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Dated **31/12/2020**

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Environment and Forests,
Panagal Maligai, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015, Tamil Nadu,
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – regarding

Reference:

1. This Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated 25th August, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2071/2020 dated 10th January 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-32/92-CZA(251)(Vol-I)(NS)/4851/2018 dated 27th November 2018
4. Letter No.8510/17/02 dated 7th February 2020 from the District Forest Officer, Vellore Division

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till 28th September 2019. Shri A.V. Joseph, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on 22nd February 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

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

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

4. The Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after 28th September 2019 and renewed recognition of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as a Small Zoo for a period up to **19th August, 2022** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
1. General requirements:			
1	10.1(4)	Peripheral compound wall balance length 1.1 km to be constructed.	One year
2	10.1(9)	Display of common mongoose as prohibited by the CZA should be removed immediately.	Immediate
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
3	10.2(1)	No regular officer to look after the zoo. The local FRO territorial in charge of the zoo. "Whole time in-charge" of appropriate rank with required administrative and financial powers should be posted in the zoo in fulfilment of statutory requirement specified in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Six months
4	10.2(2)	Scientific and technical staff should be provided to the zoo as per provisions of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. For time-being, a Veterinarian should be posted for the zoo at least by outsourcing.	One month
3. Development and Planning:			
5	10.3(1)	Master Plan for long-term development of the zoo should be prepared following the prescribed Guidelines and submitted for consideration of the Central Zoo Authority. As the zoo is in the Reserve Forest, clearance should be obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	One year
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
6	10.4(2)	Old leopard enclosure housed with jackal to be re-modelled as per CZA norms.	One year
7	10.4(2)	Jackal and Pariah kite kept in sub-standard enclosure to be re-modelled as per CZA norms	One year
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
8	10.5(8)	All zoo animals should be screened for parasitic loads and prophylactic medicines administered as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	Six months
9	10.5(8)	Vaccination Schedule should be prepared and implemented.	Three months
10	10.5(10)	Keepers Diary, Daily Report, Animal History Card, Deworming.	Six months
11	10.5(10)	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 to be maintained as specified by the CZA.	Six months
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
12	10.6(1) & 10.6(3)	The Zoo should have Treatment Room and Post-mortem Room.	One year
13	10.6(3) & 10.7(4)	PM room and disposal of carcass facility not available at zoo. Post mortem room should be constructed.	One year

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:			
14	10.7(2)	Post mortem report is presently not in the form prescribed by the CZA. Form should be corrected accordingly.	Immediately
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
15	10.9(9)	Population control of spotted deer should be done.	One year

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

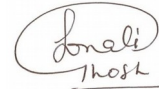
6. The renewal of recognition of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 19th August, 2022 as a Small Zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Environment and Forests, Fort Saint George, Chennai – 600 007, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: forsec@tn.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Amirthi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]

2. The Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, premises of the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai – 600 048, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: directorazp1@gmail.com

3. The District Forest Officer, Vellore Forest Division and Officer in-charge, Amirthi Zoo, Forest Campus, Pillaiyar Koil Street, Rangapuram, Phase – IV, Vellore – 632 009, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: dfovellore@gmail.com

4. The DPA, CZA – to update database and to upload on website.

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केंद्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण
Central Zoo Authority

F. No.19-32/92-CZA(251)(Vol. I)(NS)/4851/2018

By Post / E-mail
Date: 27.11.2018

To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
No. 1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Buildings,
Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015 (Tamil Nadu),
Email: cwlw_wildlife3@yahoo.in

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 05.05.2018 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

1. This office letter F. No. 19-32/92-CZA(251)(NS)/868/2016, dated 09.06.2016.
2. Office letter No. 3482/A1/2018, dated 30.08.2018 received from the Add. PCF & Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai.

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences. It is to inform that the evaluation of Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer on 06.08.2018. The evaluation report of the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu was considered by the Technical Committee in its 86th Meeting held on 28.09.2018. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee decided for renewal of recognition of the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for a period of one year. A copy of the evaluation report is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as a "Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 28.09.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the **Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009** and mid-term evaluation, and to regularise the period after 05.05.2018:-

Sr. No	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1. General requirements			
1	10.1(3)	Visitors' movement at the zoo should be regulated. It should be ensured that visitors' path should not exceed 25% of the periphery of the enclosure. This is to ensure adequate withdrawal area to the animal.	Immediately
2	10.1(5)	The boundary wall of zoo is only 60% has been completed. The remaining portion is covered by the barbed wire fence should be completed.	Six months
3	10.1(6)	The zoo has entry to the guest house and tourism huts (residential area). The same should be separated by a boundary wall with independent entry and exit.	Immediately

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4	10.1(9)	The domestic ducks, Blue rock pigeon and Rabbits housed at the zoo should be removed immediately.	Immediately
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	10.4(2)	<p>I. The aviaries (Pariah kite, Rose ringed parakeet) have been provided with metal wire and pipes as perch. The same should be replaced with bamboo or wooden sticks of appropriate size.</p> <p>II. The pariah kite enclosure has service entry to the enclosure from the visitor viewing area. It should be located in the back.</p> <p>III. The area of the peafowl aviary is mere 15 sqmt, does not meet the standards and norms as prescribed by the CZA. It should be of the size as prescribed by the CZA.</p> <p>IV. The Rose ringed parakeet aviary has been provided with service gate in the front. It should be located in the back side.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
6	10.4(3)	<p>I. The empty Leopard cage used for display of Jackal provided with pucca floor. The floor of paddock should be made kuccha.</p> <p>II. The water body provided in most animal enclosure does not have any outlet to drain the water. It should have proper outlet and inlet for water.</p> <p>III. The peafowl aviary has been provided bucket for drinking of water to the animals. The aviaries should be provided with earthen shallow water body.</p> <p>IV. The rose Ringed parakeet aviary has pucca floor and no enrichment. The aviary should be enriched and should be provided with kuccha floor.</p> <p>V. The glass used as barrier at new enclosure of Mongoose, Star tortoise and Python have reflection. It should be placed in a manner or such angle that there is no reflection is seen.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>
7	10.4(5)	Most animal enclosures at the zoo have been provided with more than 70% area of total area of enclosure for visitors viewing. It should be restricted to 25% of the perimeter of enclosure.	Immediately
8	10.4(6)	<p>I. The zoo has been housing Cobra in small enclosure without any enrichment. The enclosure area should be of 40 sqmts in size.</p> <p>II. The Python housed in new enclosure have not been provided with enough horizontal and vertical perched. The enclosure should be enriched as per the species requirement.</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>Immediately</p>

9	10.4(8)	The zoo has constructed new enclosure to house Mongoose, Star tortoise and Python without obtaining the prior approval of the design from the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
10	10.4(9)	Between the standoff barrier and parapet wall of most animal enclosures (Pariah kite) the green hedge should be planted.	Immediately
11	10.4(10)	Appropriate signage's should be provided at all animal exhibits containing the biological information about the species.	
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
12	10.5(2)	I. The food provided to the animals should be checked by the Veterinary Officer of the Zoo. II. The zoo should prepared diet schedule for the animals of Zoo. III. The vegetable and fruits provided to the animals should be washed. As the fruits are ripened using various chemical, the same should be washed before giving to the animals. IV. The zoo should test the food and water provided to the zoo inmates.	Immediately Immediately Immediately Immediately
13	10.5(5)	I. The zoo should provided drain for disposal of sewerage water. II. The Zoo has been throwing the waste in the back side of Rose ringed parakeet aviary. The same should be stopped. III. For cleaning the animal enclosures, no disinfectant are being used. The zoo should use the disinfectant as of prescribed by the veterinary officer of the Zoo.	Immediately Immediately Immediately
14	10.5(9)	The zoo should carry out screening of zoo staff for zoonotic diseases every year.	Immediately
15	10.5(10)	The zoo should maintain the Keepers Diary, Daily Report, Animal History Card, Post Mortem Reports, De-worming Schedule, Vaccination Schedule, Animal Diet Register.	With immediate effect.
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
16	10.6(1c)	The zoo should have a treatment room, post mortem room and no quarantine and isolation area.	With immediate effect.
12. Visitors' facilities			
17	10.12(2)	There zoo should have First aid kit and snake anti-venom serum and life saving drugs on the zoo campus.	With immediate effect.
18	10.12(3)	The visitors' path at the zoo should be modified to facilitate wheel chair bound visitors to visit the animal enclosures.	Immediately
Rule 11. Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory			
19	11.1	The Zoo Operator should submit Quarterly Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority. It should be submitted promptly within 15 days from end of the each quarter.	Immediately

Others		
20		There has been electric line passes throughout the zoo as part of hill tribal helmet. It needs to be laid properly looking into the safety of animals and visitor of the Zoo.
21		The zoo has been burning the leaf litter inside the animal enclosure. It should be stopped immediately.
22		The zoo is located in Thellai Reserve Forest. May seek prior approval from F. C. Division of the MoEF&CC under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

The renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 28.09.2019 as a "Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Vellore, Tamil Nadu 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



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Encl. As above

Copy to:-

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2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai- 600009. Tamil Nadu. Email: forsec@tn.gov.in
3. The Assistant Conservator of Forests and Assistant Director, Amirdhi Zoo, O/O the District Forest Officer, Vellore Forest Division, Pillaiyarkovi Street, Rangapuram, Vellore- 632 009. Tamil Nadu. E-mail: cf_vellore@yahoo.com
4. The District Forest Officer, Vellore Forest Division, Vellore- 632 009. Tamil Nadu. E-mail: dfovlr@gmail.com
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Central Zoo Authority

F. No. 19-32/92-CZA(251)(NS) // 868/2016

Email
DATE: 09.06.2016

To

The District Forest Officer
Vellore Forest Division,
Vellore- 632009 (Tamil Nadu)
Email: dfovlr@gmail.comNoted
9**Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.09.2015- Reg.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 6727/92/D, dated 20.07.2015 received in this office on 29.07.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 30.09.2015.

The evaluation of the Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Sh. B.G. Mugadur on 27.02.2016. The evaluation report of the Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu as a "Small category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	1.2	The zoo should provide proper landscaping raising lawns, beautifying the enclosures with plants outside and inside to provide a naturalistic environment within the zoo to enable the visitors to have communion with nature and get motivated for living in harmony with nature.	With immediate effect
2	1.3	The movement of visitors in the zoo should be regulated so that they do not have access to animal cages from	Six months

		all the sides causing disturbance to animals, birds and snakes by providing barricading in full length. It should be restricted to 30% of the perimeter of the enclosure	
3	1.5	Barbed wire fencing passing through angle iron rods of 3 to 4 feet height of close strands be firmly fixed with cement on the top of the walls leaning towards inside the enclosure to keep down the monkey menace as they try to enter from the adjoining forests causing disturbance to visitors and animals in the zoo.	Six months
3. Development & Planning			
4	3.3	Construction of footbaths from the entrance of the zoo to various enclosures of proper size with cement tiles and planting Duranta cuttings on either side of the paths as hedge plant. The old trees in the area be added with some more shade bearing trees all over the area. Landscaping of lawns and planting of flower should be taken up. Paragola type shades be provided in strategic places for the visitors.	Six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5	4.7	Screening should be provided between two adjacent enclosures to refrain each species getting undue stress, preferably using plant species.	With immediate effect
6	4.9	Standoff barrier be provided at every animal enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors and enable them to see animals from a safe distance without creating any sort of disturbance to the animals. Also adequate warning boards to be provided in front of the enclosure in local languages.	With immediate effect
7	4.10	Signboards showing the location of each animal enclosure be provided.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
8	5.8	All zoo animals should be screened for parasitic load and administering prophylactic medicines in consultation with veterinary doctor is compulsory and records thereof should be	With immediate effect

		maintained.	
9	5.9	Staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once in a year and record should be maintained.	With immediate effect
6. Veterinary & Infrastructure facilities			
10	6.6	Zoo should have linkages with institutions working in the field of wild animals health care. In case any assistance in diagnosis of disease of serious nature to follow effective remedial measures, the staff working in the zoo should be deputed to the major zoo like Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur to study the working on other aspects.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
11	9.9	It is absolutely necessary to limit the number of animals of each species of deer as they are more than the carrying capacity of the area. Population control measures like segregation of sex and undertaking vasectomy by professional Veterinary Doctors should be carried out.	With immediate effect
11. Education and outreach activities			
12	11.1	Zoo should educate the visitors about the conservation of wild animals by arranging drawing competition etc for school children and awarding some prizes, similarly wild life week be celebrated in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
12. Visitor Facilities			
13	12.1	Few more toilets for gents and ladies be provided and good drinking water at strategic points be provided.	Six months
14	12.2	First aid kit with anti-venom be made available in zoo premises	With immediate effect
Other Observations			
15		There is no main gate for entry to the zoo. A properly designed gate with a large and a wicket gate at the entry point of the zoo may be provided.	One year
16		There are few small entries to the zoo here and there, without any particular gate to control the entry of stray dogs and cattle and also safety and security of the zoo. These openings should be	One year

	immediately closed and only well-guarded and proper entry and exit points should be provided with proper security and gates.	
17	The zoo should ensure proper supervision and control over the staff working in the zoo and Proper maintenance should be done for the recently built enclosures and iron double gates provided to the deer enclosures.	One year

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 Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 5th May, 2018 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Amridhi Zoo, Amridhi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

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



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary



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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-32/92-CZA(251)(M) / 3514

DATE: 10.09.2013

To

The District Forest Officer
Vellore Division,
Vellore - 4 (Tamil Nadu).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period 31.03.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 6727/92-D1 dated 18.03.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period 31.03.2013 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi was carried out on 24.03.2013 by Th. C. S. Yalakki. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 67th Meeting held on 30th August, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th September, 2015 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirement			
1.	1 (3)	The movement of visitors in the zoo should be regulated so that they do not access animal cages from all sides causing disturbance to animals.	Within six months
2.	1 (5)	The zoo should be encompassed by the appropriate barrier of at least two meter in height from the ground level on all sides.	Within one year

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3.	1 (9)	The domestic birds such as Guinea fowls should be removed from the display.	Within three months
2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern			
4.	2 (2)	The zoo should have a regular arrangement with the veterinarian for ensuring his visit to zoo at regular interval for monitoring upkeep and health of animals.	Within three months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	4 (1)	New naturalistic enclosures should be constructed as per the Master (layout) Plan approved by the CZA and the animals now under display in cages should be rehabilitated in phased manner.	Within two years
6.	4 (6)	(i) The aviary housing Pea fowls near the entrance is too small, as the birds are unable to fly; rather the peafowl's shall be shifted to large aviary existing within the zoo.	Within three months
		(ii) All aviaries in the zoo should be provided with sufficient no. of perches and shade.	Within three months
		(iii) The Spotted deer enclosure should be provided with double gate entry.	Within three months
		(iv) The pythons housed in small dingy enclosures do not serve any purpose. The pythons should be either shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur or a large naturalistic enclosure should be provided to house the Pythons.	Within one month
7.	4 (10)	The signages boards should contain scientific name, local name, its distribution range, feeding habits, biology, ecological significance, conservation status in the wild etc. and re-installed at appropriate locations in such manner that they do not obstruct the visibility of enclosures and are easily readable by visitors.	Within three months

9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals			
8.	9 (4)	The zoo should acquire appropriate mate for single Common mongoose.	Within three months
9.	9 (9)	There are 50 numbers of Spotted deer, the number should be reduced immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	Within three months

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


Grant of recognition beyond 30th September, 2015 to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a 'Mini Category Zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

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

Yours faithfully,
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(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
2. DPA, CZA.


(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation and Monitoring Officer



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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

F. No. 19-32/92-CZA(251)(M)

DATE: 03.03.2010

To

The District Forest Officer
Vellore Division,
Vellore (Tamil Nadu).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your office letter dated 23.07.2009 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi was carried out on 30.07.2009 by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation & Monitoring Officer, Central Zoo Authority. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 52nd Meeting held on 20th January, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a small category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st March, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009:-

Relevant Rule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
11.	The zoo should maintain record of 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 and the inventory of the animals in the collection of each zoo, along with the details mentioned above for each financial year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th day of April of the ensuing year in Form II.	With immediate effect

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirement			
1.	1 (5)	The zoo should be encompassed by an appropriate barrier of at least two meter in height from the ground level on all sides.	Within six months
2.	1 (6)	(i) No residential colony shall be constructed within the zoo premises. (ii) Provided that where such colonies already exist, it shall be separated from the Rescue Centre premises by a boundary wall with a minimum height of two meters from the ground level. The entry to the residential colony shall not be through the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
3.	1 (7)	The zoo shall have proper waste disposal system for treating both the liquid and solid wastes generated in the zoo.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4.	4 (2)	(i) Most of the enclosures except aviary and old primate enclosure needs to be demolished as they do not fulfill the dimension prescribed under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992. (ii) The animal enclosures in the zoo should also be provided with the stand-off barriers to keep the visitors at the safe distance from the animals.	With immediate effect
5.	4 (6)	(i) The aviary housing Pea fowls near the entrance is too small, as the birds are unable to fly; rather the peafowl's shall be shifted to large aviary existing within the zoo. (ii) All aviaries in the zoo should be provided with sufficient no. of perches and shade. (iii) The Spotted deer enclosure should be provided with double gate entry. (iv) The porcupine enclosure should be provided kuccha floor to allow them to dig. However the floor of the enclosure should reinforced with concrete and mesh in order to prevent the animal from escape. (v) The pythons housed in small dingy enclosures do not serve any purpose. The pythons should be either shifted to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur or a large	Within three months

		naturalistic enclosure should be provided to house the Pythons. (vi) The crocodile enclosure should be provided sand for its basking.	
6.	4 (9)	All animal enclosures at the zoo should be provided appropriate stand off barriers to regulate the movement of the visitors in the zoo in a manner that facilitates the visitors in getting unobstructed view of the wild animals, without reaching in the vicinity or proximity of the animals and getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals and shall also display adequate sign boards so as to give warning of the visitors to keep a safe distance from the animals.	With immediate effect
7.	4 (10)	All the animal enclosures in the zoo should be provided with appropriate signages with the relevant information of biology, behaviour and population status of the species in the wild.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
8.	5 (4)	(i) The zoo authorities should made necessary provision to the safeguard against feral animals, free ranging wild animals and scavengers sharing the feed of the zoo animals, each animal shall be provided feed in the feeding cells/ kraals specially earmarked for the purpose and such feeding cells and kraals shall be so designed that these can also serve as indoor enclosures for the animals during extreme weather conditions as well as for secure stay during the nights: (ii) Provided that the dimensions and designs of the feeding cells and kraal shall be as per the standards specified by the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
9.	5 (5)	The zoo should ensure that the left over feed, excreta of animals and all other wastes are removed promptly from the feeding cells and kraals and the feeding cells and kraals are washed and disinfected as per the advice of the authorized veterinary officers and the solid and the liquid waste generated during the process shall be disposed off in such manner that has no adverse impact on the hygiene and cleanliness of the zoo and the landscape surrounding the zoo.	With immediate effect

10.	5 (8)	All zoo animals should be screened for parasitic loads as per written schedule prepared by the zoo in consultation with the veterinary officer and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases shall also be done, as per the schedule prescribed by the Veterinary Officer from time to time.	With immediate effect
11.	5 (9)	The zoo authority should ensure that the staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals shall be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and those found positive to any communicable disease shall be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees shall be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
12.	5 (10)	The zoo 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			
13.	6 (3)	The zoo should have a appropriately designed isolation and quarantine wards for housing the rescued animals.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and Breeding of Animals			
14.	9 (4)	The zoo should acquire appropriate mate for single Common mongoose.	With immediate effect
15.	9 (9)	There are more than 29 numbers of Spotted deer, the number should be reduced immediately by adopting appropriate population control measures.	With immediate effect
12. Visitors facilities			
16.	12 (1)	The zoo should provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places at the zoo including for physically disadvantage persons.	Three months

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

Grant of recognition beyond 31st March, 2013 to the Amirdhi Zoo, Amirdhi, Vellore as a 'small category zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
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