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To  
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**Subject: Order on appeal filed by the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, under Sub-section (7) and (8) of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, against cancellation of recognition – regarding**

**Reference: Appeal No.0160/Secretary/Snake Park/VP/2022 dated March 17, 2022 from Shri Tanaji Waghmare, Vice President, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal**

Sir,

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

2. In the said Order, the Central Government has upheld the Central Zoo Authority's Order No.19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol-I)(E) dated January 5, 2022, with a direction to ensure transfer and rehabilitation of captive animals from the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi. The said transfer of animals shall be carried out following the prescribed protocol and the zoo should be physically closed to visitors under intimation to this Office.

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

This is for your information and appropriate action.

**Encls. As above**

Yours sincerely



**(Akanksha Mahajan)**  
**Dy Inspector General Of Forest**

**Copy to:**

1. The Vice President, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal and Officer in-charge, Snake Park, Sarpa Mitra Baburao Takkekar Marg, Dholgarwadi, Taluk Chandgad, Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, E-mail: tanajisw1945@gmail.com

[Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, under Rule 2(m)(I) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]

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

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

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Dated **January 5, 2022**

**ORDER**

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

Whereas, the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra, was established in the year 1966 on an area of one acre. On August 4, 1993, the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi has applied for recognition under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The Zoo was firstly evaluated by the CZA on October 30, 1996 and it was observed that the zoo was operating on an area of around 100 Square meters displaying 60 specimens of different snake species. It was observed that the facility does not qualify as a zoo. The CZA vide letter dated April 21, 1997, pointed out to the Zoo that the Officer-in-Charge has not been appointed to oversee the affairs of the Snake Park as mandatory under the Recognition of Zoo Rules. Also, it was pointed that the perimeter wall, educational signage, Treatment Room and Post-mortem Room is absent in the Zoo and asked the Operator to show cause why recognition should not be refused. In response, the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi vide letter dated March 4, 1999, informed that the necessary action is being taken regarding construction of Perimeter wall and installation of signage. Also, stated that rest of the conditions are complied. After due deliberation on the compliance report, the Technical Committee of the CZA in its meeting held on June 8, 1999, decided to grant recognition of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi for a period of two years subject to compliance with conditions specified vide letter dated July 26, 1999. Subsequently, the CZA has been repeatedly providing opportunity to the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, to comply with conditions stipulated from time to time. However, compliance has been observed to be poor.

2. And whereas, the Central Zoo Authority in its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on November 19, 2018, cancelled recognition of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, vide Order dated November 29, 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 29, 2018, and disposal of the appeal filed by the zoo, issued following directives vide Order dated July 18, 2019:

- a. *The Snake Park Operator should acquire adequate new land for the long-term development of the Snake Park;*
- b. *The Snake Park Operator should submit a detailed Master Plan for relocation of the existing Snake Park for approval of the Central Zoo Authority within a period of two months;*
- c. *Time period of one year is granted to the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra 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 progress made by the Zoo Operator from time to time;*

3. And whereas, no compliance report was received from the Officer-in-Charge Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra. 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. Reminder for compliance on factual status report of Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra was sent on October 11, 2020. Subsequently, reply was received from the Officer-in-Charge of the zoo on December 24, 2020, wherein reported following with respect to directives of the Appellate Authority in the Order dated July 18, 2019:

| Sl. | Conditions stipulated on 18.07.2019 for reconsideration of application for recognition   | Status of compliance   |
|-----|--|--|
| 1   | The Snake Park operator should acquire adequate new land for the long-term development of the Snake Park.  | Not complied. The Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi informed that land acquisition for relocation of the zoo is pending with local authorities.  |
| 2   | The Snake Park operator should submit a detailed Master Plan for the relocation of the existing Snake Park for the approval of the CZA within period of 2 months.  | Not complied till date even after two years.   |
| 3   | Time period of one year is granted to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra to report progress made by the Zoo Operator against each of the grounds cited for cancellation of recognition in the Order dated 29.11.2018. | Compliance reported by the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi on December 24, 2020 is found not satisfactory. The said report does not even address all the lapses cited in the Order dated 29.11.2018.   |
| 4   | The Central Zoo Authority shall verify the progress made by the Zoo Operator from time to time.  | Repeated opportunities have been provided to the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, to comply with the directives and to submit application with Detailed Project Report for relocation. However, compliance is awaited till date.<br><br>Also, did not submit statutory inventory of animals housed in the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, for year 2020-21. Further, Annual Report of the zoo is not submitted for years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively. This is in gross violation of Rule 11 under the recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. |

4. And whereas, compliance reported by the zoo was placed before the Technical Committee in its 101st Meeting wherein, the Committee took note that compliance is pending, prescribed time limit for compliance is not met, enormous delay in compliance even after repetitive opportunities from zoos and 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. Meanwhile, evaluation of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra was carried out on August 10, 2021, by Dr. Gowri Mallapur, Veterinary Consultant from this office. Detailed evaluation report was circulated to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi respectively on September 13, 2021, for reply within three working days. However, reply was not received.

5. And whereas, evaluation report of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, was directed to show cause as to why recognition of the zoo, 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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur / authorised representative, was provided an opportunity of hearing on December 10, 2021. The Zoo Operator was advised to specify whether the said hearing is desired in person or virtual mode through Cisco-webex platform.

6. And whereas, on December 10, 2021, Shri Tanaji Waghmare, Vice President, Shetkari Shiksha Mandal, Dholgarwadi has preferred virtual hearing and filed reply to notice dated November 29, 2021. In the said reply, it is stated that land has been allotted by the Government of Maharashtra to the Zoo Operator is pending for demarcation and requested to grant time. Enclosed therewith documents in Marathi text. On examination of the said documents, it is found that the claim made is not true. It is observed from the said documents that no letter here has confirmed any land allotment for the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi. Also, it indicates that only after the land is demarcated will the application be considered till which time the application is on hold and communicate regrets. Thus, claims made by the applicant thus far are not true. This is the only written submission from the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra in response to said Notice.

7. And whereas, during hearing conducted by the DIGF(HQ) on December 10, 2021 from 04:00 PM to 05:05 PM, the Zoo Operator has referred to hearing before the Appellate Authority in the year 2019 and Zoo Operator's assurance to improve condition of the zoo. Further, the Zoo Operator has admitted that housing facility of snakes in the zoo does not meet prescribed norms and hence he wanted to shift the zoo to a new larger site. Also, the Zoo Operator has stated that the Government of Maharashtra has almost sanctioned land for the said purpose and demarcation is left over. Also stated that on November 15, 2021, he has received a letter from the Govt. of Maharashtra in this regard. Further, he has requested the CZA to continuously recognize the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi.

8. And whereas, the Zoo Operator has admitted that physical handling of captive animals as part of education activity was a lapse on his part. As this violation continued for a long time even after pointing out the same, serving notices and even cancellation of recognition earlier, mere admission and one more assurance of compliance cannot be relied upon. During hearing, the Zoo Operator stated that closure of the zoo would lead to increase in killing of snakes in the locality. It was objected to and the DIGF(HQ) has advised that rescue of wild animals involved in man-animal conflict and operation of zoo in violation of norms should not be mixed as that can be taken care by transit facilities run by the Government of Maharashtra. Once the Zoo Operator have adequate resources, that can be dealt independently by making a fresh application for establishment of a zoo.

9. And whereas, during hearing, it was mentioned to the Zoo Operator that he repeatedly spoke about the land acquisition and the issues surrounding that but he had not once mentioned any responses to the violations mentioned in the notice. He had not once mentioned anything regarding the welfare of the animals that he had housed in boxes in the premises and the conditions those animals had been kept in. It was mentioned to the zoo operator that he kept talking about the land repeatedly but he was

ignoring the questions placed about the violations. The Zoo Operator was reminded that the notice had several mentions of snakes being handled, the poor management of the snakes housed, fact that the snakes were received and released without information to authorities and also that no veterinarian was appointed to look after health and welfare. Also, the Zoo Operator was reminded that he had submitted false inventory to the CZA and also falsely claimed the appointment of a Veterinarian who in reality did not even have a B.V.Sc. Degree and there were no reports of him visiting the premises or any health checks that were done on the snakes. Despite these mentions, the Zoo Operator repeatedly ignored the comments and said he needed time to acquire land.

10. Details of violation of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR), committed by the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra, and pendency of compliance are as follows:

| Sr. No | Norm No. under RZR | Particulars of non-compliance   | Compliance pending since   |
|--------|--------------------|---|--|
| (1)    | (2)                | (3)   | (4)  |
| 1      | 10.1(3)            | The Snake Park Authority failed to close the Snake Park for visitors once a week  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Not complied. The zoo officials informed that the zoo is closed on Sunday but corroborative evidence was noted at the time of evaluation   |
| 2      | 10.1(5)            | The Snake Park failed to separate from the School campus.   | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018.<br>Not complied. Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The existing facility has not moved and is still in the school campus. The Snakes are housed in boxes in a single room of the school campus.  |
| 3      | 10.2(1)            | The Snake Park failed to appoint an officer of appropriate rank as "Whole Time In-charge" of the Snake Park with appropriate administrative and financial powers.         | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The zoo operator till date has not formally appointed a Whole Time In-charge" of the Snake Park with appropriate administrative and financial powers.  |
| 4      | 10.2(2)            | The Snake Park failed to appoint Veterinarian having expertise in the field of reptiles for better veterinary care to animals.  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The Zoo Operator till date has failed to appoint a Veterinarian (even on a visiting basis) having expertise or even a basic BVSc and AH degree. There were no records on any visits conducted for veterinary health check-up of the snakes available for inspection at time of evaluation. |
| 5      | 10.3(1) & 10.3(3)  | The Snake Park operator should acquire adequate new land for the long-term development of the Snake Park.<br><br>The Central Zoo Authority shall verify the progress made | 29.11.2018<br>18.07.2019<br>On October 21, 2020 and subsequently on December 24, 2020, the Zoo Operator informed that land acquisition for relocation of the zoo is pending with local authorities. The snake park operator has not yet identified land acquisition for expansion. Compliance  |

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|        |                    | by the Zoo Operator from time to time. Repeated opportunities have been provided to the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, to comply with the directives and to submit application with Detailed Project Report for relocation. Also, did not submit statutory inventory of animals housed in the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, for year 2020-21. Further. Annual Report of the zoo is not submitted for years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively. This is in gross violation of Rule 11 under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. | is awaited till date. The zoo submitted statutory inventory of animals housed in the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, for 2020-21 but the numbers do not corroborate with what was noted during the evaluation. At time of evaluation no records on the species housed in the zoo were available. The zoo officials could not convey the number of animals and the species that the zoo housed on the day of evaluation. Further, Annual Report of the zoo is not submitted for years 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively.            |
| 6      | 10.3(3)            | The Snake Park Authority failed to increase the area of the snake park as per suggested minimum requirement.   | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>On October 21, 2020 and subsequently on December 24, 2020, the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi informed that land acquisition for relocation of the zoo is pending with local authorities. At time of evaluation in 2021 the snake park operator has not yet identified land acquisition for expansion.  |
| 7      | 10.3(6)            | The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Animal Collection Plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the Snake Park, for approval of the Central Zoo Authority  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Animal Collection Plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the Snake Park, for approval of the Central Zoo Authority till date.   |
| 8      | 10.3(8)            | The Snake Park failed to inform the Forest Department of Maharashtra as well as the Central Zoo Authority about the snakes received from locals as rescued, without obtaining prior approval from the Forest Department  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The Snake Park failed to inform the Forest Department of Maharashtra and the Central Zoo Authority about the snakes received from locals as rescue, without obtaining prior approval from the Forest Department. Further from 2020 till date snakes have been rescued, housed, released without information in prescribed formats of the CZA to Forest Department or CZA. No written records are maintained by the zoo of acquisition or disposal. |
| 9      | 10.4 (1)           | The Snake Park failed to house the snakes in the appropriate   | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018   |

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| (1)    | (2)                | (3)   | (4)   |
|        |                    | enclosures as of prescribed by the CZA.   | At time of evaluation the snakes are housed in glass fronted. wooden boxes of 3 ft x2ft x2.5 ft at a maximum. The boxes were unhygienic and had faecal matter, old moults, egg-shells which had not been cleaned. The wood of the boxes had mould which was not cleaned and several boxes had cracked glass fronts. The boxes also had multiple animals (2 large cobras housed together. The boxes had inappropriate substrate, no provision for water for drinking, or ventilation and the boxes with venomous snakes could not be locked for security purposes. |
| 10     | 10.5(2)            | The Snake Park authorities did not stop catching snakes from the neighbouring areas to feed the snakes inspite of CZA's notice  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. The zoo authorities continue to accept snakes brought in by school students and from the locality without investigation of reasons for capture. Snakes on rescue are accepted despite lack of appropriate housing facilities and availability for care for any animal. The zoo authorities catch rodents from houses in traps for the snakes. and frogs from surrounding areas as feed. There is no fixed feeding schedule of the snakes  |
| 11     | 10.5(10)           | The Snake Park failed to maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation The zoo does not keep any records for documentation. as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority. The zoo does not employ any trained professionals and thus the snakes are not checked on a regular basis. The last check was 6 months ago by zoo staff as reported during evaluation.  |
| 12     | 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.   | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation The housing cells current lie unused and poorly maintained and had overgrown vegetation, stagnant water, holes in the walls, and plastic waste.as the zoo informed that the snakes had been released (without information to FD or CZA). The cells were very badly maintained.   |
| 13     | 10.5(8)            | The zoo has failed to screen the animals against parasitic loads as per written schedule and  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation The zoo  |

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| (1)    | (2)                | (3)   | (4)   |
|        |                    | failed to maintain details on prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases at the Zoo centre   | does not have a record of the snakes it houses, no appointed veterinarian for care of animals. Further, in the past, the zoo has failed to screen the animals against parasitic loads as there are no facilities at the school where the snakes are housed and the zoo operator has not collaborated with any institution/lab for assistance. Further There is no written schedule.   |
| 14     | 10.5(9)            | The Zoo has failed to screen the staff working with the animals against the zoonotic diseases.  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation The zoo currently has no animal care staff employed.   |
| 15     | 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. | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation Currently the zoo does not have any animal keeper staff. The Zoo has failed to maintain the Keeper Diary and ensure the signing of the same on daily basis. The Zoo has also failed to maintain the individual Animal History Sheet in the format prescribed by the CZA as the zoo does not have records of snakes housed in the zoo or of any acquisition/disposal. |
| 16     | 10.6(1)            | The Snake Park failed to provide Treatment Room constructed in the Snake Park for routine examination and treatment of animals  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation The Snake Park failed to provide Treatment Room constructed in the Snake Park for routine examination and treatment of animals. There is no pharmacy on the premises that keeps any medicines that may be needed for the animals   |
| 17     | 10.7(1), (2) & (3) | The Snake Park failed to conduct a detailed post mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of the death, and did not maintain the reports for consecutive six years.                      | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Violation also noted at time of evaluation. As the zoo is not keeping any inventory of the snakes, no mortality is recorded. The Snake Park does not conduct a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of the death and does not maintain the reports for 6 consecutive years.  |
| 18     | 10.11(2)           | The Snake Park failed to stop handling of snakes by school students.  | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018<br>Handling of snakes is ongoing. In the response of December 24, 2020, the zoo states the following: "Point 15. We have put up notices that snake handling by students is strictly prohibited by students and students are not allowed to do the same". No such signage was seen during evaluation. The students continue to handle snakes as informed by the zoo.  |

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|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| (1)    | (2)                | (3)  | (4)  |
|        |                    |  | Students from medical colleges are shown fangs of venomous snakes. allowed to handle snakes "to remove misconceptions". Snake exhibitions are held during Nagpanchami. The zoo officials mentioned that children are allowed to be bitten by non-venomous snakes "to remove their fear of snakes and misconceptions of venom   |
| 19     | 10.12 (2)          | The Snake Park failed to provide anti-venom available at an appropriate place.   | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018 The snake park informed that it has 7 vials (they managed to show only one vial) which expires in 2022. Though it is not refrigerated, and storage is questionable. It is not kept in the zoo premises.   |
| 20     | 11(1)              | The Snake Park Operator failed to submit Annual Inventory of all captive animals and Quarterly inventory of endangered species, to the CZA within the time period specified in the Rules | 18.07.2019<br>29.11.2018 The Snake Park Operator failed to submit Annual Inventory of all captive animals and Quarterly inventory of endangered species, to the CZA within the time period specified in the Rules. Following the inspection, the inventory emailed by the zoo is faulty and contains incorrect information on species and numbers. The snake park Dholgarwadi at time of evaluation on 10.08.2021 had only the following snakes in the collection.<br>1) Spectacled Cobra (Naja naja) - 7 individuals (6 were acquisition date could be estimated. The snakes appeared stressed and constantly had their hood raised up, they had rostral abrasions by hitting their snout on the glass fronted boxes. The dates of acquisitions for the cobras (Naja naja) are not on record, and one individual was brought in on 10.08.2021)<br>2) Russell's Viper (Daboia russelii)- 3 individuals only<br>3) Indian Rock Python (Python molurus) -1 individual<br>4) Bamboo Pit Viper (Trimeresurus gramineus) -1 individual<br>There were no other snakes housed in the collection at the zoo on the date of evaluation. They have been released as per information from Mr Sandip Takkekar and Mr Ajit Takkekar who are working there (designations unknown) and corroborated by Mr Waghmare (Director, Snake Park). The zoo has no records of this neither does it have permissions. |

11. And whereas, on hearing the Zoo Operator, it is found that no further scope of improvement of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi. Further, no progress made over years since 1993, to relocate the zoo to a larger area. The zoo authorities continue to contravene the conditions stipulated by this Authority and operate the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi in a sub-standard manner which is against the principles of modern zoo management. Given the repetitive nature of the non-compliance and status noted above, it


was recommended to cancel recognition of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Maharashtra, as per provisions of Sub-section 6 of Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

12. 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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur.

13. Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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.

14. Appropriate transfer and rehabilitation of captive animals housed in the Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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**

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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 Snake Park, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur District, 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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2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Van Bhawan, Ramgiri Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001. (Maharashtra), E-mail: [pccfwlnqp@mahaforest.gov.in](mailto:pccfwlnqp@mahaforest.gov.in)

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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 24.12.2018 filed by the Director (Snake Park), Vice President Shetkari Shikshan Mandal, Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra against order No. 19-213/93-CZA(Vol. I)(176)(PKR)/4886/2018, dated 29.11.2018 issued by the Central Zoo Authority cancelling recognition of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, 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: - Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, 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 to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra:-

1. The Snake Park Authority failed to increase the area of the snake park as per suggested minimum requirement.
2. The Snake Park Authority failed to close the Snake Park for visitors once a week.
3. The Snake Park failed to provide a perimeter wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level on both side he school premises and the snake park.
4. The Snake Park failed to separate from the School campus.
5. The Snake Park failed to appoint an officer of appropriate rank as "Whole Time In-charge" of the Snake Park with appropriate administrative and financial powers.
6. The Snake Park failed to appoint Veterinarian having expertise in the field of reptiles for better veterinary care to animals.
7. The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Master Plan for approval.
8. The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Animal Collection Plan of animals to be housed and displayed in the Snake Park, for approval of the Central Zoo Authority.
9. The Snake Park failed to inform the Forest Department of Maharashtra as well as the Central Zoo Authority about the snakes received from locals as rescued, without obtaining prior approval from the Forest Department.
10. The Snake Park failed to house the snakes in the appropriate enclosures as of prescribed by the CZA.
11. The Snake Park authorities did not stop catching snakes from the neighbouring areas to feed the snakes inspite of CZA's notice.
12. The Snake Park failed to maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.
13. The Snake Park failed to provide Treatment Room constructed in the Snake Park for routine examination and treatment of animals.
14. The Snake Park failed to conduct a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of the death, and did not maintain the reports for consecutive six years.
15. The Snake Park failed to stop handling of snakes by school students.
16. The Snake Park failed to provide anti-venom available at an appropriate place.
17. The Snake Park Operator failed to submit Annual Inventory of all captive animals and Quarterly inventory of endangered species, to the CZA within the time period specified in the Rules.

And whereas, during hearing of the appeal, the representatives of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra pleaded to revoke the

cancellation order issued by the Central Zoo Authority and grant renewal of recognition to the Snake Park.

Now, therefore, after going through the pleadings of the parties, I set aside the Central Zoo Authority's Order dated 29.11.2018 and dispose the appeal filed by the Zoo with following directives:-

1. The Snake Park operator should acquire adequate new land for the long term development of the Snake Park.
2. The Snake Park operator should submit a detailed Master Plan for the relocation of the existing Snake Park for the approval of the CZA within period of 2 months.
3. Time period of one year is granted to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra to report progress made by the Zoo Operator against each of the grounds cited for cancellation of recognition in the Order dated 29.11.2018.
4. 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

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



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ORDER

**Sub:-** Cancellation of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

**Ref:-**

1. This office letter F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol. I)(AK)/2034/2016, dated 13.07.2016.
2. This office Notice F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol. I)(AK)/1548/2017, dated 24.08.2017.
3. This office Notice F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol. I)(AK)/1615/2017, dated 21.09.2017.

Whereas, the recognition of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 vide letter F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol. I)(AK)/2034/2016, dated 13.07.2016 was valid up to 05.05.2017 subject to the compliance with the conditions specified therein under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas, the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra has applied for recognition on 4.8.1993. The Zoo was evaluated by the CZA on 30.10.1996. It is observed that the zoo was operating on an area of around 100 Square meters displaying 60 specimens of different snake species. It was observed that the facility does not qualify as a zoo.

Whereas, the CZA vide letter dated 21.04.1997 pointed out to the Zoo that the Officer-in-Charge has not been appointed to oversee the affairs of the Snake Park as mandatory under the Recognition of Zoo Rules. Also, it was pointed that the perimeter wall, educational signage, Treatment Room and Post-mortem Room is absent in the Zoo and asked the Operator to show cause why recognition should not be refused.

Whereas, in response, the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra vide letter dated 4.3.1999 informed that the necessary action is being taken regarding construction of Perimeter wall and installation of signage. Also, stated that rest of the conditions are complied. After due deliberation on the compliance report, the Technical Committee of the CZA in its meeting held on 8.6.1999 decided to grant recognition of the of Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra for a period of two years subject to compliance with conditions specified vide letter dated 26.7.1999.

Whereas, the CZA vide letter F.No.19-213/92-CZA(176)(M) dated 28.09.2007 has issued Show Cause notice to the Zoo asking why its recognition should not be cancelled for non-compliance with the conditions stipulated by the CZA. However, no satisfactory reply was received nor there was any improvement in the overall management of the Snake Park. It is shocking that the information submitted by the Snake Park authorities in reply to the Show Cause were found factually incorrect in

the subsequent evaluation which may be perused from the Table below about the compliance of conditions.

Whereas, the CZA vide letter F.No.19-213/93-CZA(176)(M)/299 dated 21.07.2011 issued Show Cause Notice to the Zoo Operator of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra for non-submission of statutory Annual Inventory of animals alongwith summary of death,

Whereas, the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra was evaluated by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA on 24.04.2016.

Whereas, the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 78<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 after detailed deliberations recommended to issue a Show Cause Notice to the operator of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Whereas, the CZA vide its letter F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol.I)(AK)/2035/2016 dated 13.07.2016 issued Show Cause Notice to the Operator of Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, 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 12th September, 2017. However, the zoo operator has failed to avail the opportunity and instead requested vide e-mail dated 11.09.2017 to provide another opportunity on alternate date. Also, the zoo operator failed to submit Action Taken Report on conditions stipulated by this Authority and the Annual Report of the Zoo for year 2016-17 as mandatory under Rule 11(2) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

Whereas, on perusal of the request dated 11.09.2017 filed by the Vice President, Snake Park Shetkari Shikshan Mandal, Dholgarwadi, another opportunity of hearing was provided to the Zoo Operator on Monday 09.10.2017,

Whereas, Shri Tanaji Waghmare, Vice President, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, 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 09.10.2017 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, Shri Tanaji Waghmare, Vice President, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal, Dholgarwadi, Kolhapur, Maharashtra attended the hearing admitted violation of provision as mentioned in the notice served by the CZA and has been informed that the time period of 10 years requested for compliance is not acceptable. In response, he has requested to provide time to explore site suitable to relocate the Zoo. However, did not file compliance report till date.

The proceedings of the hearing and the compliance reported by the Director, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal vide letter dated 09.10.2017 during the hearing are as follows:-

| Sl.                           | Norm No. under RZR | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority   | Compliance pending since | Submission of the Zoo Operator / representative           | Remarks of the office of the Central Zoo Authority |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>1.General requirements</b> |                    |  |                          |   |  |
| 1                             | 1(1)               | The Snake Park Authority failed to increase the area of the snake park as per suggested minimum requirement. | 21.04.1997 & 13.07.2016  | a site is identified to shift the Zoo to a larger area of | Compliance is pending since 21.04.1997.            |

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|---|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
|   |                    |   |  | 2.5 Hectare. Stated that the land procurement will take about two years and six to eight months for electricity and water connection. In total, minimum 10 years period is needed for relocation to new site. |   |
| 2   | 1(2)               | The Snake Park failed to provide plantation of trees and proper landscaping to provide naturalistic environment.  | 26.7.1999, 1.06.2006, 22.09.2009,            | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.  | The minimum requirement to display captive animals in naturalistic environment could not be met by the Zoo. |
| 3   | 1(3)               | The Snake Park Authority failed to close the Snake Park for visitors once a week.   | 11.10.2011                                   | No reply filed  | Not complied.   |
| 4   | 1(5)               | The Snake Park failed to provide a perimeter wall of at least two meter in height from the ground level on both side the school premises and the snake park.      | 21.04.1997, 26.7.1999, 1.06.2006, 13.07.2016 | Will take six to eight months   | Compliance is pending since 21.04.1997  |
| 5   | 1(6)               | The Snake Park failed to separate from the School campus.   | 26.7.1999, 11.10.2011                        | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.  | Not complied.   |
| <b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b> |                    |   |  |   |   |
| 6   | 2(1)               | The Snake Park failed to appoint an officer of appropriate rank as "whole time in-charge" of the Snake Park with appropriate administrative and financial powers. | 21.04.1997, 1.06.2006, 13.07.2016            | No reply filed.   | Compliance is pending since 21.04.1997  |
| 7   | 2(2)               | The Snake Park failed to appoint Veterinarian having expertise in the field of reptiles for better veterinary care to animals.                                    | 1.06.2006, 13.07.2016                        | No reply filed.   | The Snake Park failed to meet basic requirement. A Zoo housing endangered species should                    |

| Sl.                               | Norm No. under RZR | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority                                      | Compliance pending since   | Submission of the Zoo Operator / representative  | Remarks of the office of the Central Zoo Authority  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                                   |                    |   |  |  | depute curatorial and veterinary staff.   |
| <b>3.Development and Planning</b> |                    |   |  |  |   |
| 8                                 | 3(1)               | The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Master Plan for approval.               | 26.7.1999,<br>1.06.2006,<br>14.01.2008,<br>10.02.2009,<br>16.06.2009,<br>22.09.2009,<br>10.02.2010,<br>27.12.2010,<br>4.03.2011,<br>3.05.2011,<br>11.10.2011 | The Zoo vide letter dated 9.10.2017 informed that a site is identified to shift the Zoo to a larger area of 2.5 Hectare. Stated that the land procurement will take about two years and six to eight months for electricity and water connection. In total, minimum 10 years period is needed for relocation to new site. Also, enclosed two photographs each of the existing Zoo and the site identified for relocation. During the hearing, Shri Tanaji Waghmare, Director, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal has requested to grant time for acquisition of land to relocate the zoo to spacious site. | The Zoo did not submit Master Plan of the Zoo for approval. For decades, opportunity has been given. Any further delay is unacceptable. |
| 9                                 | 3(6)               | The Snake Park failed to prepare and submit the Animal Collection Plan of animals to be | 1.06.2006,<br>22.09.2009,  | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.   | Not complied. Animal Collection Plan  |

| Sl.  | Norm No. under RZR      | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority   | Compliance pending since                              | Submission of the Zoo Operator / representative | Remarks of the office of the Central Zoo Authority  |
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|  |                         | housed and displayed in the Snake Park, for approval of the Central Zoo Authority.   |   |   | is preliminary step in the scientific management of the Zoo.  |
| 10   | 3(7)                    | The Snake Park failed to inform the Forest Department of Maharashtra as well as the Central Zoo Authority about the snakes received from locals as rescued, without obtaining prior approval from the Forest Department. | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011                              | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied.   |
| <b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b> |                         |  |   |   |   |
| 11   | 4(1)                    | The Snake Park failed to house the snakes in the appropriate enclosures as of prescribed by CZA.   | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011                              | Will take 18 to 24 months                       | Not complied.   |
| 12   | 4(2)                    | The Snake Park failed to seek approval of design of the snake enclosures.  | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011                              | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.          | Not complied.   |
| 13   | 4(3),<br>4(4) &<br>4(5) | The Snake Park failed to provide enclosure with entry and exit doors.  | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011                              |   | Not complied.   |
| 14   | 4(6)                    | The Snake Park failed to provide snake enclosures with wooden logs, paces for hiding and other enrichment artefacts.   | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011                              |   | Not complied.   |
| 15   | 4(9)                    | The Snake Park failed to provide snake enclosures with stand-off barriers of the dimension as prescribed by the CZA.   | 26.7.1999,<br>11.10.2011                              |   | Not complied.   |
| 16   | 4(10)                   | The Snake Park failed to provide all the enclosures at Snake Park with sign board containing the biological and behavioural information about the animals exhibited.   | 26.7.1999,<br>1.06.2006,<br>22.09.2009,<br>11.10.2011 |   | Not complied. Proposal to shift the Zoo after 10 years does not prevent the Zoo Operator to ensure educational signage. |
| <b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals</b>                         |                         |  |   |   |   |
| 17   | 5(2)                    | The Snake Park authorities did not stop catching snakes from the neighbouring areas to feed the snakes inspite of CZA's notice.  | 22.09.2009,<br>11.10.2011                             | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied.   |
| 18   | 5(5)                    | The Snake Park failed to provide   | 1.06.2006,  | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied  |

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|   |                    | periodic application of disinfectants in each enclosure according to the directions of the authorised Veterinary Officer of the Zoo.   | 22.09.2009,              |   |  |
| 19  | 5(7)               | The Snake Park failed to take any step against the animals that were showing sign of dullness, loss of appetite, injury or abnormal behaviour.   | 11.10.2011               | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied.  |
| 20  | 5(8)               | The Snake Park failed to screen all snakes for parasitic loads as per the written schedule prepared by the Snake Park in consultation with the Veterinary Officer and also failed to take prophylactic medicines administered.   | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011 | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied.  |
| 21  | 5(9)               | The Snake Park failed to screen the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of animals in the Snake Park, against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease.  | 1.06.2006,<br>11.10.2011 | No reply filed.                                 | The condition is highly essential to take measures to prevent spread of zoonotic diseases. Thus, risked the health of the Zoo personnel and captive animals. |
| 22  | 5(10)              | The Snake Park failed to maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority. | 1.06.2006,<br>13.07.2016 | No reply filed.                                 | Not complied. The records are minimum requirement for scientific management of the Zoo.  |
| <b>6.Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b> |                    |  |                          |   |  |
| 23  | 6(1)               | The Snake Park failed to provide a small veterinary facility to keep the medicines and basic   | 11.10.2011               | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.          | Not complied.  |

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|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
|  |                    | diagnostic tools.  |                                    |   |  |
| 24   | 6(1)(c)            | The Snake Park failed to provide Treatment Room constructed in the Snake Park for routine examination and treatment of animals.  | 26.7.1999, 1.06.2006,              | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.                        | Not complied.  |
| 25   | 6(3)               | The Snake Park failed to provide Isolation and Quarantine Ward to house rescued and newly acquired snakes.   | 11.10.2011                         | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.                        | Not complied.  |
| 26   | 6(3)               | The Snake Park failed to provide Post-mortem Room constructed in the Snake Park.   | 21.4.1997, 26.7.1999               | Proposed to shift the zoo in 10 years.                        | Not complied.  |
| <b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b> |                    |  |                                    |   |  |
| 27   | 7(1)               | The Snake Park failed to conduct a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of the death, and did not maintain the reports for consecutive six years. | 22.09.2009, 11.10.2011, 13.07.2016 | No reply filed.   | The Zoo Operator didn't even bother to take corrective measures and report compliance despite condition pending for compliance since 2009. |
| <b>9.Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>               |                    |  |                                    |   |  |
| 28   | 9(4)               | The Snake Park failed to provide appropriate mate to Common krait and Saw Scaled Viper.  | 11.10.2011                         | No reply filed  | No captive animal can be housed singly for a period more than six months. However, the zoo failed to comply this norm.                     |
| 29   | 9(9)               | The Snake Park failed to keep snakes in its Collection, in such number of captive Snakes and such species for which appropriate housing facility exist.  | 1.06.2006,                         | No reply filed  | The Zoo failed to comply with the provision of the Recognition of Zoo Rules.   |
| <b>11.Education and outreach activities</b>                |                    |  |                                    |   |  |
| 30   | 11(1)              | The Snake Park failed to strengthen its education and outreach activities involving schools from rural and slum areas.   | 11.10.2011                         | The Zoo has taken considerable effort and sacrificed a lot to | The Zoo failed to meet requirement as per provision of the   |


| Sl.   | Norm No. under RZR | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority  | Compliance pending since         | Submission of the Zoo Operator / representative   | Remarks of the office of the Central Zoo Authority                                   |
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|   |                    |   |                                  | create the Snake Park. He personally conducted training sessions and gave lecture around the region to create awareness amongst the people. | Recognition of Zoo Rules.  |
| 31  | 11(2)              | The Snake Park failed to stop handling of snakes by school students.  | 11.10.2011                       | No reply filed  | The Zoo failed to meet requirement as per provision of the Recognition of Zoo Rules. |
| <b>12.Visitors' facilities</b>  |                    |   |                                  |   |  |
| 32  | 12(2)              | The Snake Park failed to provide first-aid facility within the premises.  | 26.7.1999, 1.06.2006,            | No reply filed  | The Zoo failed to meet requirement as per provision of the Recognition of Zoo Rules. |
| 33  | 12(2)              | The Snake Park failed to provide anti-venom available at an appropriate place.  | 26.7.1999, 1.06.2006, 11.10.2011 | No reply filed  | The Zoo failed to meet requirement as per provision of the Recognition of Zoo Rules. |
| 34  | 12(3)              | The Snake Park Operator failed to provide access to the Zoo for physically challenged visitors.   | 22.09.2009,                      | No reply filed  | The Zoo failed to meet requirement as per provision of the Recognition of Zoo Rules. |
| <b>Rule 11 of the RZR: Maintenance of records and submission of inventory</b> |                    |   |                                  |   |  |
| 35  | 11(1)              | The Snake Park Operator failed to submit Annual Inventory of all captive animals and Quarterly inventory of endangered species, to the CZA within the time period specified in the Rules. | 26.7.1999, 22.09.2009,           | No reply filed  | Delayed compliance   |
| 36  | 11(1)              | The Snake Park failed to submit   | 26.7.1999                        | No reply filed  | Delayed  |

| Sl. | Norm No. under RZR | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority                                  | Compliance pending since | Submission of the Zoo Operator / representative | Remarks of the office of the Central Zoo Authority |
|-----|--------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|
|     |                    | death of animals in the Snake Park in the prescribed form of CZA.                   | 22.09.2009,              |   | compliance   |
| 37  | 11(2)              | The Snake Park failed to submit an Annual Report of the Park to the CZA every year. | 26.7.1999                | No reply filed                                  | Delayed compliance                                 |

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 Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra recommended to the Central Zoo Authority to cancel recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, 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 Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra to comply with conditions stipulated by the CZA, approved the recommendation of the Technical Committee and decided to cancel the recognition of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra under Section 38H(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Now, therefore, having been given sufficient opportunity, the recognition of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, 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.

  
(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary


To

The Secretary,  
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[operator of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra under Rule 2m(III) of the Recognition of the Zoo Rules, 2009]

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3. The DPA, CZA- to update database.

  
(Dr. D.N. Singh)  
Member Secretary





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## Central Zoo Authority



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**Subject:- Grant of renewal of recognition as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, District Kolhapur, Maharashtra for period beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 - regarding**

**Reference:-**

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| <b>1. General requirements</b>                             |          |   |                       |
| 1  | 1(1)     | Area of the snake park be increased as per suggested minimum requirement.   | Six months            |
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| <b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>              |          |   |                       |
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| 6  | 7(1)     | Animal died in the zoo shall be subjected to a detailed post-mortem examination by registered veterinarian to determine conclusively the cause of the death.  | Immediately           |
| <b>General observations</b>                                |          |   |                       |
| 7  |          | Conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority vide letter F.No.19-213/93-CZA(176)(M)/734 dated 11.10.2011 be complied with.  |                       |

Further, the authorities of the Snake Park are directed to maintain record of the births, acquisitions, deaths and disposals of animals of each species in its collection in the manner and in the format determined by the Central Zoo Authority, in compliance with Rule 11 of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

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

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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(M)/734

DATE: 10.10.2011

To

The Secretary  
Shetkari Shikshan Mandal,  
Dholgarwadi, Taluka; Chandgad,  
Distt. Kolhapur – 416 507 (Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.09.2010.**

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| 3.   | 1      | The snake park should submit the amended copies of master plan for its approval.  | Immediately   |
| 4.   | 7      | The snake park should inform the Forest Department of Maharashtra as well as Central Zoo Authority and when received snakes from locals as rescued. Without obtaining prior approval from the forest department, no snakes should be housed at the snake park.<br><br>The existing snake park should be relocated to new site at Ghalipot near Dholgarwadi, on one hectare of area. | With immediate effect<br><br>One year from the date of issue of this letter |
| <b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b> |        |   |   |
| 5.   | 1      | The snakes should be housed in the appropriate enclosures following the guidelines of CZA.  | With immediate effect   |
| 6.   | 2      | The design of the snake enclosures should have got prior approval from the CZA. The enclosure should have appropriate drainage system.  | With immediate effect   |
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| 9.   | 9      | The snake enclosures should be provided with stand off-barriers of the dimension as prescribed by the CZA.  | Two months  |
| 10.  | 10     | All the enclosures should be provided with sign board containing the biological & behavioural information about the animals exhibited.  | With immediate effect   |
| <b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>                         |        |   |   |
| 11.  | 2      | The snake park authorities should stop catching snakes from the neighboring areas to feed the snakes, rather may breed the frogs in the snake park or opt for alternate feed.   | With immediate effect   |

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| 12. | 7  | Any animal that shows any sign of dullness, loss of appetite, injury or abnormal behaviour shall be thoroughly assessed and provided medical attention promptly as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard from time to time and the direction of the Zoo administration.   | With immediate effect |
| 13. | 8  | The snake park should screen all snakes for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the snake park in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered  | With immediate effect |
| 14. | 9  | All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of snake park animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals. | With immediate effect |
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#### **6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities**

|     |   |  |            |
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| 16. | 1 | The snake park should have a small veterinary facility to keep the medicines and basic diagnostic tools. | Six months |
| 17. | 3 | The snake park should isolation and quarantine ward to house rescued and newly acquired snakes..         | Six months |

#### **7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals**

|     |   |  |                       |
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| 18. | 1 | Every snake dies in the snake park shall be subjected to a detailed postmortem examination by registered veterinarian to | With immediate effect |
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|   |   | determine conclusively the cause of the death. The records of the same should be maintained for consecutive six years.                |                       |
| <b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b> |   |   |                       |
| 19.   | 4 | There Common krait and Saw scaled viper should be provided with appropriate mate or they may be transferred to other recognized zoos. | Six months            |
| <b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>  |   |   |                       |
| 20.   | 1 | The snake park should strengthen its education and outreach activities involving schools from rural & slum areas.                     | With immediate effect |
| 21.   | 2 | The snakes park should not allow handling of snakes by school students.   | With immediate effect |
| <b>12. Visitors facilities</b>                |   |   |                       |
| 22.   | 2 | The snake park should keep anti-venom available at an appropriate place   | With immediate effect |

Others

The Snake Park, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal at Dholgarwadi should stop extracting venom from snakes with immediate effect.

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

Grant of recognition to Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

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Yours faithfully,

(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Copy to:-

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**BY REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(M)**

**DATE: 22.09.2009**

To

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Dholgarwadi, Taluka: Chandgad,  
Distt. Kolhapur – 416 507(Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond the period of 31.05.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter No. Nil dated Nil seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond the period of 31.05.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur was carried out on 10.06.2009 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.

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| S. No.         | Relevant Norm No. | Conditions  | Time Period to comply the conditions |
|----------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>General</b> |                   |   |                                      |
| 1.             | 11A               | The Snake Park 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 | Six months                           |

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**Animal enclosures -- Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features**

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| 2. | 17 | The Snake Park Operator shall endeavour to simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of all the Snakes, housed in each enclosure as closely as possible. Planting of appropriate species of shrubs and bushes for providing shade and shelter, which merge in the overall environment of the enclosures, should also be provided. | Six months |
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**Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep**

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| 3. | 21 | The Snake Park Operator should ensure that each Snake housed at the Park should be provided with sufficient quantity of feed according to the requirement to the individual animals so that no animal remains under nourished. | With immediate effect |
| 4. | 25 | The Snake Park should have periodic application of disinfection in each enclosure as per the direction of the veterinary officer of the zoo.   | With immediate effect |

**Veterinary Facilities**

|    |    |  |                       |
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| 5. | 34 | The Snake Park Operator should conduct detailed post-mortem of the animals that dies in the Zoo by the veterinarian registered with State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and findings of such operation should be recorded for the period of atleast six years. | With immediate effect |
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**Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority**

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| 6. | 42 | The Snake Park 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 |
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|                                 |    |  |                              |
|---------------------------------|----|--|------------------------------|
| 8.                              | 45 | (i) Every enclosure in the zoo should be provided appropriate signages displaying scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.<br>(ii) More warning signages should be provided in the unit.                    | Three months<br>Three months |
| <b>Visitors Facility</b>        |    |  |                              |
| 9.                              | 50 | The Snake Park Operator should provide access to the zoo for disabled visitors including those in the wheel chair.   | Three months                 |
| <b>Development and Planning</b> |    |  |                              |
| 10.                             | 51 | The Zoo should prepare a long-term Master plan for its development in the format as circulated by the Central Zoo Authority. The five copies of the said plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval. | Immediately                  |

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BY POST/E-MAIL

DATE:13.07.2016

F.No.19-213/93-CZA(176)(Vol.I)(AK)/2034/2016

To

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| 9.   | 9      | The snake enclosures should be provided with stand off-barriers of the dimension as prescribed by the CZA.  | Two months  |
| 10.  | 10     | All the enclosures should be provided with sign board containing the biological & behavioural information about the animals exhibited.  | With immediate effect   |
| <b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>                         |        |   |   |
| 11.  | 2      | The snake park authorities should stop catching snakes from the neighboring areas to feed the snakes, rather may breed the frogs in the snake park or opt for alternate feed.   | With immediate effect   |

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| 12. | 7  | Any animal that shows any sign of dullness, loss of appetite, injury or abnormal behaviour shall be thoroughly assessed and provided medical attention promptly as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority in this regard from time to time and the direction of the Zoo administration.   | With immediate effect |
| 13. | 8  | The snake park should screen all snakes for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the snake park in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered  | With immediate effect |
| 14. | 9  | All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of snake park animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals. | With immediate effect |
| 15. | 10 | The snake park should maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment provided in the keeper's diary, daily reports, animal history cards and treatment cards, as per standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.   | With immediate effect |

#### **6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities**

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| 16. | 1 | The snake park should have a small veterinary facility to keep the medicines and basic diagnostic tools. | Six months |
| 17. | 3 | The snake park should isolation and quarantine ward to house rescued and newly acquired snakes..         | Six months |

#### **7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals**

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| 18. | 1 | Every snake dies in the snake park shall be subjected to a detailed postmortem examination by registered veterinarian to | With immediate effect |
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|   |   | determine conclusively the cause of the death. The records of the same should be maintained for consecutive six years.                |                       |
| <b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b> |   |   |                       |
| 19.   | 4 | There Common krait and Saw scaled viper should be provided with appropriate mate or they may be transferred to other recognized zoos. | Six months            |
| <b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>  |   |   |                       |
| 20.   | 1 | The snake park should strengthen its education and outreach activities involving schools from rural & slum areas.                     | With immediate effect |
| 21.   | 2 | The snakes park should not allow handling of snakes by school students.   | With immediate effect |
| <b>12. Visitors facilities</b>                |   |   |                       |
| 22.   | 2 | The snake park should keep anti-venom available at an appropriate place   | With immediate effect |

Others

The Snake Park, Shetkari Shikshan Mandal at Dholgarwadi should stop extracting venom from snakes with immediate effect.

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

Grant of recognition to Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,

(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Copy to:-

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



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**BY REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-213/93-CZA(176)(M)

DATE: 22.09.2009

To

The Secretary,  
Shetkari Shikshan Mandal,  
Dholgarwadi, Taluka: Chandgad,  
Distt. Kolhapur – 416 507(Maharashtra)

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond the period of 31.05.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter No. Nil dated Nil seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur beyond the period of 31.05.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur was carried out on 10.06.2009 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 Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur as a mini category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 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.             | 11A               | The Snake Park 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 | Six months                           |

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|  |    | area.  |                       |
| <b>Animal enclosures -- Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features</b>            |    |  |                       |
| 2.   | 17 | The Snake Park Operator shall endeavour to simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of all the Snakes, housed in each enclosure as closely as possible. Planting of appropriate species of shrubs and bushes for providing shade and shelter, which merge in the overall environment of the enclosures, should also be provided.   | Six months            |
| <b>Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep</b>   |    |  |                       |
| 3.   | 21 | The Snake Park Operator should ensure that each Snake housed at the Park should be provided with sufficient quantity of feed according to the requirement to the individual animals so that no animal remains under nourished.   | With immediate effect |
| 4.   | 25 | The Snake Park should have periodic application of disinfection in each enclosure as per the direction of the veterinary officer of the zoo.   | With immediate effect |
| <b>Veterinary Facilities</b>   |    |  |                       |
| 5.   | 34 | The Snake Park Operator should conduct detailed post-mortem of the animals that dies in the Zoo by the veterinarian registered with State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and findings of such operation should be recorded for the period of atleast six years.   | With immediate effect |
| <b>Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority</b> |    |  |                       |
| 6.   | 42 | The Snake Park 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 |
| 7.   | 43 | The Snake Park 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 |

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| 8.                              | 45 | (i) Every enclosure in the zoo should be provided appropriate signages displaying scientific information regarding the animals exhibited in it.<br>(ii) More warning signages should be provided in the unit.                    | Three months<br>Three months |
| <b>Visitors Facility</b>        |    |  |                              |
| 9.                              | 50 | The Snake Park Operator should provide access to the zoo for disabled visitors including those in the wheel chair.   | Three months                 |
| <b>Development and Planning</b> |    |  |                              |
| 10.                             | 51 | The Zoo should prepare a long-term Master plan for its development in the format as circulated by the Central Zoo Authority. The five copies of the said plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval. | Immediately                  |

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, 2010 to the Snake Park at Dholgarwadi, Taluke: Chandgad, Distt. Kolhapur as a 'mini category zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

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**Yours faithfully,**  
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