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**Sub.- Renewal of recognition to the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka for period beyond 06.12.2022 under Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Ref.-**

1. **This office letter Computer No. 136623 dated 23.12.2020.**
2. **Application letter No. ABVZP/Recognition of Zoo/27/2022-23 dated 14.09.2022 received from the Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur, Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagar District, Karnataka.**
3. **This office letter Computer No. 136623 dated 18.11.2024.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited correspondences, it is to inform that the recognition of the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka was accorded up to 06.12.2022 vide letter referred at Sl. 1 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka for the period beyond 06.12.2022 was received by this office vide letter referred at Sl. 2 above.

Shri Hemant Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF, UP was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka vide CZA letter referred at Sl. 3 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated from 20th to 22nd November 2024.

The evaluation report as submitted by the evaluating officers was placed before the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) in its 112<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.12.2024.

The Technical Committee after deliberation recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka beyond 06.12.2022 under Section 38-H (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of renewal (05.05.2025). Further, the committee also recommended to regularise the intervening period from 06.12.2022 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 112<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee, CZA were approved by the Chairperson, CZA.

The renewal of recognition to the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka as per the provisions of Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period

up to 25.02.2027 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules (RZR), 2009 and mid-term evaluation, and to regularize the period after 06.12.2022 -

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR, 2009	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1.	1.1(b)	The Zoo should evaluate the breeding stock of animals by referring to the stud book to find out which animals are highly inbred and require the introduction of new blood to increase their genetic viability.	Two months.
2.	1.2 & 1.5	The Zoo should enhance the naturalistic environment in the Zoo escape by first evaluating the existing landscape and introducing a natural façade, covering blank and desolate areas, and planting appropriate species as buffers.	Six months.
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
3.	2.3	Experienced technical staff should be engaged to ensure maintaining the highest grade of health and husbandry management of animals housed in the Zoo.	Six months.
<b>3. Development and planning</b>			
4.	3.3	As per the approved Master plan, development work should be completed as early as possible.	Two Years.
5.	3.3	The Zoo must evaluate the hard structures viz buildings, including the visitor facilities, to ensure that the natural landscape of the Zoo has not been affected due to such structures use appropriate colour schemes besides the drainage and cleanliness and hygiene should be maintained.	One year.
6.	3.5 & 3.6	The Zoo should not accept any rescued animal for which it does not have an appropriately designed enclosure and upkeep facilities, including quarantine.	Immediate.
<b>4. Animal Housing, display of animals &amp; animal enclosures</b>			
7.	4.1 & 4.6	The Zoo should ensure that the animals are displayed in nature immersing (naturalistic) enclosures with species-specific appropriate enrichment to meet the behavioural requirements. The enrichment of the carnivore and reptile enclosures requires improvement. Immersion Effect and Naturalistic Enclosure in carnivore enclosures, waterfalls and artefacts are provided that are not naturally designed to look like streams with mud banks and sandy boulders strewn.	Six months.
8.	4.10	The Zoo should provide interactive interpretation facilities to explain the ecology, biology and behaviour of the animals displayed.	Six months.
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
9.	5.2	<b>Nutrition and Food Hygiene General</b>	
10.	5.2	Meat storage and supply rooms should be pest—and fly-proof with rust free nets. The entire building generally requires periodical whitewash and the fixing of rust-free light-proof mats on all outside doors and windows.	Six Months.
11.	5.2	More cemented feeding platforms in the herbivore enclosures so that all animals will get their share of food.	Six Months.
12.	5.3	The facility for processing and storing captive animals' food should be fly-proofed, with all doors and windows screened.	Six Months.
<b>Nutrition and Food Hygiene General</b>			
13.	5.2	Dry rations should be stored in metallic drums to prevent moisture, mould, and pests.	Six Months.

<b>6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities</b>			
14.	6.1	Should procure a Hand-held refractometer for Total Serum Solids.	Six Months
15.	6.6	To fulfil objectives specified in recognition of Zoo rules, 2009, an MoU with appropriate institutions working in wild animal health care is to be expedited.	Six Months.
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
16.	7.2	Based on the death records, a comprehensive study on the cause of death of different groups of animals is to be done. Based on this, comprehensive disease management plans and animal husbandry practices can be developed to deal with diseases in the future and save the zoo's animals.	Six Months.
17.	7.4	Zoo management should find a suitable place to bury dead animals and establish an incinerator as soon as possible.	Six months.
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
18.	9.2	The Zoo should acquire animals through exchange and loaning based on scientific assessment of their lineage and genetic relatedness (lineage, mean kinship value, and heterozygosity details from stud book) to Safeguard against the ill effects of inbreeding on the zoo population.	Six months.
19.	9.4	All unpaired animals should be paired on a priority.	Immediate.

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 from the date of issue of this letter and half yearly compliance report should also be submitted subsequently.

The renewal of recognition to the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka for period beyond 25.02.2027 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition to the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Karnataka 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 -**

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2. The Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens premises, Indiranagar, Mysuru – 570 010, Karnataka (E-mail: ccfmszak@gmail.com).
3. The Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur, Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagar District, Karnataka (E-mail: eddcfabvzp81@gmail.com).
4. The DPA, CZA – to update database.

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Subject: Grant of recognition to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospete (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

**References:**

1. This office letter bearing Computer No: 138704 dated August 06, 2020.
2. F.No. 19-8/93-CZA(104)(Vol.IV)(AK)/2267/2020 dated February 02, 2020.
3. F.No. 19-80/93-CZA(104)(Vol.IV)(AK)/1417/2019 dated September 12, 2019.
4. Writ petition 48018 of 2017 in the High Court of Karnataka.
5. F.No. 19-80/93-CZA(104)(Vol.III)(AK)/617/2017 dated March 16, 2017.
6. Correspondence 274693/2020/Central Zoo Authority dated June 8, 2020.
7. F.No. 19-80/93-CZA(104)(Vol.III)(M)/6245 dated November 13, 2014.

Sir,

The application for recognition was received from the Executive Director and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka, vide correspondence listed at (6).

With reference to the aforementioned subject, the approval of the Master Plan of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka (relocation of Children Park cum Mini Zoo, Ballari, Karnataka) was accorded vide correspondence listed at (7).

Further, the agenda pertaining to the recognition of the said zoo was deliberated in

the 98<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on November 19, 2020 and further recommended for the approval of the Central Zoo Authority. The Central Zoo Authority in its 37<sup>th</sup> meeting held on December 07, 2020, granted recognition under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka for a period of two years. The recognition of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka is as per provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and extant guidelines of the CZA, for the period up to December 06, 2022; and subject to the compliance of the conditions stipulated below and mid-term evaluation:

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Norm No.</b>	<b>Conditions stipulated</b>	<b>Time Period to Comply</b>
1.	10(1.1)	The zoo should make efforts to maintain population of physically, genetically and behaviourally healthy animals	With Immediate Effect
2.	10 (2.2)	The Zoo should appoint a Biologist and Education Officer before the zoo is opened to public.	With Immediate Effect
3.	10 (3.1)	The amended master plan of the Zoo should be prepared and submitted to CZA for its approval. The previously approved Master Plans are not valid as the Layout Plan has been revised significantly in the recent years.	Two months
4.	10 (3.5)	The rescued animals to be housed at Rescue Centre should have prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state.	With Immediate Effect
5.	10(4.1) a & 10(11.1) a	The zoo should ensure installation of appropriately located bilingual signages containing the biological & behavioural information of respective animals.	With Immediate Effect
6.	10 (5.2) 3	The Zoo should have appropriate storage facility for meat and feed for the animals, at least for one week keeping in view the emergency situation like prevailing pandemic (COVID-19).	With Immediate Effect
7.	10 (5.2) 6	The Zoo authorities should take up the random food and water samples being tested periodically for microbiological, toxicological and any other contaminants at recognized laboratory.	Six Months
8.	10 (5.3) 3	At the time of acquisition of animals, all animal arriving should be screened for parasitic loads and prophylactic medicines administered as per clinical requirements and vaccination of animals against infectious diseases are also done, as per the prescribed schedule.	Six Months
9.	10 (5.3) 4	The Zoo should have written schedule of vaccination and de-worming of different species of wild animals proposed to be housed at zoo and the same should also be displayed at the enclosure.	With Immediate Effect
10.	10 (5.3) 5	The Zoo should maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the	With Immediate

		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.	Effect
11.	10(5.3) 6	All staff of the zoo involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and action appropriate should be ensured.	With Immediate Effect
12.	10 (5.3)8 10 (6.4)	The Zoo should have formal linkages with some Veterinary University/ Institution through a MoU on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis and consultation in treatment and management.	One Year
13.	10 (6.2) 1	The Zoo should have appropriate animal restraint equipment, accessories and drugs before operationalized.	With Immediate Effect
14.	10 (6.3)	The Zoo should appoint support staff (Lab Assistant & Compounder) as specified by the CZA.	As early as possible.
15.	10 (8.1)	The Zoo should not euthanize any animal unless doing so is essential for relieving from suffering from incurable disease /condition as per the norms of CZA.	With Immediate Effect
16.	10 (12.2)	The zoo should ensure availability of first-aid facilities including snake anti-venom and lifesaving drugs, readily available in the zoo premises.	With immediate effect.
17.	10(12. 3)	As mentioned, the Zoo should ensure, that safari vehicles are "Divyang Jan" friendly and have easy access. Further, wheel chair should also be readily available.	With immediate effect.

The State Government shall bear complete responsibility of the orders passed with reference to the writ petition listed at (4) pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The recognition is subject to Orders, if any, in the said petition. Further, the post-facto approval for the acquisition of captive animals shall be obtained from the Central Zoo Authority at the earliest. Also, the compliance to the conditions for site of relocation communicated vide (5) shall be ensured. Further, compliance to the correspondence listed at (1), (2) & (3) shall be submitted within a month of the issue of this letter.

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

The recognition of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka for the period beyond December 06, 2022 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoos.

The recognition of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapura, Hospet (Taluk), Ballari, Karnataka 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 the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,



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