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Subject: Grant of renewal of recognition to Maharajbag Zoo, Nagpur,
Maharashtra under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

References:

1. Application vide letter No CAN/MZ/Renewal of Recognition/200/20 dated 28/10/2020 from the Officer-in-charge, Maharajbag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
2. This office letter F No 7-2/2021-CZA (computer No 152535) dated 25th March 2021 regarding observations related to masterplan
3. This office letter F No. 26-1/2019-CZA/1146/2019 dated 18th July 2019 related copy of the order of the Appellate Authority, Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Govt of India.
4. This office letter F No 19-104/93-CZA (157) (Vol.VII) (NS) /4890/2018 dated 29.11.2018 cancelling recognition of the Maharajbag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra

Sir,

The application for renewal of recognition was received from the Officer in Charge, Maharajbag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra vide correspondence listed at (1). Dr Gowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant, Central Zoo Authority was deputed by this office as the evaluating officer and the zoo was evaluated on August 13 and

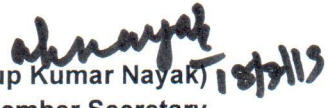
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New Delhi – 110003,
Dated 18th July, 2019

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 Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, 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 11th March, 2019 in MoEF&CC, on the above matter, for action as appropriate.


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2. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, P.O. Krishi Nagar, Akola – 444104, Maharashtra, E-mail: vc@pdkv.ac.in [Zoo Operator of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]
3. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, 3rd Floor, Van Bhawan, Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001. (Maharashtra), E-mail: pccfwlngp@mahaforest.gov.in

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ORDER

Whereas, the appeal dated 2nd January, 2019 filed by the Maharajbaug Zoo against Order No.19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol.VII)(NS)/4890/2018 dated 29th November, 2018 issued by the Central Zoo Authority cancelling recognition of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, as per provisions laid under Section 38-H(6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, for non-compliance of standard and norms laid under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and Guidelines there under.

And whereas, a hearing was held by the undersigned as Appellate Authority in the capacity of the Secretary to the Government of India (Environment, Forests and Climate Change) as per provisions laid under Section 38-H(7) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, on 11th March, 2019 at Conference Hall in the Office of the undersigned in Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, New Delhi. During the hearing, following were present:

Petitioner: Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur

Representative/s of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur.

Respondent: Central Zoo Authority

Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, Member Secretary, Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer and Mr. T. Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant represented the Central Zoo Authority.

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 apprised following as prominent grounds for cancellation of recognition of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur:

1. The Zoo Operator failed to comply with the CZA's directives to transfer captive animals to the Zoo & Rescue Centre, Gorewada in a phased manner.

2. Failed to operate the Zoo as per standards and norms prescribed by the CZA (*viz.* ineffective perimeter barrier of the zoo, entry of feral animals into zoo premises, inadequate screening between animal enclosures, inappropriate disposal of waste generated in the zoo, not reported acceptance of rescued wild animals for housing in the zoo, accepted rescued wild animals [Otter] for which housing of prescribed design and dimension does not exist in the zoo, housed prey species [Blackbuck and Nilgai] next to predator [Bengal Tiger]).
3. Failed to regulate circulation of visitors.
4. Infrastructure existing in the Zoo is not in a planned manner. Not separated Children's Play area from animal exhibit area.
5. The Zoo Operator permitted usage of Zoo premises for activities that are not permissible in a Zoo, such as morning walk, Aarogya Ashram Mandal and yoga classes.
6. Location of the Zoo is not congenial for display of captive animals.
7. The Zoo Operator failed to appoint whole time in-charge and delegate appropriate administrative and financial powers. Further, scientific and technical personnel were not appointed as required under Rules to assist the officer in-charge.
8. Acquisition [1Bengal Tiger, 4 Leopards and 2 Smooth coated Otters] and disposal [Palm Civet and Kite] of rescued animals without permission under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Also, Spotted Deer released in the wild without permission.
9. Housing, upkeep and healthcare of captive animals is not as per standards and norms prescribed by the CZA. Enclosure for Sloth Bear, Leopard, Rhesus macaque and Common Langur does not meet norms prescribed. Further, ailing Tiger is being treated in an inappropriate facility.
10. Housed exotic birds beyond carrying capacity.
11. Mandated records are not being maintained.
12. Compliance with the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature of Bombay, Nagpur Bench to the Zoo Operator in the PIL No. 118 of 2015 is not submitted and
13. Poor visitors' facilities.

And whereas, the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur pleaded following in the appeal dated 2nd January, 2019:

1. The Zoo Operator decided to maintain and strengthen the Zoo at existing location in view of heritage value and public agitation.
2. Zoo has erected appropriate boundary walls on east, north and south side. Also, repaired damaged wall. On west side chain-link fence is erected.
3. Arrangement is made for disposal of waste generated in the Zoo. Annual contract is made in this regard.
4. Screening between Ashram Mandal, sewage nala and animal enclosures is provided by vegetation.
5. Accepted Rescued animals to save wildlife and released without records due to inadequate staff. In future, if we get adequate staff, appropriate records would be maintained.
6. Otter is housed in off-display area. Design of enclosure will be submitted on approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.
7. Created circulation pathway for visitors.
8. Erected barrier separating Children's Play area from animal exhibit area.
9. Morning walkers committed to stop Yoga classes. Subsequently, the Yoga Mandal filed a Petition and matter is sub-judice.
10. Committed to develop and manage the zoo as per modern concept of zoo management.
11. The Associate Dean is declared as Zoo Controller with powers to sanction recurring expenditure. Assistant Professor of Veterinary Science is the fulltime Officer in-charge with powers as Drawing and Disbursing Officer. Further, full time Veterinary officer is posted. Zoo Curator, Education Officer cum Biologist are filled on contract. Work of Compounder is assigned to Animal Keeper.
12. Noted and complied subsequently. Due care will be taken in future.
13. Treatment cages and Hospital has been upgraded. Incident of treatment of Tiger is isolated in nature.
14. Trying for compliance to the best possible extent regarding housing Leopards and exotic birds beyond carrying capacity. Master Plan of the Zoo is pending for approval of the CZA. Excess Leopards may be shifted to Gorewada Zoo. More space is provided for birds and enrichment is also done.

15. Animal History Card is updated. Started maintaining *post-mortem* Report in the format prescribed by the CZA.
16. Compliance with respect to increase greenery in the premises is under process.
17. Upgradation of drinking water facility is in progress.

And whereas, in addition to the appeal filed, the representatives of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur pleaded during the hearing that the Master Plan of the Zoo is submitted to the Central Zoo Authority in the year 2016 after updation thrice and approval of the same is awaited.

Now, therefore, after going through the pleadings of the parties, I set aside the Central Zoo Authority's Order dated 29th November, 2018 and dispose the appeal filed by the Zoo with following directives:

- a. The Central Zoo Authority shall reconsider the application filed by the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur for renewal of recognition for period beyond 3rd November, 2017, as per provisions of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- b. The Central Zoo Authority shall take a decision on the Master Plan, if any, submitted by the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, within one month.
- c. Time period of one year is granted to the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur to report progress made by the Zoo Operator against each of the grounds cited for cancellation of recognition in the Order dated 29th November, 2018.
- d. The Central Zoo Authority shall verify the progress made by the Zoo Operator from time to time.

All concerned be informed accordingly.


(C.K. Mishra)

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

Place : New Delhi

Date : 18th July, 2019



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F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VII)(NS) / 4890 / 2018

Date: 29.11.2018

ORDER

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

Ref:-

1. This office letter F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(AK)/3099/2016, dated 29.11.2016.
2. This office letter F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(PKR)/407/2016, dated 07.03.2017.
2. This office Show Cause Notice F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(NS)/2984/2018, dated 25.04.2018.
3. This office Notice F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(PKR)/3069/2018, dated 09.05.2018.

Whereas, the recognition of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter F. No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(AK)/3099/2016, dated 29.11.2016. was valid up to 03.11.2017 subject to the compliance with the conditions specified therein under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas, the CZA, on 10.12.1997, issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra for non-compliance with the conditions stipulated by the CZA.

Whereas, the Environment of the Zoo was unhygienic and not congenial to the animals because of sewage nallah flowing on two sides of the Zoo. It was committing serious violation since its inception and the zoo authorities were offered following alternatives by the CZA:

- (i) The Zoo should either be closed or,
- (ii) it should be relocated to a new site and the present site may be maintained as a Botanical Garden, or,
- (iii) The appropriate sewage water treatment and close conveyance should be undertaken for the nallah flowing in the Zoo and improvements effected in the enclosure and living conditions of animals.

Whereas, the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India and the then Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority vide letter dated 25.09.2001 informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra that the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra has very small area, most of the cages are cramped and the sewage nallah flowing through the zoo has made environment of entire zoo unhygienic and non-conducive to the health of the captive animals. Hence, this zoo should be closed and a modern zoo should be set up at Nagpur.

Whereas, the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was once again evaluated on 13th November, 2003. The matter with respect to improvement of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was also taken up by the evaluating team with the Zoo Authorities. The evaluating team has recommended that we may consider giving the University a further time period for taking a decision, before considering de-recognition to the Zoo. The Evaluating Officers recommended for further recognition of the Zoo for one year. However, the Zoo authorities did not pay any heed to the repeated opportunities being provided to them for consideration of the alternatives mentioned above.

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Whereas, the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was again evaluated on 05.01.2007 and the evaluation report was placed before the Technical Committee in its meeting held on 23.01.2007. Recognition of the Zoo has been renewed for a period of one year. Subsequently, evaluation was carried out on 14.07.2008. The Evaluation Report of the Zoo was placed before the 49th Meeting of the Technical Committee held on 19th December, 2008. The Technical Committee decided that the renewal of recognition to the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra should be granted for the period of two Years. The Technical Committee of Central Zoo Authority in its 57th Meeting held on 24th March, 2011 allowed Zoo to operate with the expectation that the situation would improve. After a lot of pursuance, the Master Plan of the Zoo was received on 28.04.2014 for approval.

Whereas, the evaluation of the Zoo was again carried out on 11.08.2014 and 25.08.2014. The Report was placed before the Technical Committee, CZA in its 72nd Meeting held on 12th December, 2014. It has been noticed that the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra has failed to submit amended copy of Master (Layout) Plan and Master plan for approval of the CZA as mandatory under Rule 10, Sub-rule 3(1), Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas the CZA vide letter No. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol.VI(NS)/6621, dated 16.01.2015 had directed the Zoo Operator to shift animals of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra to upcoming Zoo & Rescue Centre at Gorewada, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Whereas, the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was again evaluated by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 18.01.2018.

Whereas, the evaluation report of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was placed before the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 85th 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. 19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol. VI)(NS)/2984/2018, dated 25.04.2018 issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, 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 on 11.05.2018 to explain why recognition of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra should not be cancelled.

Whereas, Dr. Sunil S. Bawaskar, Officer In-charge, Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra 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 11th 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. Sunil S. Bawaskar, Officer In-charge, Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra attended the hearing and admitted violation of provision as mentioned in the notice served by the CZA on 25.04.2018.

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	Compliance reported by the Zoo Operator	Remarks by Central Zoo Authority
1. General requirements						
1	10(1.3)	The Zoo Operator has failed to stop the Yoga Classes being held within the premises of the Zoo.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018	We shall stop yoga classes in within one month from 10 th May, 2018 and all boards/ signage relating to the yoga classes shall be	Nil	The compliance in this regard is pending since 29.11.2016 and it has not been complied

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			dated 18.01.2018 also pending since 29.11.2016	relating to the yoga classes shall be removed from the zoo campus.		and it has not been complied till the date of hearing.
2	10(1.3)	The Zoo has failed to provide appropriate barrier to separate the children play area.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016	The chain link barrier shall be strengthened and made effective barrier within next 15 days.	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.	The compliance in this regard is pending since 29.11.2016 and it has not been complied till the date of hearing.
3	10(1.3)	<p>a. The Zoo has failed to provide circulation pathway for movement of visitors</p> <p>b. The Zoo has failed to stop free entry of morning walkers.</p> <p>c. The Zoo has failed to provide appropriate screening between the Sambar enclosure and Arogya Ashram Mandal which is next to the Sambar enclosure.</p>	11.04.2011	<p>a. At present provided and will be updated according to Layout Plan.</p> <p>b. Morning walk inside the zoo will be stopped within a month.</p> <p>c. As the Ashram will be closed, there will be no need of screening between the Sambar enclosure.</p>	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.	<p>The compliance in this regard is pending since 11.04.2011 and it has not been complied till the date of hearing.</p> <p>The screening of adjacent animal enclosures is required for the welfare of the captive animals.</p> <p>The operation of Arogya Ashram next to Sambar enclosure is not in the interest of wellbeing of the captive animals as well as human beings.</p>

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4	10(1.4)	The Zoo has failed to submit details regarding the 12 mt wide road inside the zoo premises which is very close to nala and to the zoo periphery.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018	The said road is being now outside the zoo premises and the boundary wall of 2 mtr high is under construction. It will be completed within six months from 11 th May, 2018.	Nil	The Violation observed during evaluation dated 18.01.2018. The Nala is causing adverse impact on the health of animals. since 1994, the nala was causing environment problems to the Animals.
5	10(1.4)	The Zoo has failed to construct the Barrier/Boundary wall broken/fallen at various places to regulate the access of unregulated visitors and stray animals. The Zoo has also failed to construct Boundary wall on west side and east side of the zoo.	16.01.2015 and 11.04.2011	Work is in progress on east side and photograph is attached.	Nil	The Violation is pending since 11.04.2011 and has not been complied inspite of reminder on 16.01.2015. The Boundary wall must be of 2 m height which is surrounded by human landscape as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
6	10(1.5)	The Zoo has failed to stop selling of food in plastic at the food outlets.	29.11.2016	It has been stopped by the zoo and also banned by the Maharashtra government.	Nil	Complied.
7	10(1.7)	The Zoo has failed to dispose off the solid and liquid waste and effluent generated in the zoo in an appropriate manner.	11.04.2011	The zoo has a contract with the supplier (Mohd. Shaffi Nawab Qurais hi) to remove the solid waste on day to day basis. Copy of the contract will be provided within one week.	Nil	The photograph of condition prevailing in the zoo was shown during the hearing. A copy of the same is annexed herewith. Documentary

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						evidence in support of the claim has not been submitted inspite of opportunity being provided. The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011.
8	10(1.9)	The Zoo has failed to stop entry of feral dogs to the zoo.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016, 16.01.2015 and 11.04.2011	The zoo will strengthen the under construction wall till it is fully completed or covered by chain link fence or any other barrier so as to prevent the entry of dogs. Necessary modifications shall also be carried out in the main entry and exit gates as well as service entry and exit of the zoo within two months which shall not allow entry of dogs to the zoo.	Nil	The Violation pending since 11.04.2011 for compliance inspite of reminders on 16.01.2015& 29.11.2016. It was also observed during evaluation dated 18.01.2018.
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern						
9	10(2.1)	The Zoo has failed to create an administrative hierarchy with adequate financial and administrative powers to the officer in charge.	16.01.2015	The Zoo operator (Vice chancellor), Dr.P.DK.V. Akola, will submit the copies of Order within one month.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 inspite of reminder on 16.01.2015. The Zoo does not have a full time Officer in charge with administrative and financial powers. The Zoo does not have even a Veterinary Officer and neither does it have a Curator or Biologist

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						which is strictly non-fulfilling the criteria laid down under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. The Zoo is housing endangered species of animals also.
10	10(2.2)	The Zoo Operator has failed to deploy full time Officer-in-Charge and Biologist cum Education Officer.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 since and also pending since 16.01.2015, 11.04.2011	The Zoo Operator will submit a copy of Order on deployment of full time Officer in Charge, Curator (on contract), Veterinary Officer and Biologist cum Education Officer (on contract), stockman/ compounder (on contract) within two months.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 inspite of reminder on 16.01.2015. The Zoo does not have a full time Officer in charge with administrative and financial powers. The Zoo does not have even a Veterinary Officer and neither does it have a Curator or Biologist which is strictly non-fulfilling the criteria laid down under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. The Zoo is housing endangered species of animals also. No Copy of Order received in the Central Zoo Authority regarding the appointment.
3. Development and Planning						
11	10(3.7)	The Zoo has failed to	29.11.2016	The Kite and Palm	Nil	It is a case of

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		produce records regarding the release of rescued Palm civet and rescued Kite		Civet were released without permission from the CWLW or the authorized officer.		violation of the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
12	10(3.7)	The Zoo has failed to provide enclosure to the seized Otter which was handed over to the zoo, as per the size prescribed by the CZA.	29.11.2016	Appropriate enclosure will be constructed after the approval of Master Layout Plan.	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016. The Zoo must provide enclosure to the Seized Otter which is otherwise a violation of Schedule 4(2) of Rule 10 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
13	10(3.7 & 8)	The Zoo has failed to take prior permission from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the Central Zoo Authority as mandatory under Section 38 I for acquiring the rescued wild Tigresses cubs and also accepted the Four leopards rescued and two Smooth coated otters.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 11.04.2011	The documents will be submitted within one week by email	Submitted document dated 23.01.2008,	The Zoo Operator has been committing repeated offence under provisions of the Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, despite repeated directives from the CZA. The document produced is in Marathi text and could not be comprehended. Though the rescued animal pertains to the endangered species

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						(Bengal Tiger), report on its source, legality and facility for housing, upkeep and healthcare of the rescued animals is not submitted to the CZA.
14	10(3.7)	The Zoo has failed to submit report to the CZA about the rescue of any endangered animal and also failed to take prior permission about housing the rescued animal from the CWLW, Maharashtra	11.04.2011	The documents will be submitted within one week by email	Same as above	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 and no documentary evidence submitted to the CZA with respect to Report on rescued animals submitted to the Chief Wildlife Warden and the CZA.
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures						
15	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to provide the animal enclosures for Sloth bear, Leopard, Rhesus macaque, and Common langur meeting the norms prescribed by the CZA.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 11.04.2011	We are waiting for the approval of the Master Layout Plan.	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 and also observed violation during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018. The Sloth Bear, Leopard, Rhesus Macaque and Common Langur may be shifted to Gorewada Zoo, Nagpur.
16	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to remove partition between the Leopard	Violations observed during	Agreed for shifting of leopard to	Nil	The compliance is pending since

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		and Sloth bear enclosure which may be used for housing of Leopard only.	present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016	Gorewada Zoo.		29.11.2016 and violation was also observed during evaluation dated 18.01.2018. The animal has been placed under stress due to negligence and non-compliance of the CZA directives by the zoo authorities.
17	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to shift the Blue bull and Blackbuck housed next to the Tiger enclosure to the newly constructed herbivore enclosure.	29.11.2016	New enclosure will be ready within two months and animals will be shifted.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016.
18	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to stop display and control the excess number of birds in the exotic birds' aviaries as per the carrying capacity of the aviaries. The zoo has also failed to enrich the exotic birds aviaries.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 also pending since 29.11.2016	The surplus exotic birds shall be given to the zoos having appropriate housing facilities. A proposal in this regard shall be submitted to the CZA within a month.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016 and also observed during evaluation dated 18.01.2018.
19	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to house the fishes in natural and hygienic condition in the Aquarium.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018	Will be upgraded within two months.	Nil	The animal species kept in the Aquarium has not been made part of the Annual Inventory of animals submitted to the CZA under Rule 11(1) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. The

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						violation observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018. The Aquarium must be neat and clean.
20	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to provide good quality soil in the spotted deer enclosure as per the requirement and behavioural needs of the species.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016	More soil will be provided after removal of stones within one month.	Nil	<p>The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016 and also observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 , Nothing Concrete has been done in this regard.</p> <p>The photographs of the Spotted deer enclosure with concrete waste and boulders taken on 18.01.2018 during evaluation were shown to the representative of the Zoo Operator during hearing and annexed herewith.</p>
21	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to provide proper inlet-outlet facility for the water body inside the aviary.	11.04.2011	Domestic birds in the aviary have been removed and shifted to another department of the University of Akola. Details shall be submitted within one week by email.	Document submitted.	The Violation is pending since 11.04.2011.No documentary evidence has been submitted till date. As the document submitted is in Marathi, it could not be

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						comprehended
22	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to make the leopard enclosure of the area and dimensions as prescribed by the CZA. And also failed to house leopard as per the carrying capacity of the enclosure.	11.04.2011	Will be done after approval of Master Layout Plan.	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master Plan.	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 and same thing repeated till 18.01.2018.
23	10(4.2)	The Zoo has failed to remove the tile flooring with rough cemented surface in the Rhesus macaque enclosure.	11.04.2011	Garden soil will be provided within a week.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 and no document received regarding Garden Soil. The photograph collected during evaluation of the zoo were shown to the representative of the Zoo Operator during hearing. The Photos show that the Macaque enclosure does not meet the biological and behavioural requirements of the animals, neither it meets the minimum dimension as of prescribed by CZA.
24	10(4.2 & 3)	The Zoo has failed to shift Emu which is housed next to Tiger enclosure, to other enclosure.	29.11.2016	Will be done after approval of Master Layout Plan	Requires approval of the Master (Layout) Plan and Master	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016. The Times of India reported on 12.02.2017

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					Plan.	that due to lack of attention an emu died at Maharajbaug Zoo around 6 P.M. The animal has been kept under continuous stress.
25	10(4.7)	The Zoo has failed to provide adequate screening space between the adjacent enclosures while designing the new enclosures of animals.	16.01.2015	Will be done after approval of Master Layout Plan	Nil	The compliance is pending since 16.01.2015.
26	10(4.7)	The zoo has failed to provide screening between exotic birds and Indian birds.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016	Will be done after approval of Master Layout Plan	Nil	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016 and was also observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018.
27	10(4.10)	<p>The zoo has failed to provide signage's at the animals enclosures containing the biological information on the species housed therein.</p> <p>The Zoo has failed to provide Directional and warning signages at all relevant places.</p> <p>The Zoo has also failed to label trees and plants.</p>	<p>Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 11.04.2011</p> <p>16.01.2015</p> <p>16.01.2015</p>	Will submit the concerned photographs within one week.	Images produced of signage at animal enclosures and labelling of trees in the zoo.	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011 and inspite of repeated reminder on 16.01.2015. Also, observed violation during present evaluation on 18.01.2018. The photograph collected during evaluation shown to the representative of the Zoo Operator

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						during hearing. The images of signage produced in the report of compliance is for 15 species in Marathi language. Bilingual signage with information on biology, behaviour, population status and conservation status of the species housed in the enclosure is to be displayed to visitors for all the species.
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals						
28	10(5.1g)	The Zoo has failed to provide footbath at the entrance of each night house.	16.01.2015	Photographs will be submitted within a week by email.	Submitted images	The compliance is pending since 16.01.2015. From the ten images submitted, compliance is not verifiable whether the service entry to all animal enclosures is provided.
29	10(5.2)	The Zoo has failed to test random samples of food and water regularly.	16.01.2015	It shall be started immediately.	Nil	Complied.
30	10(5.2)	The Zoo has failed to prepare the diet chart for all animals in consultation with the Veterinary Officer.	11.04.2011	Displayed at feeding cubicle and food distribution room.	Nil.	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011. Not produced any documentary evidence about the Diet Chart in this matter

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						that is easily verifiable through the documents.
31	10(5.3)	The Zoo has failed to prepare written schedule for vaccination and de-worming	16.01.2015	Displayed at every enclosure.	Nil.	The compliance is pending since 16.01.2015. No documentary evidence about the Vaccination and de-worming schedule was produced. Not produced any documentary evidence about the Diet Chart in this matter that is easily verifiable through the documents.
32	10(5.5)	The meat handler at the zoo has failed to use hand gloves	16.01.2015	It is being purchased regularly, but we are unable to use because of shortage of supervisory personnel.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 16.01.2015. This is a basic requirement of Animal Upkeep which the Zoo Operator has failed to provide. The zoo authority has admitted the shortage of manpower for proper operation of the Zoo.
33	10(5.5)	The Zoo has failed to remove the waste material, plastic bottle lying inside the animal enclosures and unused bricks from the Neelgai enclosure.	11.04.2011	At present, the zoo has following manpower for management of the zoo : Officer in charge -1 Veterinary Officer-1 Livestock Supervisor-2 Labour-21 3(regular), 5(daily)	Nil	No documents received till date. The Zoo Operator appears to be non-serious about the operation of Zoo as per Rules.

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				wager) 16(on contract) Security Guards-4(outsourced) The documents in this regard shall be submitted by email within a week.		The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011. As per photographs attached herewith, it is seen that the Veterinary Hospital of the Zoo is not being used for treatment of the animals. Instead being used as Scrap Store.
34	10(5.7)	The zoo has failed to create covered drainage for meat storage facility	16.01.2015	The meat storage facility does not exist in the zoo. The area where meat is kept is not required to be washed. So the water is not flowing from the area.	Nil	complied
35	10(5.9)	The Zoo has failed to screen the staff regularly for zoonotic diseases.	11.04.2011	The regular check up is carried out. Sample documents in this regard has been submitted.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011. A sample document of routine medical check-up of one employee was produced which also appeared not to be of the Zoo employee. Further, no tests / examination for zoonotic disease including Tuberculosis have been carried out. In spite of assurance given at the

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						time of hearing, the documents pertaining to list of zoo employees and their corresponding medical examination records have not been produced till date.
36	10(5.10)	The zoo has failed to maintain the Animal History Cards in the format as prescribed by the CZA.	Violations observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018 and also pending since 29.11.2016	Documents will be submitted within a week by email.	Produced copy of the Animal History Card.	The compliance is pending since 29.11.2016 and was also observed during present evaluation dated 18.01.2018. In spite of assurance given at the time of hearing, no documents have been submitted till date. The Animal History Cards of Four horned antelope, Leopard, Marsh crocodile, Common langur, Otter, Sloth bear and Tiger enclosed indicate that most of the particulars are left blank and the animals are not marked for verifiable identity. Thus the purpose of

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						Animal History Cards is defeated.
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities						
37	10 (6.1, 2, &3)	The Zoo has failed to upgrade the Veterinary facilities. The Zoo has also failed to monitor health of the animals and failed to appoint compounder.	16.01.2015 and 11.04.2011	The animals are being provided treatment in the night shelters of the enclosure. The veterinary hospital is not functional due to shortage of technical personnel as such the files and other material showing in the photograph is lying in the hospital.	Nil	It is shocking and also unacceptable that the animals do not have facility of proper Veterinary Hospital inspite of statutory provision and repeated directions from this Authority. It is not acceptable at all keeping in view welfare of the animals. The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011. Even the other equipment and medicine for treatment of captive animals were not found to be in order. The photograph collected during evaluation was shown to representative of the Zoo Operator during the hearing. It is attached herewith.
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals						
38	10(7.2)	The Zoo has also failed to maintain Post Mortem report in the prescribed format of the CZA.	11.04.2011	Record of the post-mortem of the animals that died in the zoo during the last six year shall	Submitted copy of the Post Mortem Reports.	No documents produced. Rule 10 (7) of the Recognition to Zoo Rules,

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				be submitted within a week.		<p>2009 provides that the findings of the post mortem examination shall be recorded in such format as may be prescribed by CZA and in this regard shall be maintained for a period not less than 6 Years. From the perusal of the Post-mortem Reports submitted subsequent to hearing, it is observed that the zoo did not conducted diagnosis of inconclusive death. This is in violation of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. Also, it is observed that ingestion of plastic has been reason for death of captive animals (Nilgai, Sambar,). It stands testimony to the conditions prevailing in the Zoo. In case of the Peafowl died on 13.12.2015, it is recorded that the carcass is</p>

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						<p>putrified. It indicates severe negligence. Also it raises serious doubt on the date of death recorded as the post-mortem examination done on the same day of death is also mentioned as 'putrified'. Also, it is observed that the Zoo is not maintaining its own Post-mortem Register in the format prescribed by the CZA. Instead, the reports vary in their format from case to case.</p> <p>Moreover, it is observed that the Local University issued Reports through its Register. Report dated 17.08.2013 does not even indicate the species of animal died (neither common name nor zoological name). None of the Reports issued from the Register of the Zoo bears number. It raises serious</p>

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						doubts of possibility of tampering. Further, it is observed that the Registration number issued by the Veterinary Council, of the Veterinarian conducted the PM is not mentioned.
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals						
39	10 (9.1)	The Zoo has failed to pair the single animals.	16.01.2015	Communicated to Maharashtra State Zoo Authority and approached various zoos. Will be done accordingly,	Renewal of recognition may be given for compliance.	The Violation is pending since 16.01.2015.
40	10(9.4)	The Zoo has failed to find mates for the Common langur, jackal, Chinkara, Sloth bear and Bonnet macaque. The Zoo has failed to acquire mate for lone tigress, jackal, common langur, Chinkara, Blackbuck, Four horned antelope and Crocodile	16.01.2015 11.04.2011	Communicated to Maharashtra State Zoo Authority and approached various zoos. Will be done accordingly.	Renewal of recognition may be given for compliance.	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011.
41	10 (9.7)	The Zoo has failed to take approval from the CZA regarding acquisition and transfer of animals.	11.04.2011	Permission shall be taken in future.	Nil	The compliance is pending since 11.04.2011. The repeated violation by the zoo authorities is an offence under Section 38 I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
42	10 (9.9)	The Zoo has failed to take permission from	11.04.2011	It has been done with the permission	Submitted copy of	No documents produced

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		concerned authorities regarding release of spotted deer in the wild		of the CZA. Documents will be submitted to CZA within a week through email.	letter dated 12.12.2006 issued by the CZA and the letter issued by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra	during evaluation and personal hearing. On perusal of the documents submitted subsequently, it is observed that the CZA vide letter dated 12.12.2006 reminded the Zoo Operator of his duty to control the population of captive stock as per provisions of the Recognition of Zoo Rules. Also, suggested the ways and means for compliance. However, the Zoo Operator, in violation of Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, released captive animals in the wild without obtaining approval.
43.		A photograph of a tiger being provided IV fluid in a cage in which a person is holding the tail of the animal and another person is sitting with a stick was shown to the Officer in-charge of the zoo. This photograph was taken		The tigress was under treatment for more than five months. Total 534 ltr of fluid was infused during treatment. For avoiding continuous squeezing to the animal, about 15 hrs out of a day, for	Nil	It is a shame on the zoo authorities that a sick animal (Tiger) is being provided medical assistance in a manner which is not acceptable at

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		<p>at the time of the evaluation of the zoo. The location of the cage is away from the animal enclosure and near the non-functional veterinary hospital.</p> <p>The condition of the squeeze cage is not fit for any normal healthy animal, forget about the animal under treatment. The condition of the cage and the nearby environment points towards the possibility of cross infection of the animal.</p>		keeping the animal in relaxed posture without disturbing IV fluid, the practice was carried out.		all. The photograph taken at the time of evaluation, which was shown to the representative of the Zoo Operator at the time of hearing, tells the pathetic and shocking conditions prevailing in the zoo. The Photograph is attached herewith.
44.		The surroundings of the drinking water point in the photograph produced by the evaluator of the zoo is not acceptable at a public place. This is shocking in view of the Swachta Abhiyan of the Government.		Will be upgraded within one month.	Nil	No documentary evidence has been produced till date indicating compliance with the condition. A photograph taken at the time of evaluation is attached herewith.
45.		PIL No.118 of 2015 In the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench – regarding maintenance of greenery in the area.		The response shall be submitted within a fortnight after consulting higher authorities.	Nil	No response submitted till date.
46		The Central Zoo Authority has directed the Zoo Operator of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur vide letter dated 16.1.2015 to shift all captive animals to upcoming		The Zoo Operator willing to maintain and develop the zoo and would full fill all the conditions after the approval of Master Plan by the Central Zoo	Nil	Not Complied.

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		Zoo and Rescue Centre, Gorewada, Nagpur. However, compliance is awaited.		Authority.		

Whereas, the Technical Committee in its 86th meeting held on 28th September, 2018 after due deliberation on the proceedings of the opportunity of hearing provided to the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra recommended to the Central Zoo Authority to cancel recognition to the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, 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 32nd meeting held on 19th November, 2018, in view of the failure of the operator of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra to comply with conditions stipulated by the CZA, approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to cancel the recognition of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, 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.



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[operator of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]

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To

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Subject: Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur for period beyond 31.12.2016 - regarding

Reference:

1. This office letter F.No.19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol.VI)(NS)/6621 dated 16.01.2015
2. This office letter F.No.19-104/93-CZA(157)(Vol.VI)(AK)/6754 dated 26.02.2015

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority on 26th September, 2016. The evaluation report of the Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 80th Meeting held on 4th November, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to issue Show Cause Notice and to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of one year. Show Cause Notice is being sent separately. The renewal of recognition of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur as a "Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 3rd November, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1.General requirements			
1	1(2) & 3(5)	The entrance plaza at Zoo has been occupied by the contractor appointed by the Zoo Operator for issuing the entry ticket to the zoo and parking of the vehicles in haphazard manner and the ambience is not hygienic, as it has more than half a dozen of small food outlets. There is no proper signage for visitors. The ticket issuing cabin has been created temporarily. The name of the zoo is not displayed at the entrance. It is advised that Zoo should immediately look into it and organize the whole area in a planned manner following proper design with enough space for people and public facilities. The magic show and other artefacts displayed by the contractor should be removed immediately. The food outlets selling hygienic food should only be allowed. The food should not be served in plastic and the visitors should not be allowed to carry eatables inside the zoo.	Two months Six months Immediately One month

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2	1(3)	The children play area should be separated by the appropriate barrier and no children park activity should be taken nearer to animal houses or inside the zoo premises.	Two months
3	1(3)	As per CZA directives, the Yoga classes are not permitted within the premises of the Zoo. Further, the office space provided to <i>Aarogya Aasan Mandal</i> should be dismantled and yoga classes should be discontinued since these activities are not permitted inside the zoo. Moreover, the entry of the yoga aspirants to the zoo during, other than the official opening hours of the zoo, is risk for the human being as well as for animals.	One month
4	1(9)	The entry of feral dogs inside the zoo should be stopped immediately.	Immediately
3.Development and Planning			
5	3(7)	The rescued Palm civet and the rescued Kite are placed in adjacent houses, which is not proper. Both animals should be released immediately after observation of the protocol in this regard, if fit to be released.	Immediately
6	3(7)	Seized otter handed over to zoo by the Forest Department should be provided enclosure of size prescribed by the CZA with adequate enrichment.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
7	4(1)	The Agave, exotic vegetation provided within the exhibit of Jackal should be replaced with plant species of or similar to the habitat of Jackal in the wild.	Three months
8	4(1)	The animal house of Jackal was found painted in white colour, it should be painted with olive green or any dark shade colour.	One month
9	4(2)	The animal exhibits for Rhesus macaque, Bonnet macaque and Common langur does not meet the norms prescribed by the CZA. The Zoo Operator should submit a detailed plan to construct enclosures as per CZA norms else the animals be shifted to any other recognized zoo in consultation with the CZA.	Three months
10	4(2)	The Partition in between the leopard and sloth bear enclosure should be removed immediately and may be used it for housing of Leopard only. The Sloth bear should be provided housing as per the CZA's norms, else till such period, it should be shifted to Rescue Centre at Gorewada.	One month
11	4(2)	The Blue bull and Blackbuck housed next to the Tiger exhibit should be shifted to the newly constructed herbivore house since these herbivores may be under stress due to predator species living in adjacent enclosure.	Immediately
12	4(2)	In the Spotted deer enclosure, the hard substrate has been used which does not meet the requirement of the animals, the same should be replaced immediately with good quality soil.	Two months
13	4(2)	The exotic birds aviaries at the zoo were found housing excess number of birds, the same should be controlled immediately. The zoo should reduce the number of birds immediately and the aviaries housing the birds should be enriched.	Immediately
14	4(2) & 4(3)	The Aquarium being outsourced to other agency was not found in healthy condition, the same should be dismantled or should house few endemic species of fishes of Maharashtra in large tanks with proper enrichment.	Three months
15	4(2) &4(3)	Emu, an exotic bird housed next to Tiger exhibit should be shifted immediately.	Immediately
16	4(7)	The Feeding and retiring cells provided to Jackal should be screened off from the visitor viewing side by dense planting.	Three months
17	4(7)	Should provide screening between enclosures for exotic birds and Indian birds.	Three months

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5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
18	5(10)	The zoo has not been maintaining the records, namely Keeper's Diary, Vaccination Schedule and Animal History Cards in the format as prescribed by the CZA. The same should be maintained in the CZA prescribed format with immediate effect.	Immediately

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur for period up to 3rd November, 2017 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

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 Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur for period beyond 3rd November, 2017 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 of Maharajbaug Zoo, Nagpur 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,



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Member Secretary

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DATE: 16.01.2015

To

The Officer In-charge
Maharaj Baag Zoo,
College of Agriculture,
Nagpur (Maharashtra)**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2014.**

Sir,

The evaluation of the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra was carried out by Dr. A. B. Srivastav and Dr. A. K. Malhotra on 11.08.2014 and 25.08.2014 respectively. The evaluation report of the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 72nd Meeting held on 12th December, 2014

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant recognition to Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.12.2016 subject to Maharajbagh Zoo to shift the animals to upcoming Zoo & Rescue Centre at Gorewada. During this period the CZA shall be deputing a team of experts to prepare a business plan in next 6 months for housing of animals at Maharjbagh Zoo, Nagpur and Gorewada. The Maharajbagh Zoo, Nagpur till such period to comply with 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.	1.4	Barrier/Boundary wall broken/fallen at various places should be constructed to check the access of unregulated visitors and stray animals.	One year

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2.	1.5	Boundary wall on west side (200 mtr.), on east side (100 mtr) and on north side (90 mtr) be constructed.	One year
3.	1.7	The solid waste is being dumped in Naala on east side and behind peacock enclosure. Proper dumping site should be created or Municipal corporation should be involved for removal of solid waste or it may be outsourced. A proper sewage/drainage line should be constructed to cover all the zoo.	One year
4.	1.9	Effective measures to check the entry of stray animals (dogs) should be taken. It requires effective supervision at the entrance and construction of broken/fallen boundary wall.	One year
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
5.	2.1	A administrative hierarchy needed for small zoo should be created with adequate financial and administrative powers to the officer incharge.	One year
6.	2.2	Quick action is required to recruit education officer/biologists and curator,	One year
3. Developments and plannings			
7.	3.1	The master plan should be revised in light of observations made by CZA and submitted for approval.	Three months
8.	3.4	The animal collection plan should be prepared as per CZA format.	Three months
4. Animal housing, display of animals etc.			
9.	4.1,4.1, 4.3, &4.5	The enclosures of Primates, sloth bear, leopard, birds etc should be re-done after getting the design approved from CZA.	One year
10.	4.7	Adequate screening space between the adjacent enclosures be provided while designing new enclosures of animals.	One year
11.	4.10	a) Directional and warning signages should be provided at all relevant places, b) Animal signages with interesting facts in bilingual should be provided. C) all trees and plants should be labeled.	Six months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of Animals			
12.	5.1(a)	Mates for Common languor, jackal, chinkara, sloth bear & bonnet monkey should be	One year

13.	5.1(g)	procures, Foot bath should be provided at the entrance of each night house.	Two month
6. Nutrition and food hygiene			
14.	5.2(6)	The random samples of food and water should be got tested regularly.	One month
Carnivore food and hygiene			
15.	5	The meat handler should use hand gloves.	One month
16.	7	Cover drainage should be created for meat storage facility.	One month
7. Visual observation			
17.	5.3 (3&4)	A written schedule for vaccination and de-worming should be prepared and kept near enclosures.	One month
18.	5.3(5)	The operator should use keeper diary, daily report, animals treatment card, animal history card and stud book as per CZA format. The formats have been given.	Immediately
8. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities			
19.	6.1,6.2 and 6.3	Upgrading veterinary facilities, Health monitoring of zoo animals and appointing a compounder.	Six months
9. Post mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
20.	7.1	Post-mortem examination facilities as per CZA norms should be set up.	Six months
21.	7.2	Post mortem findings should be recorded in CZA format.	Immediately
10. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
22.	9.1	Mates for all single animals should be procured.	One year
23.	9.4	Mates for sloth bear, common langur, jackal, bonnet monkey, chinkara and tigress should be procured or sent to other zoos.	One year
11. Visitor facilities			
24.	12.1	a) Drinking water points should be properly maintained and one more be provided. b) Urinal requires upgradation and proper upkeep. Two more urinals are required in view of visitor number. c) Broken seating benches should be removed or repaired.	Six months Six Months One month
25.	12.2	Anti snake venom should be kept.	Two months

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

Grant of recognition to Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra beyond 31.12.2016 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur, Maharashtra 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,


(Inder Dhamija)

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To

The Officer-in-charge
Maharaj Baag Zoo,
College of Agriculture,
Nagpur (Maharashtra).

Sub:- Renewal of Recognition to the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur beyond the period of 31.03.2011 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. CAN/ZOO/496/2011 dated 31.01.2011 seeking renewal of recognition to the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur beyond the period of 31.03.2011 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur was carried out on 16.01.2011 by Sh. A. S. Dogra and Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta. The evaluation report of the Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 57th Meeting held on 24th March, 2011.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Maharaj Baag Zoo, Nagpur as a Small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th April, 2014 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General requirements		
3	a. The zoo should have circulation pathway; therefore the visitor's movement can be controlled.	With immediate effect
	b. The free entry to the morning walkers should be phased out.	Six months

	c. The visitors coming to Arogya Ashram Mandal next to the Sambar enclosure should have provision of appropriate screening.	With immediate effect
	d. The signboard display that zoo is closed 12.00 to 2.00 PM, should be enforced else the same should be discontinued.	With immediate effect
4	The boundary wall on the road side, along the open drain should be strengthened. At present the garbage from outside is also thrown inside the drain.	Three months
	The open drain in front of Neelgai enclosure should be covered	With immediate effect.
7	The solid and liquid wastes and effluent generated in the zoo should be disposed off appropriately. There should be regular cleaning of such bins.	With immediate effect.
8	Every zoo shall refrain from display of sick, injured, infirm and tethered animals to the visitors and such animals shall be housed in off-display facilities specially earmarked for and providing appropriate upkeep and healthcare for such animals	Complied
9	The domestic pigeons were observed housed together with wild birds like rose ringed parakeet and others.	With immediate effect.
	The feral dogs were also seen roaming within the zoo premises.	With immediate effect.
2. Administrative & Staffing pattern		
1	The Registrar, Pnjabrai Desmukh University should designate financial and administrative powers to officer-in-charge of the zoo to carry out day to day work, feeding of animals and others.	With immediate effect
2	As the Maharajbag Zoo falls in the category of small zoo, the zoo should have a full time veterinary officer, biologists, education officer.	One Year
3. Development & Planning		
1	The zoo should submit master plan by 31 st march, 2011.	31 st March, 2011
4	It is suggested that while master layout plan of the zoo is finalized, the zoo authorities should ensure that 30% area earmarked for the zoo	To be incorporated while preparing master plan.

shall be kept under green belt and area for animal housing shall not exceed 30% area of the zoo.

It was observed that only 4 hectares is used for animal exhibits/zoo, 4 hectares is being used for garden and 3 hectares area is lying unused. Therefore proper planning should be made to utilize the area effectively.

7 The zoo should not accept any rescued animal unless it has appropriately designed enclosures for housing.

With immediate effect

8 The zoo authorities should submit a detailed report to CZA if any animal of endangered species are rescued and housed by them along with its source and should obtain prior permission from the CWLW, Maharashtra also.

With immediate effect

4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

2 Peafowl aviary:
1. The aviary should be provided immediately natural wooden perches for roosting since there are no perch were seen.
2. The open electric panel in front of peafowl aviary should be covered or relocated to safe place.
3. The water body inside the aviary should proper drain.
4. The keeper gallery should be located in the back of enclosure.

With immediate effect

Tiger enclosure:
1. The water pool should be filled up with water and utilized.
2. The neem tree located inside the enclosure near the outer periphery of enclosure should be covered with steel sheet for the safety of visitors.
3. Viewing barrier in front of feeding and retiring cells should be provided.

With immediate effect

Leopard enclosure:
The area for hosing eight nos. of leopard in an enclosure of 210 sq mts only is justifiable. As per the guidelines circulated by the CZA, the prescribed minimum area is 500 sq mts. Therefore, while drafting the

With immediate effect

	<p>master plan of the zoo, the enclosure may be relocated or provided with larger area, as per the carrying capacity of animals. The no. of leopard should also be reduced immediately by transferring them to the recognized zoo/rescue centre.</p> <p><u>Sloth bear enclosure:</u> 1. The enclosure should be enriched with wooden logs.</p> <p><u>Rhesus macaque enclosure:</u> 1. The tile flooring should be replaced with rough cemented surface. 2. The used tyres provided as enrichment should be removed.</p>	<p>With immediate effect</p> <p>With immediate effect</p>
3	The animal enclosure for Leopard, Rhesus macaque, Sloth bear are not provided with requisite space.	One year
5	The crocodile enclosure is not provided sand for basking, moreover the pool is not fully filled with water and does not have appropriate slope for the animal to climb.	Three months
6	All the animal enclosures need to be provided environmental enrichment.	With immediate effect
7	Between animal enclosures there should be plantation of adequate species/nos. to act as screening	Three months
9	Stand-off barrier should be provided at all animal enclosure including for Crocodile. The space between stand off barrier and enclosure may be filled by planting hedges/shrubs.	Three months
10	Properly laid adequate number of signage's containing biological information should be provided at all animal enclosures. The signage's should be placed in such manner that they should not hinder the viewing by the visitors.	Three months
Upkeep and healthcare of animals		
1	The zoo should make efforts to acquire mate for tigresses.	Six months
2	The diet chart for all animal in consultation with the veterinary officer should be finalized and strictly followed. The copy of the same should also be displayed in the feed store.	With immediate effect

4	The feral dogs entry into the zoo should be controlled immediately.	With effect	immediate
5	The waste material, plastic, plastic bottle lying in the animal enclosures, the unused bricks lying in Neelgai enclosure should be removed immediately.	With effect	immediate
9	The staff should be screened regularly for zoonotic diseases and records should be maintained.	With effect	immediate
6. Veterinary facilities			
(1)	The veterinary Facility should be strengthened by acquiring the basic equipments and the existing hospital should be made functional.		Six months
(3)	In the master layout plan of the zoo a provision for postmortem room, isolation ward, quarantine ward, animal restraining and tranquilizing equipments and a veterinary care reference library should be made.		
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
(1)	Any animal that die in a zoo should be subjected to post mortem examination.	With effect	immediate
(2)	The post-mortem reports should be maintained properly.	With effect	immediate
(4)	The carcasses of large cats should be disposed off by burning in the presence of the Director of the zoo or any officer in the next rank to him and authorized by him in this behalf in the presence of official from the forest department of Maharashtra.	With effect	immediate
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
(4)	The zoo should acquire mate for lone tigress, jackal, common langur, Chinkara, Blackbuck, Four horned antelope and Crocodile		One year
(7)	The surplus tigers and leopard population should be shifted to a zoo as per the direction of the Central Zoo Authority and Forest Department of Maharashtra.		Six months
(9)	The population of Spotted deer should be controlled by implementing appropriate population control measures	With effect.	immediate

12. Visitors facilities		
(1)	Every zoo operator 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.	The toilet at the zoo were seen in pathetic conditions that the same are fit to be utilized by the visitors.
(2)	Every zoo shall have first aid facilities including snake anti-venom and life saving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	The zoo should keep first aid facilities including anti-venom in the zoo premises.

Others


1. The revenue generated by the zoo by way of gate collection, parking and others should be utilized for the development of the zoo. The University may constitute a registered society on the pattern of the carried out in other states for the management of zoos, so the funds shall be deposited directly to the society and shall be used for the self sustenance of zoo.
2. The Divisional Commissioner and Collector, Nagpur should also be involved in the development of the zoo.

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