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To,

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Sub.- Grant of renewal of recognition to the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala beyond the period 19.08.2021 - reg.
Ref.-

1. Fees application vide Zoo Director letter dated 28.06.2021.
2. This office letter Computer No. 151172 dated 27.05.2022.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited correspondences, it is to inform that the evaluation of the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala was carried out by Shri T.Ajay Kumar, EMA, CZA on 30 & 31 May, 2022.

The evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) in its 109th meeting held on 10.11.2023.

The Technical Committee after deliberation recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala beyond the period 19.08.2021 under Section 38-H (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for the period of one year. Further, the committee also recommended to regularise the intervening period from the date until the previously accorded recognition was valid till the date of issue of renewal. The renewal is subject to the conditions stipulated as part IV of the evaluation report (Copy enclosed).

Subsequently, the recommendation of the 109th Technical Committee, CZA were approved by the Central Zoo Authority in its 40th Meeting held on 28.11.2023.

The renewal of recognition to the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala as per the provisions of Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 10.03.2026 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 19.08.2021–

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR, 2009	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
1. General requirements			

1.	10.1(7)	Existing arrangement of waste management requires improvement in terms of the Waste Management Rules notified by the Central Government in the year 2016.	One year.
3. Development and Planning			
2.	10.3(1)	Zoo management needs to pursue compliance with conditions stipulated by the CZA while approval of the Master Plan and obtain authentication of the Plan. Only then the approval shall be deemed effective.	Three months.
3.	10.3(3)	While veterinary infrastructure made available is inadequate and multiple facilities are in cramped condition, children's play area, eateries and souvenir shops occupy remarkably large area. This should be addressed while implementation of the Master Plan. Options may be explored to shift Children's Play area near ticket counter or any other location adequately away from animal enclosures.	Three months.
4.	10.3(6)	Animal Collection may be reviewed in accordance with availability of area.	Three months.
5.	10.3(7)	Zoo should refrain from acceptance of rescued animals for which it does not have facility of appropriate dimension in off-display area.	Forthwith.
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
6.	10.4(2)	Old animal enclosures that do not meet the prescribed design and dimension should be addressed while implementation of the Master Plan.	One year.
7.	10.4(3)	It is observed that some of the service entry to animal houses do not have provision to lock from inside. Same is the case with the double door service entry of the enclosure housing King Cobra.	Immediately.
8.	10.4(3)	While implementation of the Master Plan, efforts be made to avoid visual barrier for visitors to view captive animals on display.	One year.
9.	10.4(8)	It is noticed that during the period since previous evaluation, construction has been taken up for housing of endangered species without prior approval of design from the CZA. Proposal Shall be forwarded to the CZA for consideration post-facto.	Immediately.
10.	10.4(9)	Stand-off barriers should have hedge plantation for effective barrier and camouflage. Currently, stand-off barriers have bright yellow colour. It should be ensured that colours are chosen to have nature immersion effect.	One year.
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
11.	10.5(1)	It is learnt that the zoo management is offering captive animals (Rat Snakes) on display as feed. Zoo management should explain for continuance of this practice despite condition stipulated by the CZA in the past to stop the practice and to acquire feed from permissible sources.	Immediately.
12.	10.5(10)	Records of the animals (Animal History Card, Keeper's Diary, Daily Report and Treatment Card) are not being maintained in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority. None of the captive animals in the collection are marked. Animal History Cards do not have entries regarding source of acquisition. Keeper's Diary and Daily Report do not exist in continuity. Record Keeping is not in compliance with the norms. Immediate and time bound corrective action is required.	Immediately.
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
13.	10.6(1)	Given the diversity and quantum of animal collection, veterinary infrastructure made available is inadequate and multiple facilities are in cramped condition. Currently, isolation / off-display area, zoo hospital, post-mortem room and carcass disposal area are all cramped together in a small area. This should be addressed.	One year.
14.	10.6(3)	The Zoo should have Quarantine Area and Isolation	One year.

		Ward in the Zoo.	
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
15.	10.9(4)	In the previous evaluation, it was observed that Barn owl, Fish owl, White necked stork, Red sand boa, Trinket snake, Common wolf snake and Travancore Tortoise are singly housed in the Zoo. The Zoo management was directed to pair single sexed animals. Did not appreciate any effort in this direction to pair singly housed animals. Zoo management has to come with time bound commitment for compliance failing which shall forward proposal for transfer of such singly housed animals to zoos having appropriate facility and viable population of the species.	Two months.
12. Visitors' facilities			
16.	10.12(1)	Zoo management should ascertain carrying capacity of visitors and plan associated infrastructure and managerial interventions accordingly.	Three months.
17.	10.12(3)	While implementation of Master Plan, all animal enclosures of the zoo shall be made accessible to physically challenged visitors.	One year.
Rule 11 - Maintenance of records and submission of inventory			
18.		Till a policy decision is taken by the Central Zoo Authority and the Central Government regarding inclusion of column specifically to report eggs in the Form – II, given the serious nature of complaints filed against this zoo regarding source of acquisition of animals, the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, shall submit a separate report on eggs to the CZA through e-mail on quarterly and annual basis. This is in view of eggs forming part of the definition of 'animal under Section 2(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.	Forthwith.
Other recommendation as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972			
19.		Proposal should be submitted for consideration of the CZA post-facto regarding possession of rescued wild animals that do not have permission under section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. It is noticed that the zoo management is in possession of rescued animals (Jungle Cat, Monitor Lizard, Trinket Snake, Peafowl, Silver Pheasant and Parakeets) without requisite permission.	Immediately.
20.		In the previous evaluation, it was observed that undeclared articles derived from wild animals (snake moults) are in possession of the Zoo in the Animal Supervisor's Office and the CZA stipulated condition that the same should be immediately disposed of in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. However, shifting location of the animal articles from one holding area to another within the premises of two different establishments operated by the Society that is operating the MVR Snake Park and Zoo does not fulfil the requirement specified in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The said animal articles should be declared to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State for decision as deemed appropriate. Possession of animal articles without permission amounts to hunting. Corrective action be taken and compliance be reported to the CZA.	Immediately.

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

The renewal of recognition to the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala for period beyond 10.03.2026 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition to the MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time, if the, Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Encl. - Evaluation Report.

(R. Raghu Prasad)
Member Secretary

Copy to -

1. The Director, MVR Snake Park and Zoo, Parassinikkadavu (P.O.), Kannur District, PIN: 670563, Kerala (E-mail: ag@thesnakepark.com, mail@thesnakepark.com).
2. The DPA, CZA – to update database.



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केंद्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण
Central Zoo Authority

F. No. 23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol. IX)(NS)/4934/2018

By Post / E-mail
Date: 11.12.2018

To,

The Director,
Parassinikkadavu Snake Park,
Paeassinikkadavu,
Kannur District, Kerala- 670 563
Email: mail@thesnakepark.com

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District, Kerala for period beyond 23.08.2017 under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

1. This office letter F. No. 23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol. VII)(AK)/2714/2016, dated 26.09.2016.
2. This office Notice F. No.23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol. VIII)(AK)/2952/2018,dated 18.04.2018.

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondences.

The Operator of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala, had applied for recognition to the Central Zoo Authority on 20.02.1994. The Park was evaluated on 05.01.1998.The technical Committee after consideration of the evaluation Report had decided that recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala may be refused in view of the fact that the Park Authorities had failed to provide the evidence that animal acquired by the Park authorities legally.

The Central Zoo Authority had accordingly refused recognition on 27.04.1998 and the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala was directed to close down and dispose off the animals as per the advice/directions of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala.

The Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala preferred an appeal before the Central Government (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) against the orders of Central Zoo Authority under sub section 7 of Section 38H of the wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Accepting the contention of the Snake Park authorities, that they were not given adequate time to produce the evidence of animals in their stock being procured legally, the appellate authority gave time of six months for producing Legal Procurement Certificate (LPC) of the animals in their stock to the Central Zoo Authority. The Central Zoo Authority was advised vide these orders to consider granting recognition to the Snake Park once it was

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satisfied about the fact that the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala had acquired all the animals in their stock legally. However even after a lapse of nine months period the (Snake Park Authorities were allowed three months extension for producing LPCs), the Snake Park authorities were unable to produce the required certificates by the due date. The State Government was, therefore requested to send its plans in this connection before the confiscation of animals were executed. It was also indicated that till the State Government created the necessary facilities for housing of the confiscated Snakes, the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala might be allowed to operate.

The PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala vide its letter dated 11.07.2003 had recommended recognition of Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala. The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority in its meeting held on 10.01.2006 had taken a decision to consider granting recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala.

The Proposal with regard to grant of conditional recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala was again placed before the 47th meeting of the Technical Committee of CZA held on 18.02.2008. The Committee considered grant of conditional recognition for the period of one year subject to compliance of conditions including submission of a master plan. Thereafter a Show Cause Notice was issued by the Central Zoo Authority vide letter dated 25.06.2009 to the Director, Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala directing to submit the reasons for not complying the conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority within a period of one month. The matter with regard to the grant of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala was placed before the Technical Committee of CZA held on 21st February, 2012. The Committee members approved the decision taken by the Director, Wildlife Preservation, Government of India and decided that grant of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala as a Zoo under Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be granted for a period of two years with a provision of mid-term evaluation and subject of compliance of conditions. The Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala was granted renewal of recognition by Central Zoo Authority vide letter F. No. 23-47/94-CZA (Vol.VI) (M)/4197, dated. 23.01.2014 for a period upto 31.01.2015, extendable to January, 2017, subject to compliance of conditions mentioned therein and mid-term evaluation.

The Director, Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala vide letter No.PSP 18/2017 dated 10.08.2017 had applied for renewal of recognition. The Snake Park got again evaluated by Shri T. Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant, CZA on 17th November, 2017.

The evaluation report of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala was placed before the Technical Committee of the CZA in its 85th meeting held on 23.03.2018, wherein, the Technical Committee of the CZA after detailed deliberations recommended to issue a Show Cause Notice to the operator of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala, as per provisions laid down under Section 38 H (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as to why recognition should not be cancelled and decided to give opportunity for hearing on 17.05.2018 to submit his case.

Whereas, Prof. E. Kunhiraman, Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur, District Kerala 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 17.05.2018 in the office of the CZA at B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003 as authorised by the CZA. Subsequently, the Zoo Operator vide F. No. PSP/08/2018/CZA-01 dt.18.08.2018 submitted report on compliance made with commitment given during hearing.

The proceeding of the hearing was placed before Technical Committee in its 86th meeting held on 28th September, 2018 and was subsequently placed before the Central Zoo Authority in its 32nd meeting held on 19th November, 2018. After detailed deliberations, it was decided for renewal of recognition of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala for a period of one year.

The renewal of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala 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 27.08.2017:-

Sr. No	RZR 2009 Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1	10.1(3)	The Zoo Authorities should regulate the visitors' circulation at few animal enclosures in the zoo with specific reference to enclosure for Bonnet macaques. 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 Zoo Authorities should ensure perimeter wall of prescribed standard. The perimeter wall is damaged and fallen at few places.	Immediately
3	10.1(7)	The Zoo Authorities should manage the solid and liquid wastes generated in the zoo as it is poor. Thus, affecting the general hygiene. Plastic and other wastes found strewn on the zoo campus. Compost Unit started recently is an appreciable initiative. However, it is completely disproportionate to the quantity of waste generated. Huge dump of waste in such close proximity to animal enclosures is not acceptable.	Immediately
4	10.1(9)	The Zoo should not house domestic species (Turkey fowl, Geese, swan, Guinea fowl, Pigeon) in the zoo.	Immediately
5	10.3(1)	The Zoo should submit Master Plan for approval of the CZA.	Immediately

6	10.3(3)	Furnished incorrect information in the approved Master (Layout) Plan of the proposed Rescue Centre. It is observed during evaluation that the site proposed for Rescue Centre as a satellite facility of the zoo is with plantation and no construction was observed. However, the Master (Layout) Plan of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park (Rescue Centre), Kurumattur approved by the Central Zoo Authority and signed on 28.05.2014 indicates otherwise. Index No. RQ 17 of the Layout Plan indicates presence of 'Existing Rescue Home'. The Zoo Operator should amend the Master (Layout) Plan of the proposed Rescue Centre following the Guidelines in the matter, indicating factual status. It should be forwarded through the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State to the Central Zoo Authority for approval.	Immediately
7	10.3(6)	The Zoo should prepare Animal Collection Plan based on the Concept Plan, provided by the Central Zoo Authority in the Facilitation Workshop in year 2009 directing the zoo operator to restrict the Animal Collection Plan to Reptiles of the region.	Immediately
8	10.3(7)	The zoo has rescued animals for which it does not have infrastructure facility for housing, upkeep and veterinary care. The Zoo should provide facility for those rescued animals.	Immediately
9	10.3(8)	The Zoo authorities have not reported to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and the Central Zoo Authority regarding acquisition of animals pertaining to endangered species (Jungle cat, Monitor lizard, Trinket snake, Peafowl, Silver pheasant and Parakeets) by way of rescue. It should be reported.	Immediately
10	10.4(2)	The Zoo should house animals in enclosures in conformity with design and dimension as specified by the CZA.	Immediately
11	10.4(2)	The Zoo should separate Visitors' path and Service path. Presently, most of the service area to animal enclosures is from visitors' path.	Within three months
12	10.4(3)	The Zoo should ensure safety of animals, personnel involved in upkeep of animals and visitors. It is observed that service entry to animal enclosure is not locked in one case.	Immediately
13	10.4(6)	The Zoo should provide natural enrichment to Bonnet macaques. Tin sheets and rubber tyres should be provided as enrichment in the enclosure.	Within three months

14	10.4(7)	The Zoo should screen adjacent animal enclosures.	Immediately
15	10.4(8)	The Zoo should obtain approval from the CZA of the drawing of enclosures for endangered species and those animals which are housed in sub-standard enclosures.	Within three months
16	10.4(9)	The Zoo should provide stand-off barrier at enclosure for Python.	Within three months
17	10.5(5)	Undeclared articles derived from wild animals (snake moults) are in possession of the zoo in the Animal Supervisor's Office. The same should be immediately disposed off in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	
18	10.5(9)	The Zoo should screen staff involved in upkeep of animals against zoonotic diseases.	Immediately
19	10.5(10)	Records of the animals (Animal History Card, Keeper's Diary, Daily Report and Treatment Card) should be maintained in format prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately
20	10.5(10)	The Zoo should mark animals housed in the Zoo.	Immediately
21	10.6(1b)	The Zoo should have veterinary infrastructure and manpower of the zoo in accordance with the norms applicable for a small category zoo.	Within three months
22	10.6(3)	The Zoo should have Quarantine Area and Isolation Ward in the zoo.	Within three months
23	10.6(3)	Post-mortem Room, Treatment Room, Animal Supervisor's Room and live animal feed are all at one place in a congested manner. All these facilities should be properly placed as of approved in the Master (Layout) Plan of the Park. Post-mortem facility should have provision for adequate sun light.	Within three months
24	10.7(4)	The animal carcass disposal area should be kept away from animal enclosures. Presently, animal carcass disposal is being done in a pit dug between two animal enclosures towards their rear barrier. Also, the area is stinking. More efficient disposal method should be adopted without affecting cleanliness and hygiene.	Within three months
25	10.9(4)	It is observed that Barn owl, Fish owl, White necked stork, Red sand boa, Trinket snake, Common wolf snake and Travancore tortoise are singly housed in the zoo. The Zoo should pair single sexed animals.	Within three months

26	10.9(6)	The Zoo should display factually correct information to visitors. A Board with logo of the CZA as well as the zoo is displayed in the Zoo indicating Captive Breeding Project of King cobra. However, the CZA has not identified the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park either as Co-ordinating or as participating zoo for the purpose. It is informed during evaluation that the breeding is being carried out for display and not for restocking in the wild. The Zoo Operator should ensure that factually correct information is provided to visitors.	Immediately
27	11(1)	The Zoo should submit report relating to acquisition of Jungle cat, Monitor lizard, Trinket snake, Peafowl, Silver pheasant and Parakeets in the Annual Inventory submitted to the Central Zoo Authority. Also, species housed in the Aquarium were to be reported.	Immediately
28	11(1)	The Zoo should submit Quarterly Inventory of animals for all four quarters during year 2017-18 pertaining to endangered species, to the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately

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

The renewal of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala 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 Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Andoor Village, Kannur District Kerala 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. Anup Kumar Nayak
 (Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak)
 Member Secretary

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1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Van Lakshmi Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum- 695 014. (Kerala). Email: cww.for@kerala.gov.in – for information and necessary action.
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BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL

F.No.23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol.VII)(AK)/2714/2016

DATE: 26.09.2016

To

The Director,
Parassinikkadavu Snake Park,
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Subject:- Renewal of recognition of Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur, Kerala as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 30.08.2016 - regarding

Reference:-

1. Application vide letter No.PSP/10/2016, Dt.21.08.2016 from the Director, Parassinikkadavu Snake Park,
2. This office letter F.No.23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol.VI)(NS)/7580 dated 11.08.2015

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur, Kerala was carried out by Shri R.S. Arun, IFS on 5th March, 2016. The evaluation report of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur, Kerala as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 79th Meeting held on 24th August, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of one year. The renewal of recognition of Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur, Kerala as "a Small Category Zoo" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 23rd August, 2017 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
3.Development and Planning			
1	3(1)	Master Plan of Snake Park should be submitted for approval of the Central Zoo Authority.	Two months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
2	4(3)	Provision of footbath should be made at enclosures.	Immediately
3	4(5) & 4(8)	Enclosures for King cobra, Bonnet macaque, Python and Mugger crocodile found constructed without prior approval of Central Zoo Authority. Designs of the said enclosures should be submitted for scrutiny of the Central Zoo Authority.	Immediately

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4	4(6)	Environment of all enclosures in the Snake Park should be suitably enriched.	Three months
5	4(10)	More signage with relevant information on the biology, behaviour and the population status of the species in the wild should be installed at enclosures and other strategic locations of the Snake Park to educate public.	Three months
6	5(9)	All staff involved with upkeep and healthcare of animals at the Snake Park should be screened against zoonotic diseases and those found positive to any communicable disease should be provided appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of the infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employees should be kept away from the responsibility of upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	Two months and thereafter once every year
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
7	9(4)	Regarding following single sexed animals housed at the Snake Park, the authority of the Snake Park should either acquire mates or shift to other zoos with the prior permission of the Central Zoo Authority: Jungle cat: 1:0, Toddy Cat: 4:0, Wolf snake: 1:0, Saw scaled viper: 1:0, Pit viper: 0:2, Trinket snake: 1:0, Red Sand boa: 0:1, Barn owl 0:1 & Fish owl 0:1 respectively.	Six months

As suggested by the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority, the authority of Parassinikdavu Snake Park, Kannur is advised to consult Centre for Environment and Education, Kannur for necessary guidance regarding operation of the Snake Park in general and Education and outreach activities in particular.


Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Parassinikdavu Snake Park, Kannur for period up to 23rd August, 2017 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

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

The renewal of recognition of Parassinikdavu Snake Park, Kannur for period beyond 23rd August, 2017 as "a Small Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Parassinikdavu Snake Park, Kannur 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

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1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, 'Van Lakshmi' Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum – 695 014. (Kerala) – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
2. DPA, CZA – to update database



F. No. 23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol. VI)(NS) / 7550

Email
DATE: 11.08.2015

To

The Director,
Parassinikkadavu Snake Park,
Parassinikkadavu, Kannur- 670 563.
Kerala.

Sub:- Grant of Renewal of recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2015.

Ref:- (i) This office letter no. 23-47/94-CZA(369)(Vol. VI)(NS)/7005 dated 22.04.2015 (Show Cause notice)
(ii) Your office letter no. psp/Ltr/Com/01/2015 dated 23.05.2015.

Sir,

Reference is cited to above correspondences. The application submitted seeking renewal of recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2015 was considered by this Authority. The evaluation of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala was carried out by Sh. P.C. Tyagi on 03.12.2014. The evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 73rd Meeting held on 10th March, 2015 and a show cause notice was issued to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park seeking compilation report on the observations made during the evaluation. The compliance report as received from your end was further placed before the 75th meeting of the Technical Committee of Central Zoo Authority held on 15th May, 2015 for deliberation and decision.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.08.2016 subject to the compliance of the following conditions and with provision of mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Particulars of Suggestions	Time Required to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	1(1)	The Parassinikkadavu Snake Park should have appropriate enclosures for snakes, mammals & birds and mugger crocodile and animals	Six months

	received as of rescued should not form part of the rescue centre or handed over to Forest Department.	With immediate effect				
2.	Domestic hens, turkey and dog to be removed		1(9)			
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures						
3	Two new enclosures for Mugger Crocodile and King Cobra have been constructed. All Other enclosures for mammals, birds and snakes are sub standard & new one should be constructed as per approved master layout plan and guidelines of CZA pertaining to housing and enrichment.	Six Months	4(1 to 7)			
4	The stand off barrier are weak and fragile and should be strengthened as per CZA norms	Immediately	4(9)			
5	Signage exists but are inadequate, additional animal information board are to be erected.	Immediately	4(10)			
5. Upkeep and Health care of animals						
6	Animals are not in socially and behavioural viable groups and upkeep and health care is to be improved.	Immediately				
7	The store for dry and wet ration storage, kitchen and food preparation room requires drastic improvement. Meat storage and preparation room does not exist. Feeding cell and kraal needs improvement.	Immediately	5(2)			
8	Animal keepers diary, Daily diary and post-mortem findings should be maintained in the prescribed format.	Immediately	5(3 to 5)			
6. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals						
9	Post-mortem room should be constructed.	Three months	6(3)			
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals						
10	The following single sexed animals are housed in the zoo: Jungle cat 1:0 Toddy cat 4:0 White necked stork 0:1 Wolf snakes 1:0 Saw scaled viper 1:0 Pit Viper 0:2	Immediately	9(4)			

	Trinket snake 1:0 Red sand boa 0:1 Barn Owl 0:1 Fish Owl 0:1 Zoo must find mates for these animals or transfer them to other zoos.	
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A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Further, you are directed to house only those species for which appropriate housing facility is available.

Grant of recognition to Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala beyond 30.08.2016 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Parassinikkadavu, Kerala shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,


 (Inder Dhamija)
 DIG(HQ)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram 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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To

The Director
Parassinikkadavu Snake Park,
Kannur (Kerala).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2014.

Sir,

The evaluation of the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur was carried out on 03.12.2013 by Sh. H. J. Bhandari. The evaluation report submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the Chairman, Technical committee of the Central Zoo Authority vide note dated 01.01.2014 subject to post-facto approval & ratification in next Technical Committee of the CZA.

On perusal of the report, the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur as "Small Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st January, 2015 extendable to January, 2017 subject to compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the Zoo:-

S. No.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirements			
1.	1.1	Mammals, birds may be shifted to the proposed rescue centre which is about 5 acres. Proper planning has to be made to house the injured, rescued and seized animals after getting approval from the Central Zoo Authority.	Within twelve months.

3. Development and Planning			
3.	3.4	Since the zoo has a limited area of about 2 acres, this zoo may be developed as an exclusively snake park with varieties of snakes including exotic species.	Within twelve months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
3.	4.1	Except the King cobra enclosure all the snake enclosures should be reconstructed with proper design.	Within six months
4.	4.10	Proper signage and biological information of individual species should be erected.	With immediate effect
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animal			
5.	5.3.5	Proper records should be maintained in CZA prescribed format.	With immediate effect
11. Education and outreach activities			
6.	11.1	Full fledged interpretation facility should be provided to educate the public specially children visiting the zoo, since there are good number of visitors every day.	Within six 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 January, 2015 extendable to 2017 to the Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur 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 Parassinikkadavu Snake Park, Kannur 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,

(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

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2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.

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Member Secretary