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**Sub. - Renewal of recognition to the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for period beyond 27.07.2024 under Section 38(H)(1, 3 & 4) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Ref. -**

1. **This office letter Computer No. 147934 dated 28.07.2022.**
2. **Fees application vide your e-mail dated 20.07.2024.**
3. **This office letter Computer No. 158516 dated 25-06-2024.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited correspondences, it is to inform that the evaluation of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat was carried out by Shri Hemanth Kumar, IFS (Retd.) and Ms. Shalu Mesaria, Senior Research Fellow (SRF), CZA on 16.07.2024 & 17.07.2024.

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 Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat beyond the period 27.07.2024 under Section 38-H (1, 3 & 4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for the period of 2 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 112<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee, CZA were approved by the Chairperson, CZA.

The renewal of recognition to the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, 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 04.05.2027 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 27.07.2024 -

Sl.	Norm No. under	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply

	RZR, 2009		
1.	10.11.1	It is recommended that a souvenir shop be established within the facility to enhance revenue generation and improve visitor experience. This initiative will increase the facility's visitor flow, provide them with memorable keepsakes, and contribute to its financial sustainability.	Six months
2.	10.9.1	Acquiring a pair of crocodiles would diversify and enrich the park's offerings. This initiative should be undertaken with the assistance of the state forest department and in collaboration with other states. Adding crocodiles to the park's attractions will enhance the visitor experience, promote conservation awareness, and increase the park's appeal.	One year
3.	10.1.2	It is recommended that the enclosures be designed more naturally and that additional perching be included in the aviary to improve the animals' living conditions and enhance the visitor experience. This approach aims to replicate the animals' natural habitats, promoting their well-being and creating a more engaging and educational environment for visitors.	Six months
4.	10.4.10	To improve the visitor experience and provide valuable educational information, it is recommended that new informative signboards be installed throughout the park and that any broken or outdated signs be replaced. This initiative aims to enhance the educational aspect of the park, ensure clear communication, and maintain a professional and welcoming environment.	Immediately
5.	10.1.7	Renovating old construction buildings within the park is essential to maintaining a safe, attractive, and functional environment for visitors and staff. Hence, it is recommended that they be upgraded to meet modern standards of safety, accessibility, and sustainability.	One year
6.	10.11	Animal inventory should be updated on the CZA website.	Immediately
7.	10.3.3	It is recommended that an aquarium enclosure be designed and submitted to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) for approval. Additionally, the aquarium should be incorporated into the park's master plan to ensure seamless integration with existing and future facilities.	Immediately
8.	10.4(1-10)	To enhance the aesthetic appeal, improve environmental conditions, and provide additional protection for the animals and visitors, it is recommended that green Agro-net or green barriers be installed near the suggested enclosures. This initiative aims to create a more natural and eco-friendly environment, offer shade and shelter, and increase safety within the park.	Immediately
9.	10.3(1-9)	It is recommended that the aviary enclosure be designed meticulously and submitted to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) for approval. This step is crucial for obtaining the necessary permissions and ensuring that the enclosure meets all required animal welfare, safety, and visitor experience standards.	Immediate
10.	10.9.4	It is recommended that the Russell's Viper be paired to enhance the exhibit and support conservation efforts. This initiative aims to create a more natural and enriching environment for the vipers and provide an educational opportunity for visitors.	Six months
11.	10.5(6-9)	In line with the recommendations from the previous evaluators' team, the porcupines should be shifted to a new designated area within the park. This move aims to improve the porcupines' living conditions and align with updated best practices for animal care. To facilitate this process, the required permissions must be applied.	Immediately
12.	10.6.1	Installing a raised platform with a continuous water supply is recommended to enhance the animal treatment room's functionality and effectiveness. This addition will support veterinary procedures, improve	Immediately

13.	10.5(6-9)	efficiency, and ensure the well-being of animals during treatment. It is recommended that rubber boots and gloves be provided to staff during snake handling to ensure their safety and effectiveness. This protective equipment is crucial for minimizing the risk of bites and other injuries, maintaining hygiene, and ensuring safe interactions with snakes.	Immediately
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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 Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for period beyond 07.05.2027 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition to the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, 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. – Evaluation Report.**

**(Akanksha Mahajan)  
DIG,CZA**

**Copy to -**

1. The Director, Centre for Environment Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad – 380054, Gujarat (E-mail: ceedo@ceeindia.org) [Zoo Operator of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Rule 2 (m) (III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Officer-in-charge, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Jodhpur Tekra, S.M. Road, Near ISRO, Ahmedabad – 380015, Gujarat (E-mail: sundarvan@ceeinida.org).
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To,

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**Sub.: Renewal of recognition of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.**

**Ref.:**

1. This Office letter Dairy no. I/7772/2022 dated March 17, 2022.
2. E-mail correspondence dated June 23, 2021 from the Park Manager, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
3. This office letter no. 19-67/92-CZA(61)(Vol.1)(E) dated 12.01.2021.

Sir/Ma'am,

With reference to above, I am directed to inform that the recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat was accorded up to August 19, 2021 vide reference (3). Subsequently, the application for the renewal of recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for the period beyond August 19, 2021 was received vide reference (2). Subsequently, the said zoo was evaluated by Shri Bishan Singh Bonal, IFS (Retd.) on April 21-22, 2022 (reference 1).

The evaluation report (copy attached) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee held on May 11, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for a period of two years and to regularise the period after August 19, 2021, subject to compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the Zoo Operator may be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while renewal of recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 105<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has

regularised the period after August 19, 2021 and renewed the recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat is renewed for a period up to July 27, 2024 as Mini Category Zoo under Section 38-H (1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Central Zoo Authority.

<b>Sl .</b>	<b>Norm No.</b>	<b>observation/ recommendation for renewal of recognition</b>	<b>Time Period to Comply</b>
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
1	1.3	The visitor's circular should be properly worked out to facilitate the visitors with directional signages by placing them in the prominent sites which should preferably be unidirectional.	Immediate
2	1.6	Efforts should be made to upgrade the entrance gate of the centre by exploring to get funding under CSR with due credit to the donor agency.	One year
<b>2. Administrative &amp; Staffing Pattern</b>			
3	2.1	The existing staff strength of one head keeper, 2 keepers and 2 sweepers under the supervision of coordinator and Assistant Administrative officer should be provided with a uniform code.	Immediate
<b>3. Development and planning</b>			
4	3.1	The revised master plan needs to be submitted immediately for the approval of CZA. It should be submitted to the CZA for approval with other details as advised during the visit with the specification of plan period.	Within six months
5	3.1	The approved layout plan should contain the due signature of architect, authorized person of Sundarvan and CZA and should be annexed with the master plan.	Within six months
<b>4. Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
6	4	The aquarium needs to be revamped and upgraded. The authority should make the efforts to get CSR funds.	One year
7	4.2	The proposed new construction of porcupine enclosure after dismantling, the design should be sent to CZA for approval.	Within six months
8	4.2	The porcupine presently housed in domestic bird exhibit should immediately be transferred to main exhibit porcupine enclosure.	Immediate
9	4.2	In the enclosure of monitor lizard and star tortoise the viewing should be restricted to 25% by planting live edge and creepers to camouflage the chain link fencing and wall.	Immediate
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
10	5.1	The newly built snake house (sponsored by Wag - bakri Tea in 2021) in place of live edge tiles has been placed. It is advised that in future in case of damage to the tile, it should be replaced by live hedge.	As and when need arises
11	5.1	The provision for glass viewing in Crocodile enclosure	Immediate

		should be open for visitors.	
12	5.1	If at all aviary is planned to construct it should be done in the main exhibit area away from the domestic birds exhibit and it should be shown in the layout plan and get approved.	Within six months
13	5.1.c	Turmeric powder is advised to use as disinfectant in place of chemicals.	Immediate
14	5.3.6	The screening of staff for zoonotic diseases should be regularly conducted as per the recognition of zoo rules although the screening is been conducted but actions taken should be recorded in the register.	Immediate
15	5.3	The receipt and distribution register for food may be maintained as per format also they should be displayed on the wall of food store room.	Immediate
16	5.5	The provision for water purification in jungle pond which is reportedly filled by water from the crocodile enclosure should be placed with aeration pump/motor pump and should be cleaned at regular interval.	One year
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
17	6.1	For emergency purpose basic facility may be provided in treatment room.	Immediate
18	6.1.i	The officer assisting veterinary officer on call may be sent for training.	Immediate, as and when occasion arises
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
19	7.3	In case of death of scheduled 1 animal, PM report along with relevant information may be send to CZA and CWLW.	Immediate
<b>8. Acquisition and breeding of animals</b>			
20	9.1	Efforts should be made to bring one male crocodile to pair with the existing female.	Immediate
<b>10. Research activities</b>			
21	10.1	The zoo should collaborate with various institutions, colleges, schools for various research project and it should include in the revised master plan.	Immediate
<b>12. Visitors facility</b>			
22	12.1	Abandoned house near the parking area should be revamp and may be utilized for souvenir shop.	One year
23	12.1	A pamphlet etc. should be prepared for visitors.	Immediate

A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter. Further, half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of the aforesaid conditions should also be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for the period beyond would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, mid-term evaluation and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, 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.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

**Yours sincerely,**

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

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

1. The Director, Centre for Environment Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad – 380054, Gujarat (E-mail: ceedo@ceeindia.org) [zoo operator of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Rule 2 (m) (III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009].
2. The Officer-in-charge, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Jodhpur Tekra, S.M. Road, Near ISRO, Ahmedabad – 380015, Gujarat (E-mail: sundarvan@ceeinida.org).
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**Dated 12/01/2021**

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**Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, 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 August 25, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2046/2020 dated January 6, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-67/92-CZA(61)(Vol-I)(NS)/3030/2018 dated May 1, 2018
4. Application dated December 21, 2018 from the Park Manager, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till March 22, 2019. Application dated December 21, 2018, for renewal of recognition was received in this office from the Park Manager, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad. Shri S. P. Shrivastava, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on January 30, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on July 30, 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 August 25, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on December 7, 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 March 22, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, as a Mini Zoo for a period up to **August 19, 2021** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Norm No. under RZR</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Time period to comply</b>
<b>1. General requirements:</b>			
1	1.6 (b)	Boundary wall of residence of zoo in-charge may be camouflaged by plantation.	Six months
<b>3. Development and Planning:</b>			
2	10.3(1)	Master Plan of the zoo should be submitted to the CZA.	Three months
3	10.3(6)	Animal Collection Plan as integral part of the Master Plan should be prepared and submitted for approval of the CZA.	Three months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:</b>			
4	10.4(2)	Except that of Rat snake & Russell's viper, enclosures of snakes should be redesigned having due regard to their behaviour.	One year
5	10.4(10)	Signage needs to be more informative about biology, behaviour, population status of animals and there should be uniformity in size and colour	Three months
6	10.4(10)	Interpretation facilities should be developed.	One year
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:</b>			
7	10.5(3)	Food storage room needs to be kept clean, its floor should be repaired and refrigerator should be in proper working condition	Three months
8	10.5(2)	Frequency of testing of food and water samples be increased.	Immediately
9	10.5(10)	Keeper's Diary should be maintained.	Immediately
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:</b>			
10	10.6(1)	Treatment room should have water supply	Three months
11	10.6(6)	Formal linkages through MoU on healthcare, preventive health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, etc. be established.	Three months
<b>9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:</b>			
12	10.9(10)	Disaster management plan should be prepared	Three months

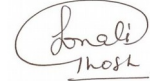
5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

6. The renewal of recognition of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, for period beyond August 19, 2021 as a Mini 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 Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, 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 Director, Centre for Environment Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad – 380 054, Gujarat, E-mail: ceedo@ceeindia.org [Zoo Operator of the Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Officer in-charge, Sundarvan Nature Discovery Centre, Jodhpur Tekra, S.M. Road, Near ISRO, Ahmedabad – 380 015, Gujarat, E-mail: sundarvan@ceeindia.org
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**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-67/92-CZA(61)(NS) / 6637

DATE: 28.01.2015

To

The Director  
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Ahmedabad- 380 015 (Gujarat)

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.10.2013.**

Sir,

The evaluation of the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad was carried out by Dr. R. K. Sahu on 09.08.2014. The evaluation report of the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.12.2017 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
<b>1. General Requirement</b>			
1.	1 (2 i)	Landscaping, plantation along pathway which will attract butterfly is useful for two purposes. Food for butterfly and Beauty for area.	One year.
2.	1 (2 ii)	Trees plantation near wall with creepers help to hide wall and building.	Six months
3.	2 (iii)	Need tall plantation with creepers to hide wall and human habitation.	Immediately
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
4.		The Zoo should prepare and give the master plan approved from the Central Zoo Authority immediately.	Immediately

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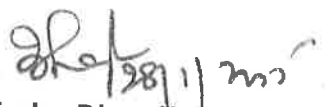
4. Animal Housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
5.	4 (6)	Many other enclosures like birds and snake enclosures need enrichment.	Six months
6.	4 (5)	The zoo should provide appropriately designed and effective stand off barrier at every animal display enclosure to regulate the movement of visitors.	Six months
7.	4(5)	Every enclosure should be provided with appropriate signages with relevant information on biology and behavior of animals.	Six months
8.	4.1	All animal enclosures should be nature immersing.	One year
9.	4.2	The design and dimensions of every enclosure in the zoo should as per the prescribed standards and norms of CZA and should meet the biological behavior of the animals. Snake enclosures require to change.	One year
6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facilities			
10.	6 (1C)	The zoo should provide a treatment room with basic facilities for treatment of animals.	Within six months

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 Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad 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.

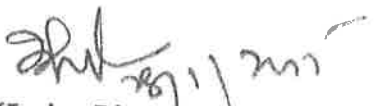
Yours faithfully,

  
(Inder Dhamija)

Member Secretary- In charge

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. The Director, Centre for Environment Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad- 380 015, Gujarat.
3. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.

  
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Member Secretary- In charge



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F. No. 19-67/92-CZA(61)(M) / 2562

DATE: 09.04.2013

To

The Director  
Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre,  
Jodhpur Tekra, Surendra Mangaldas Road,  
Ahmedabad – 380 015 (Gujarat).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.10.2012.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012 seeking renewal of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.10.2012.

The evaluation of the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad was carried out by Dr. R. K. Sahu and Dr. R. V. Jadhav on 02.02.2013. The evaluation report of Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The committee viewed with concern the non-compliance of the previous conditions stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority while granting renewal of recognition by the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre. However, the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30.10.2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo and compliance of previous unattended stipulations too:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General Requirements</b>			
1.	1.2	Zoo should do proper efforts to make landscapes.	Within six months

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2.	1.6	Zoo should increase the height of existing wall to separate residential colony from zoo.	Within six months
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
	2.1	Adequate financial powers has to be delegated for effective management.	With immediate effect
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
3.	4.1	Zoo should construct nature immersing enclosures as per approved Master Plan.	Within two years
4.	4.6	Zoo should make efforts to enrich enclosure environment.	Within three months
5.	4.9	Zoo should provide appropriate standoff barriers and warning signs.	Within three months
6.	4.10	Zoo should make available appropriate signages with relevant information on biology, behavior and population status of the species in the wild.	Within six months
<b>5. Upkeep and Healthcare of Animal</b>			
7.	5.2 (6)	Zoo should send random samples of food and water for microbiological and toxicological examinations to recognized laboratory.	With immediate effect
<b>6. Veterinary and Infrastructure Facility</b>			
8.	6.1	Zoo should construct appropriately designed treatment room for sick and injured animals.	Within six months
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
12	7.1	The zoo should get the post-mortem of every animals died in the zoo and record should be maintain as per CZA format and all reports should be preserved for minimum six years.	With immediate effect

Adequate safely measures for keepers should be adopted immediately.

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

Grant of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad beyond 31.10.2013 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad 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.

A copy of evaluation report is also enclosed herewith for your ready reference to improve the conditions of Zoo.

**Yours faithfully,**  
**sd/-**  
**(B. S. Bonal)**  
**Member Secretary**

**Encl: evaluation report**

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. The Director, Centre for Environmental Education, Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad - 380 015, Gujarat.
3. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA



**(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)**  
**Evaluation and Monitoring Officer**





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**BY REGISTERED POST**

**F. No. 19-67/92-CZA(61)(M)**

**DATE: 25.10.2010**

To

The Director  
Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre,  
Jodhpur Tekra, Surendra Mangaldas Road,  
Ahmedabad – 380 015 (Gujarat).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding..**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 22.07.2010 and the evaluation report of the Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad as submitted by Sh. Himanshu Malhotra, Dr. Rommel Mehta and Sh. S. K. Patnaik, Members, Expert Group on Zoo Designing of CZA was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad as a mini category zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Condition	Time Period to comply the conditions
<b>1. General requirement</b>			
1.	1 (9)	(i) The zoo should refrain from acquiring new animals without obtaining prior approval from the Chief Wildlife Warden and the Central Zoo Authority.	With immediate effect
		(ii) The all domestic and injured animals should be taken out of display and may be housed off-display.	With immediate effect

*Noted  
Per  
28/10/10*

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<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
2.	4 (2)	(i) The animal facilities an aquarium required better maintenance. Modern technology should be provided to maintain the good aquarium and other facilities.	Within six months
		(ii) The reptile house needs to be re-done. The new design of the same should have got prepared and got prior approval from the Central Zoo Authority before its construction.	Within one year
3.	4 (9)	The stand off barriers should be provided at all animal enclosure to keep of visitors getting the opportunity to physically touch or provoke the animals.	With immediate effect
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
4.	5 (9)	The zoo personnel involved with upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases once every year and if found positive to any communicable disease should be provided with appropriate treatment till they get cured and freed of infection and during the period of such treatment, the infected employ should be kept away from the responsibility of the upkeep and healthcare of the animals.	With immediate effect
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
5.	12 (3)	The zoo should make toilets and animal facilities accessible to the physical challenged persons.	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 to Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012 as a mini category zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

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