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To,

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**Sub.:- Renewal of recognition to the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat for period beyond 17.10.2022 under Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg. Ref.:-**

1. **This office letter F. No. 21-1/2021-CZA dated 26.10.2023.**
2. **Your application letter No. A/209-11/2022-23 dated 13.10.2022.**
3. **This office letter F. No. 20-2/2019-CZA(Vol. I)(PKR)/1662/2019 dated 25.10.2019.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited correspondences, it is to inform that the evaluation of the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat was carried out by Dr. Rashmi Kant Shukla IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF Uttar Pradesh & Dr. M. Navin Kumar, Former Deputy Director, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad on 16/02/2024 & 17/02/2024.

The evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officers was placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) in its 110<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14.05.2024.

The Technical Committee after deliberation recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat beyond the period 17.10.2022 under Section 38-H (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for the period of 3 years. 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 110<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee, CZA were approved by the Chairperson, CZA.

The renewal of recognition to the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat as per the provisions of Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 18.07.2027 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 and mid-term evaluation:

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Sl.	Norm under 2009	No. RZR,	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
<b>Rule 10(1) General requirements</b>				
1.	1.4		Wherever the boundary fencing is lying close to the village, the fencing shall be appropriately strengthened through a double fence to avoid trespassing. Feasibility of constructing masonry wall of prescribed height of 2 meters from the ground level may also be explored at such places.	One year.
2.	1.6		A boundary wall shall be constructed to separate the residential colony from the main Zoo campus and separate access road provided for the residents.	Six months.
3.	1.9(a)		All stray dogs shall be removed from the Zoo campus by taking help of the Statue of Unity Area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SoUADTGA), Kevadia.	Three months.
4.	1.9(b)		Due health safeguards shall be put in place like screening of animal keepers working in the Pet Zone for ecto & endo parasites before recommending their transfer posting to the main Zoo campus. Unless required, frequent posting of animal keepers and other support personnel shall be avoided between the main Zoo campus and Pet Zone.	With immediate effect.
<b>Rule 10(2) Administrative &amp; Staffing Pattern</b>				
5.	2.3		The Zoo operators shall prepare and implement Service Rules to ensure that the Scientific and Technical Staff posted in the Zoo have the opportunity for periodic promotions in the cadre.  Presently, there is no notified service rule applicable on SPZP. A strong need for framing service rules for the purpose of career progression including the benefit of flexible complementing scheme for their promotions by the concerned authority.	One year.
<b>Rule 10(3) Development and Planning</b>				
6.	3.1 (a) & 3.4		The proposed collection plan of animals to be exhibited in the Zoo shall be got approved from the Central Zoo Authority.	Three months.
7.	3.1(b)		Once the collection plan has been approved by the Authority, revised layout plan indicating the proposed new exhibits shall be submitted for approval. The Zoo shall prepare the Master (Layout) Plan in 1:1000 scale at 5 meters contour interval in following the guidelines issued in this regard by the Authority from time to time.	Six months from the date of approval of collection plan.
8.	3.1(c)		The Master Plan as per prescribed guidelines of the Authority shall be prepared and submitted.	Six months from the date of approval of the revised Master (Layout) Plan.
9.	3.4		Some of the species like Sambar, Black buck, White buck, spotted deer and in birds painted storks are more than the carrying capacity of the enclosure.	One year.
<b>Rule 10(4) Animal Housing, display of animals &amp; animal enclosures</b>				
10.	4.1		The animal exhibits of lesser cats; coati; small primates and those of the birds at entrance Zone are small & unnatural. They should be replaced with nature immersing enclosures as per specifications laid down by the CZA.	One year.
11.	4.9		Standoff barriers shall be provided in following animal	Six months

		exhibits:- a) Bengal tiger; b) Common leopard; c) Jaguar; d) White lion; e) Sloth bear; f) Indian wolf & g) Wild dog; h) Hippopotamus and capuchin/chimpanzee.	(To be included after discussion with CZA officers).
12.	4.10	Interactive interpretation facilities shall be provided for the purpose of explaining behaviour and biology of the species displayed in the exhibits.	One year.
<b>Rule 10(5) Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
13.	5.3.8	The Zoo shall have formal linkages through a MoU with the nearest veterinary college/University on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis and consultation in treatment and management during the period of convalescence.	Six months.
14.	5.2	<b>Nutrition and Food Hygiene:-</b> The Zoo is constructing decentralized commissary/kitchen to cater separately to Birds, Primates, Herbivores and Carnivores. The same shall be constructed keeping due regard for hygiene, safety and waste disposal. Location of such units shall be away from public view and high transmission wire lines.	Six months.
<b>Rule 10(6) Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities</b>			
15.	6.1(g)	The Zoo shall make arrangements of reference laboratory support and rapid transmission of diagnostic samples to nearest veterinary institution like Anand Veterinary College/ Greens Zoological, Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre which are equipped with facilities like – Automated blood cell counting; Clinical chemistry; Bacterial culture and antibiotic susceptibility; Viral isolation and identification; Antibody/antigen serology; Pathogen identification through ELISA or PCR; Toxic agent analysis and Parasitic identification till the time a full fledged laboratory is established in house. Support of the National Referral Centre, IVRI and other reputed Central Government Institutions/ laboratories may also be obtained for histopathology, virological examinations.	With immediate effect.
16.	6.4	<b>Wildlife veterinary medical education and training</b> The Zoo shall depute its veterinary officers for advance training in wildlife medicine in a large foreign Zoo.	Two years.
<b>Rule 10(7) Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
17.	7.1	A modern postmortem room, equipped with sufficient light and postmortem equipment shall be constructed near to the incinerator.	Six months.
<b>Rule 10(9) Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
18.	9.4	The Zoo shall make all efforts to find a mate for single and unpaired animals.	Six months.
<b>Rule 10(10) Research Activities</b>			
19.	10.1	The Zoo shall prepare a research plan identifying the prioritized species and areas of concern. The plan shall be incorporated in the Master Plan.	Six months.
<b>Rule 10(11) Education and Outreach Activities</b>			
20.	11.1	The Zoo shall open the Souvenir Shops, have a Library Facility accessible to all personnel including visiting interns and students. A dedicated website for the Zoo shall be launched. Displaying calendar days/events at the entry points for the visitor engagement at orientation centre.	One year.
<b>Rule 10(12) Visitor Facilities</b>			

21.	12.1(b)	The Zoo shall construct few more public toilets at convenient places in the campus and they shall be so located that they do no mask or impact the view of the exhibits.	One year.
22.	12.1(j)	Cloak room facility for the visitors shall be provided.	Six months.
23.	12.1(k)	Local educated youths/wildlife enthusiasts may be trained for providing guided tours and visitor engagements in the Zoological Park as Zoo Guide.	Six months.
24.	12.2	As the Zoo experiences daily footfall of large number of visitors, a First-Aid Centre to be manned by trained Para-Medical Staff may be established near to the administrative office. Signage showing amenities like Drinking Water points, washrooms, rest sheds and lawns to be placed at strategic points especially the entry point.	

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 Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat for period beyond 18.07.2027 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition to the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat 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.:** As above.

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2. The DPA, CZA – to update database.



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**Sub:- Recognition to the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Ref:- Application letter No. A/FYP/CZA/T.1/1340-42 2018-19, dated 29.01.2019 received from the Director, Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh, Gujarat.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to correspondence cited above. It is to inform that the evaluation of the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat was carried out by Dr. Devender Kumar, Scientific Officer, CZA on 17.10.2019. The evaluation report of the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat was considered by the Technical Committee, Central Zoo Authority in its 92<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 18.10.2019. After detailed deliberations, the Technical Committee, Central Zoo Authority decided to grant recognition of the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat for a period of three years. A copy of the evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officer is enclosed with this letter for your perusal and needful action.

The recognition to the Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat as per the provisions of Section 38H(1) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 17.10.2022 subject to compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 and mid-term evaluation. The Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadiya, Gujarat should also submit time bound commitment for compliance within 30 days of communication of observations of the evaluation report and half yearly compliance report subsequently:-

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR 2009	Particulars of suggestions/ recommendation	Time Period to Comply
1.	10.1 (1)	Since, zoo is new establishment, it should scientifically make the effort to establish sustainable population of physically, genetically and behaviourally healthy animals from the beginning by maintaining proper record keeping.	With immediate effect
2.	10.1 (4)	The chain link fence has been used as boundary	Immediately

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		wall of the zoo. There is thick natural vegetation all around the boundary fence. The provision of fire line of appropriate width should be made available as a precautionary measure from forest fire and also to restrict entry of outside wild animals.	
3.	10.1 (7)	The disposal management of solid and liquid waste needs to strengthen and completed before making the zoo operational by following the plan as approved in Master (Layout) Plan. The solid waste shall be processed for manure which may be used in fodder farm.	Immediately
4.	10.1 (8)	The animals for the zoo should be acquired after permission under sec 38(I). The Zoo should not acquire and display sick, injured and infirm animals.	Immediately
5.	10.2 (3)	The Animal keeper, head keeper with adequate experience in zoo work, should be appointed immediately.	With immediate effect
6.	10.3 (1)	The Zoo should submit Master Plan for all the phases to the CZA for approval.	3 months
7.	10.3(3)	The Zoo shall restrict its exotic Animal Collection Plan to limit of 10% in Zoo.	Immediately
8.	10.3 (5)	The night shelters should be camouflaged by suitable plantations and shall not be visible to the visitors.	With immediate effect
9.	10.4(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The design of newly constructed enclosures should be as per the prescribed standards of the CZA and fully audited for safety and security of animals, visitors and keepers and its structural stability.</li> <li>ii. The overhang steel plate expansion joints of Lion, Tiger and Leopard enclosures should be properly affixed in such a way that it does not allow any space for animal escape.</li> <li>iii. The gate openings in keeper gallery, in feeding and retiring cell should have locking systems.</li> <li>iv. The strengthening of drop gates in animal enclosures should be checked periodically and maintained properly.</li> <li>v. The provision of squeeze cage should be made especially in Lion, Tiger and Leopard enclosures.</li> </ul>	With immediate effect
10.	10.4 (6)	The zoo shall enrich the enclosures including feeding and retiring cells, keeping in view the behaviour requirements of the animal species housed therein.	With immediate effect
11.	10.4 (9)	The live hedge shall be maintained in between enclosure wall and stand-off barrier.	Three months
12.	10.4(10)	The multilingual signages (Hindi, Gujarati & English) shall display with adequate biological information at each species enclosure. The signages shall place appropriately having information access to visitors of all age class.	Immediately
13.	10.5(1)	The zoo shall acquire animal in such a way that no animals shall be housed single sexed.	With immediate effect

14.	10.5(2)	The zoo should ensure timely supply of quality food and water to all animals.	With immediate effect
15.	10.5 (4)	Substrates in kraal should have soft soil.	
16.	10.5.5	i. The zoo shall provide tyre bath (as a bio security measure) at appropriate entry point. ii. A schedule should be developed for disinfection of the enclosures and should be followed strictly.	Immediately
17.	10.6(1)	The zoo should have a full-fledged Veterinary unit with diagnostic facility. However, it is suggested that zoo may have a bare minimum veterinary facility in zoo premises.	6 months
18.	10.12(1)	The zoo operator should provide adequate civic facilities for visitors at appropriate and convenient places in the zoo including for physically disabled as per approved Master (Layout) Plan.	With immediate effect
19.	10.12(2)	The zoo should have a first aid facility and emergency medicines at suitable location inclusive of Anti Snake Venom.	With immediate effect
<b>Non-Statutory Recommendations</b>			
20.	The Zoo shall make arrangements for storage of water and food for animals in such a way that it shall be sufficient for feeding and upkeep of animals for atleast one week during disaster condition, if any.		3 months
21.	The construction activity should be completed before making the zoo functional and the labours should also be shifted.		

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Yours sincerely

  
(Dr. S. P. Yadav)  
Member Secretary

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