp; Staffing Pattern</b>			
5.	12	The zoo should have a full time officer-in-charge for the zoo. The said officer should be delegated adequate administrative and financial power to purchase feed and medicine and carry out emergency repair of animal enclosures, as may be necessary for proper upkeep and care of zoo animals.	With immediate effect
6.	13	The zoo should have an official with a Masters degree in wildlife science/ zoology as a full time Curator solely responsible for looking after the upkeep of animals and maintenance of animal enclosures.	With immediate effect
<b>Animal enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features</b>			
7.	15	The zoo authorities should take immediate action for modification/ reconstruction of the enclosures, which are being planned/ proposed in the master plan on immediate basis, so that the animals housed in menagerie type enclosures over their can be provided comfortable life. Till such period the zoo should not acquire any new animal for which the zoo has not yet constructed new enclosures.	Six months
8.	17	The zoo should simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of the animal in the enclosures as closely as possible by planting appropriate species of trees and others.	Six months
9.	19	The zoo should have proper arrangement of drainage and arrangement for removal of excreta and residual water from each cell/ cubicle/ enclosures.	With immediate effect
<b>Animal Care, Health and Treatment</b>			
10.	26	The animals at the zoo should be handling only by the staff having experience and training in handling the individual animals. Every care should be taken to avoid discomfort, behavioral stress or physical harm to animals.	
11.	30	Animal history sheets should be prepared for each and every animal of endangered species housed at the zoo.	One month

<b>Veterinary Facilities</b>			
12.	33	The zoo should have a functional veterinary unit in the premises of zoo where routine examination of animals can be undertaken and immediate treatment can be provided.	Three months
13.	34	The zoo operator should ensure that any animal that dies in the zoo should be subjected to a detailed post-mortem operation by a veterinarian register with the State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and finding of such operation should be recorded and maintained for a period of atleast six years.	With immediate effect
<b>Breeding of animals</b>			
14.	36	The zoo has excess number of Blackbucks (64 nos.), Spotted deer (18 nos.) and Bonnet macaques (29 nos.) in its collection. The Zoo Operator 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 compromise for keeping the excessive numbers.	With immediate effect
15.	37	The Zoo Operator should procure appropriate mates for the single King cobra housed at the zoo in the period of three months from the date of issue of this letter, failure to which the zoo operator should be responsible to shift the King cobra to other recognized zoos in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority. The zoo should also provide appropriate mate for single Mugger, Lion and Leopard housed at the zoo.	Three months
16.	40	Population control measures in respect of Spotted deer, Blackbuck and Bonnet macaque should be taken on priority basis.	Continued basis
<b>Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority</b>			
17.	42	The zoo should keep the record of the birth, acquisitions, sales, disposals & deaths of all animals. The inventory of the animals housed in the Zoo as on 31 <sup>st</sup> March of every year should be to the Central zoo Authority by 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the same year.	With immediate effect
18.	43	The zoo should submit the summary of death of animals in the Zoo for every financial year, along with reason for death identified on the basis of post-mortem reports and other diagnostic tests by 30 <sup>th</sup> April of the following year to the Central Zoo Authority. In case of death of critically endangered species a report alongwith the details specified above should be submitted to the Central zoo Authority within 24 hours.	With immediate effect

<b>Education and Research</b>			
19.	45	All the enclosures need to provide with signage's in local language including Hindi and English in proper format, displaying scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.	Six months
20.	47	Appropriate arrangements for recording of biological behaviours and population dynamics of endangered species should be made by deputing Curator/ Biologist of the zoo.	With immediate effect
<b>Visitor's facilities</b>			
21.	50	Access to handicapped persons or those on wheel chair should be provided to view the animals.	Immediately
<b>Development and Planning</b>			
22.	51	The Zoo should prepare a long-term Master plan for its development in the format as circulated by the Central Zoo Authority. The copies of the said plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval.	Revised plan to be prepared and submitted to this office at the earliest keeping in view of the observations communicated by this office.

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 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 to the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur as 'a small 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 Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur 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.

**Yours faithfully,**  
sd/-  
**(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Commissioner, Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur.

  
**(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)**  
**Member Secretary**



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**BY REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-25/93-CZA(155)(Vol.III)(M)

DATE: 23.3.2007

To

Shri M. S. Devanikar,  
Commissioner,  
Solapur Municipal Corporation,  
'Indrabhuvan', Railway Lines,  
Solapur - 413 001.

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur,  
Maharashtra - Regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. MC/PB/256 dated 12/13.03.2007 & letter  
No. MC/PB/257 dated 14.3.2007.

On perusal of the reply and undertaking submitted to this office vide  
aforesaid letters, it has been decided by the Central Zoo Authority to allow that  
the Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur continue to operate till 31<sup>st</sup> December,  
2007 subject to the following conditions:-

1. The Solapur Municipal Corporation should made available the  
additional 21 hectares area for the development of the zoo.
2. The Master Layout Plan for the development of Mahatma Gandhi  
Udyan Zoo, Solapur on an area of 23.5 hectares should be prepared in  
the format circulated by the Central Zoo Authority vide letter No. letter  
no. 27-1/2005-CZA(M), dated 03.02.2006 should have got approved  
from the Central Zoo Authority.
3. Prior to the construction of the animal enclosures for Schedule I & II  
species, the Authority should have obtain approval of the Sub-  
committee of Zoo Designing of the Central Zoo Authority.
4. The Central Zoo Authority will not provide any grants for development  
of the zoo on the present area i.e. 2.5 hectare.

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5. The Municipal Corporation, Solapur should ensure that the zoo shall have a full time In-charge, one full time Curator and one full time Veterinarian as prescribed in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.
6. The zoo should follow the norms and standards as laid down in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992, and comply with the conditions stipulated by this office vide letter no. 19-25/95-CZA(155) dated 1.6.2004, 10.6.2004 & 18.6.2004.

Necessary decision with regard to further grant of renewal of recognition beyond 31.12.2007 to Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur shall be taken up on receipt of the compliance report on the condition stipulated above and physical evaluation of the zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to Mahatma Gandhi Udyan Zoo, Solapur 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,**  
**sd/-**  
**(B. R. Sharma)**  
**Member Secretary**

Copy to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra for favour of information.

  
**(B. R. Sharma)**  
**Member Secretary**