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To,

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Vadodara Municipal Corporation,
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Vadodara – 390 018, Gujarat
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Sub:- Renewal of recognition to the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat for period beyond 19.08.2022 under Section 38(H) (1, 3 & 4) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – reg.

Ref:-

1. **This office letter Computer No. 158516, F. No. 21-1/2021-CZA dated 30.11.2023.**
2. **Your application letter No. SBZ/CZA-RR/245/2022-23 dated 22.06.2022.**
3. **This office letter Computer No. 139483, F. No. 19-27/92-CZA(73)(Vol-VII)(E) dated 12.01.2021.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited correspondences, it is to inform that the evaluation of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat was carried out by Sh. B.S. Bonal, IFS Retd. and Dr. A.B. Shrivastav on 29-30.01.2024.

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

The Technical Committee after deliberation recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat beyond the period 19.08.2022 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 regularize 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 110th Technical Committee, CZA were approved by the Chairperson, CZA.

The renewal of recognition to the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, 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 09.09.2026 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 19.08.2022:-

Sl.	Norm under 2009	No. RZR,	Particulars of suggestions/recommendation	Time period to comply
1.	10.1.2		It is observed during the evaluation, that the land adjacent to the Zoo Veterinary Hospital (on its western side) and behind Community Hall/Atithigruh No. 3 (on its southern end) was lying unutilized and currently wood and fabrication waste material has been dumped on this site except for a small site office cum security cabin said to be of Garden Department. It is therefore strongly recommended that the Zoo Authority should take up the matter with Vadodara Municipal Corporation to get the vacant land transferred to the Zoo Department for the purpose of developing additional facilities, such as outpatient wards for veterinary care or an administrative office, enhancing the overall capabilities of the Zoo.	One year.
2.	10.1.4		<p>It was also observed that the portion of land situated opposite the existing Deer Section (towards its north side) and across the road from the current parrot Section Cages (towards its west side) is the only portion of land that intrudes into the Zoo area. Consequently, the Zoo Authorities has not been able to comply implementing a uniform fencing plan in accordance with the guidelines of the CZA. Upon further inquiry, it was revealed that this area was once designated as shared space between Zoo Department and Garden Department of VMC and a canteen used to be there in the past years. However, later somehow Garden Department held claim over this area and the canteen was also removed.</p> <p>It is therefore strongly recommended that the Zoo Authority should take up the matter with the Vadodara Municipal Corporation to the said land transfer to the Zoo Department for the purpose of enhancing Zoo visitor facilities. Additionally, including this area under the jurisdiction of the Zoo Department would appropriately delineate a boundary between the Zoo premises and the garden premises. This demarcation is crucial for a streamlined management of the entire area and will also facilitate in meeting space requirements for further developments within the Zoo.</p>	One year.
3.	10.1		The Zoo Authority should initiate for Constitution of Zoo Society under the society act, so that the revenue earn by the Zoo management can be ploughed back for day-to-day maintenance work and smooth management.	One year.
4.	10.6.1		<p>Orientation visit of Senior VMC officers including members of Standing Committee to the GZRCC, Jamnagar should be organized to have first-hand experience of scientific management and improved construction of new enclosures to be constructed in future.</p> <p>It is also advised that the Veterinarian and supporting staff should be sent for orientation course for hands on training on instrument, wildlife medicine in r recognized wildlife health institute.</p>	6 months.
5.	10.12.1(e)		At present the Zoo seem to inadequate number of vehicles. Therefore, the Zoo operator should provide	One Year.

	10.2(1)2.2	It is recognized to have full time Director's posts or upgrading the present post of Zoo Curator to 'Director' along with adequate administrative and financial powers. Similarly, designation of Assistant Curator may be upgraded as Curator/Dy. Director/ Asst. Director which ever suitable and other appropriate changes in the down hierarchy may be worked out accordingly.	One year.
13.	10.3(1)	The Zoo Authority should be expedited submission of Master Plan to CZA for approval said to have been prepared and under expert review.	3 months.
14.	10.4(1)	The animal house of the new enclosure for big cats needs to be attended by providing:- a. Appropriate enrichment in the arena, kraal as well as in night cell at both the levels with Branches, wooden takht, logs etc. b. The keeper's gallery should have provision for keepers changing room and keeper's gallery should be well illuminated so that in the case of emergency proper visibility inside the night cell is ensured. c. So long the visitor's movement is in the back side of animal house side, same should be camouflaged by putting green agro net or green planation. d. The viewing side should be restricted to the 30% of the total enclosure area. Planation should be done appropriately on the visitor's pathway.	One year.
15.	10.4(9)	Almost all the old enclosures both at main Zoo as well as Ajwa the satellite facility needs to be provided appropriate enrichment work with stand-off barrier and live hedge with the appropriate species. Also, the Zoo premises should have a complete network of street light at appropriate points.	6 months.
16.	10.4(9)	The enclosure housing primates in front of office building needs to be provided with proper enrichment and live hedge till the enclosure is not dismantled and they are not shifted to Ajwa. Also, to prevent the view to night shelter of the lion and bear enclosure a green barrier should be erected with appropriate signages.	6 months.
17.	10.5(1)	Indian Gazelle, Four-horned antelope, Asiatic lion, White peafowl, Kalij pheasant, Demoiselle crane, Common crane, Indian grey hornbill, Bonnet macaque which are housed in single sex may be paired on exchange or on loan basis at the earliest. Also, the Zoo authority should pursue the matter of exchange of lion with Junagadh Zoo authorities.	Immediate.
18.	10.5(2)	A construction work for the new meat house is under progress. The Zoo authority is advised to have following in the house:- A. Provide appropriate foot bath	3 months.

		<p>B. Platform with appropriate height should be constructed towards the window</p> <p>C. Provide fly proofing at double door entry and windows</p>	
19.	10.5(8)	The schedules of deworming, vaccination and disinfection were displayed at the enclosure site and the same should be displayed at the hospital too with appropriate size.	On immediate basis.
20.	10.5(10)	Keeper's diary is to be maintained in the form of register with the keepers at the enclosure.	3 months.
21.	10.6(6)	As present, the MoU with Anand Veterinary College is expired. The Zoo should expedite to extend the same at the earliest.	3 months.
22.	10.6(5)	There is no sanctioned post of Lab Assistant at present, the same may be proposed in the Master Plan and get the post sanctioned from the concerned authorities and recruit accordingly.	One year.
23.	10.7(4) & 10.6(3)	<p>The post-mortem house under construction. The Zoo Authority should consider following:-</p> <p>A. - Raise the PM platform height</p> <p>B. - Air conditioner should be provided</p> <p>C. - Storage facility for keeping post-mortem set and protective clothing</p> <p>D. - Post-mortem set including electric saw should be provided</p> <p>E. - Existing slaughter house need to be improved.</p>	6 months.
24.	10.9(10)	The Draft Master Plan should incorporate a chapter for Disaster Management Plan in detail and get the Master Plan approved at the earliest.	3 months.
25.	10.10	Some research work has been undertaken as annexed. However, it is a continuous process therefore it should be institutionalized.	One year.
26.	10.12(1)	The Interpretation Centre and Souvenir Shop, Kiosks, rain shelters, cloak rooms for visitors, Zoo visitor guides and Public Address System should be taken along with the construction of the main gate of the Zoo along with ticketing, parking etc.	One year.
27.	10.1.2	The old enclosures although will be dismantled and their respective animals will be shifted to Ajwa however till the shifting process is done the existing animal enclosure should be appropriately provided with enrichment in arena and night cell and live hedge stand-off barriers as separation and camouflage.	6 months.
28.	10.1.4	The morning walk in the Zoo area was reportedly strictly closed during COVID-19 and it remained in practice till 2021. The system adopted during the COVID-19 is to be revived and morning walk in the Zoo area should be discouraged and phased out.	3 months.
29.	10.1.6	There is no colony as such for the staff inside the Zoo premises except the residence of the Zoo curator which is separated by a wall and road. However, needs to give also a look of building as of the director of the zoo by providing better finish of building and separation wall.	Immediate.
30.	10.1.9	There is vacancy of essential field staff (63 out of 92) which are sanctioned as per the Staff Schedule viz.	One year.

		Animal Keeper (29 vacant out 39), Zoo Inspector, Asst. Inspector and Supervisor. The Zoo Authority should make effort to fill these vacant posts at the earliest. However, the post of Lab Assistant which is essential technical staffs to support Officer-in-charge of the Zoo needs to be created at the first instance and recruited.	
31.	10.2.3	Reportedly the GAD of VMC is responsible for the recruitment and preparation of recruitment rule etc. It is advised to have a provision for appropriate promotional avenue against these posts.	One year.
32.	10.1.6	Ensure the disposal of leftover meat and bones from carnivore enclosures at the VMC animal carcass incinerator site.	Immediate.
33.	10.1.9	The rabbits, brooder hands and quail may be shifted elsewhere at an appropriate place.	6 months.
34.	10.5.1	The under-construction quarantine and Postmortem facilities with proper Keeper Lobby should be expedited. Foot baths are essential and to be provided in Vet. Hospital, Food Store Building and Quarantine set-up.	6 months.
35.	10.6.2(1)	Restraint equipment of Dan-inject make is available. However, a Jab Stick/immobilizing pistol is required for close range darting.	One year.
36.	12.2	Ensure the availability of life saving drugs and anti-venom in the nearby Vet. Hospitals.	One year.
37.	10.1.2	During the visit it was seen that the fountain in the Walk-in-Aviary are non-functional and it is advised to get the fountains functional at the earliest.	6 months.

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 Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat for period beyond 09.09.2026 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the Zoo.

The recognition to the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, 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 is for information and necessary action please.

Yours Sincerely,

Encl.: Evaluation Report.

**SANJAY KUMAR SHUKLA
MEMBER SECRETARY**

Copy to:-

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2. The Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Khanderao Market, Vadodara -390209, Gujarat (E-mail: commissioner@vmc.gov.in).

3. The DPA, CZA – to update database (E-mail: dpa-cza@nic.in).

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Dated **12/01/2021**

To
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Department of Forests and Environment,
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Gandhinagar – 382 010, Gujarat,
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara, 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.19-27/92-CZA(73)(Vol-VI)(NS)/863/2016 dated June 8, 2016
4. Application vide letter No.SBZ/CZA-RR/644/2019 dated October 18, 2019 from the Curator, Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till May 5, 2019. Application for renewal of recognition was received vide letter No.SBZ/CZA-RR/644/2019 dated October 18, 2019 from the Curator, Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara. Shri S.P. Shrivastava, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on January 25 and 27, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th 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 37th 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 May 5, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara as a Medium Zoo for a period up to **August 19, 2022** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
1. General requirements:			
1	10.1(4)	(i) Area of adjoining garden partly overlaps with zoo area so gates at appropriate places be constructed to check unregulated entry in the zoo. (ii) The river along zoo boundary has plenty of crocodiles but there is no pucca boundary wall. With continuous damage to existing boundary wall made up of iron strips even there is probability of crocodiles entering the zoo premises during the flood. Herbivores enclosures are along river side. Boundary along the river must be strengthened to avoid any such mishap.	One year
2	10.1(9)	Stray dogs are seen within zoo premises. Appropriate measure should be taken to check the entry of dogs in zoo premises	Immediately
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
3	10.2(1)	Appropriate administrative and financial powers should be delegated to the Officer in-charge of the zoo in the interest of proper functioning of the zoo as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.	Immediately
4	10.2(2)	Recruitment of the Veterinarian should be done.	Three months
3. Development and Planning:			
5	10.3(1)	Master plan should be submitted to the CZA.	Three months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
6	10.4(1)	Lion and leopard enclosures are not naturalistic. New enclosures are under construction. Construction be completed at the earliest.	Three months
7	10.4(2)	Bird enclosures are small. Design and dimension of enclosures for captive animals should be as per standard prescribed by the CZA.	Six months
8	10.4(6)	Enclosure enrichment works should be completed wherever possible.	Six months
9	104(8)	(i) Design of enclosure for macaques should be submitted to the CZA for approval.	Three months
		(ii) A huge walk-in aviary is being constructed but its design has not yet been sent to the CZA. Design of <u>walk in</u> aviary should be submitted immediately to the CZA for approval.	One week
10	10.4(9)	Stand-off barriers should be provided in case of enclosures for Brow-antlered Deer, Spotted deer, <u>Bluebull</u> part of Aviary and <u>Crocodile</u> respectively.	Six months

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
11	10.4(9)	Old enclosures have not proper stand-off area and are closely located so new enclosures in place of such enclosures are required in most of the cases.	One year
12	10.4(10)	Quality as well as contents of the signage should be improved.	Three months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
13	10.5(1)	Efforts be made to maintain animals in socially & behaviourally viable groups.	One year
14	10.5(2)	Meat house be made fly-proof and area around meat house must be kept clean.	one month
15	10.5(8)	Schedule of vaccination and deworming should be displayed at enclosure site.	One week
16	10.5(10)	Keeper's Diary not in existence. It must be made and maintained.	One month
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
17	10.6(6)	MoU should be signed on healthcare, preventive health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, etc.	Three months
18	10.6(5)	The Lab. Assistant should be appointed.	Three months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:			
19	10.6(3) & 10.7(4)	Post-mortem facility be developed along with incinerator	Six months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
20	10.9(10)	Disaster management Plan should be prepared	Three months
11. Education and outreach activities:			
21	10.11(1)	Interpretation Centre and Souvenir shop be planned and constructed.	One year
12. Visitors' facilities:			
22	10.12(1)	Kiosks, rain shelters, cloak rooms for visitors, zoo visor guides and Public Address System should be provided. Drinking water facility be made physically challenged-friendly.	One year

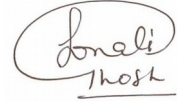
5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

6. The renewal of recognition of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara for period beyond August 19, 2022 as a Medium 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 Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.
Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Department of Urban Development and Urban Housing, 14th Block, 9th Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar – 382 010, Gujarat, E-mail: securban@gujarat.gov.in [Zoo Operator of the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Khanderao Market, Vadodara -390 209, Gujarat, E-mail: commissioner@vmc.gov.in
3. The Curator, Sri Sayajibaug Zoo, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Near Bal Bhawan, Karelibaug, Vadodara – 390 018, Gujarat, E-mail: sayajibaugzoo@vmc.gov.in
4. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.

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(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest



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Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 19-27/92-CZA(73)(Vol. VI)(NS) / 863/2016

Email
DATE: 08.06.2016

To

The Curator
Sayaji Baug Zoo Office,
Vadodara Mahanagar Seva Sadan,
Vadodara (Gujarat)

Notes
[Signature]

Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 30.04.2015-Reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. SBZ/320/2015/16, dated 23.11.2015 received in this office on 02.12.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat for period beyond 30.04.2015.

The evaluation of the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat was carried out by Sh. A.K. Bhowmik and Dr. R.K. Sahu on 09.03.2016. The evaluation report of the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat as a "Medium category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1. General Requirements			
1.	1.2	The Zoo should close the viewing area from the backside of bird enclosure for the visitors.	Three months
2	1.3	For making the smooth visitor circulation, the zoo needs to provide directional signage.	One year
3	1.9	The zoo should shift domestic Geese, Pigeons, fowls housed from the display area of Zoo.	With immediate effect
2. Administrative and staffing pattern			
4	2.2	The zoo should have a full time	One year

		Education Officer and Biologist.	
3. Development & Planning			
5	3.1	The Master plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval	Six months
6	3.6	Animal collection plan needs to be revised.	Six months
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
7	4.1	Many exhibits needs to plant vegetation.	Six months
8	4.5	Enclosures for Lions, Leopards and Monkeys should be redesign as per Central Zoo Authority's norms and should be constructed after approval of Master (layout) Plan and also enclosure designs by the CZA.	One year
9	4:7	Aviaries should be provided with adequate screening. Screening between all enclosures in the zoo and between main circulation path and the enclosures should be carried out.	One year
10	4.9	The height and distance of standoff barrier should be as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	Nine months
11	4.10	Additional directional signages are required along the enclosures at all animal exhibits	Six months
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
12	5.10	Zoo should maintain Animal History Cards, Treatment Cards, Keeper's Diary, Daily Report etc.	Six months
6. Veterinary & Infrastructure facilities			
13	6.1 (b)	The existing hospital needs major improvement and a modern Veterinary hospital. with all facilities and equipments should be constructed.	One year
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
14	9.9	The zoo should transfer the surplus animals to other zoo.	One year
10. Research activities			
15	10.1	Zoo may take up Research programme as envisaged in the Master Plan	One year
12. Visitor Facilities			
16	12.1	Visitors facilities to be upgraded	One year

17	12.3	Wheel Chair for physically challenged personnel should be kept and pathway for smooth movement of the same should be designed	Six months
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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 Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat beyond the period of 5th May, 2019 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara, Gujarat shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat for information.
2. The Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
3. DPA, CZA.



(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary



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F. No. 19-27/92-CZA(73)(Vol. V)(M)/4620

DATE: 09.04.2014

To

The Curator
Shri Sayaji Baug Zoo Office,
Vadodara Mahangar Seva Sadan,
Vadodara (Gujarat).

Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara beyond the period of 31.01.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. SBZ/542/12 dated 08.02.2012 seeking renewal of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara beyond the period of 31.01.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara was carried out on 24.02.2014 by Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta, Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, CZA. The evaluation report (enclosed) submitted by the evaluating officer was placed before the 69th Technical Committee Meeting held on 26th March, 2014.

It was decided during the meeting that Municipal Corporation, Vadodara should finalize its decision whether to shift the zoo to new site at Ajwa or to develop the existing site with extension of adequate area and structures constructed at new site to be utilized as Safari Park, Rescue Centre for animals received of rescued, surplus etc at its new site at Ajwa and submit a detailed reply to this office. .

In the meantime, the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of renewal of recognition to the existing zoo i.e. Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara as "Medium Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 30th April, 2015 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.	Relevant Schedule No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
1. General requirements			
1.	1.3	For making the smooth visitor circulation, the zoo needs to provide directional signage's.	Three Months
2.	1.5	The zoo should enhance the security on the sides surrounded by the human landscape.	With immediate effect.

Administrative and Staffing Pattern

The zoo should post an full time education officer and biologist. Six months.

3. Development and Planning

4.	3.1	The master plan should be submitted to CZA for its approval.	Immediately
5.	3.4	The animal collection plan needs to be revised since the exhibits for the species constructed could not be acquired by the zoo.	Immediately

4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures

6.	4.1	Many of exhibits needs to be planted with vegetation. Most of the enclosures at the zoo also needs enrichment of the environment.	With immediate effect.
7.	4.7	The aviaries should be provided with adequate screening neither they have been provided with withdrawal area for the nesting, escape, egg laying and their privacy.	Three months
8.	4.9	1. The height and distance of standoff barrier should maintained as prescribed by the CZA. 2. All the exhibits need to be provided with standoff barriers.	With immediate effect.
9.	4.10	Additional directional signage's are required along the signages at all animal exhibits.	Three months

5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals

10.	5.2	The zoo should have a meat house and proper animal kitchen. The zoo should prepare diet schedule for the animals housed.	Three Months With immediate effect.
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9. Acquisition and breeding of animals

11.	9.9	The zoo should transfer the surplus animals of the following species to other zoos: Spotted deer Sambar Starred tortoise	Six months
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10 Research activities

12.	10.1	The zoo may take up research programme as envisaged in the master plan.	Six months
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12. Visitors facilities

13.	12.1	The visitors facilities to be upgraded.	With immediate effect.
14.	12.3	The zoo should keep wheel chair for the physically challenged personnel's and design its pathway in a manner which may facilitate the wheel chair movement.	Six months

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

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Grant of recognition beyond 30th April, 2015 to the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara as a 'Medium 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 Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara 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,


(Inder Dhamija)
DIG (Hqr.)

Encl: as above

Copy for favour of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
2. The Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara.
2. Sh. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.


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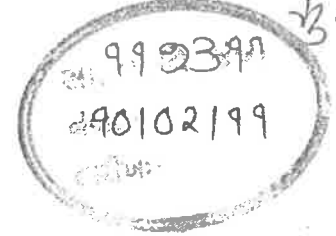
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Sub:- Renewal of Recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara beyond the period of 31.03.2010 under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act - Regarding.

**Ref:- (i) Your office letter No. SBZ:878 dated 03.03.2009.
(ii) This office letter of even number dated 19.07.2010 & 01.09.2010.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to the above cited correspondence.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 23.07.2010 and the evaluation report of the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara as submitted by Sh. S. K. Patnaik, Dr. Rommel Mehta and Sh. Himanshu Malhotra was considered by the Technical Committee in its 56th Meeting held on 22nd December, 2010

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition to the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara as "a medium category zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for a period up to 31st January, 2012 subject to implementation of decision taken by this Authority for relocation of the zoo to new site at Ajwa and the compliance of the directives communicated vide this office letter of even number dated 01.09.2010.

The members of Expert Group on Zoo Designing should monitor progress, whereas Dr. R. G. Jani would keep close watch on development of relocation of Zoo.

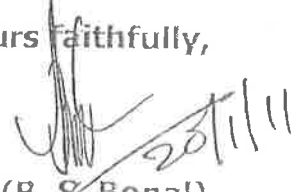
A quarterly report regarding progress made in implementation of the conditions stipulated vide this office letter of even number dated 01.09.2010 on

the relocation of the new site of Ajwa. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

It was also decided that no further grant of recognition to Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara beyond 31st January, 2012 as a medium category zoo would be considered if the existing zoo is not shifted to new site at Ajwa within the given period.

The recognition to the Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara 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 and if the zoo is not shifted to new site at Ajwa within a period of one year from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(B. S. Bonal)

Member Secretary

Encl: as above

Copy for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar for favour of information.
2. The Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara.
3. The Curator, Sayaji Baug Zoo, Vadodara.
4. Dr. R. G. Jani, Prof. & Coordinator, Wildlife Health, Deptt. Of Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary Science & A.H., Anand - 388 001 - with a request to keep close watch on the compliance of above conditions, development and relocation of the zoo.
5. Shri S. K. Patnaik, Retd. PCCF (WL), Government of Orissa, 81, Fishery Lane, Budheswari Colony, Bhubaneswar - 751 006 (Orissa) - with a request to kindly keep a close watch on development of relocation of the existing zoo to a new site at Ajwa.
6. Prof. (Dr.) Rommel Mehta, Department of Landscape Architecture, School of Planning & Architecture, Block -4, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi - 110 002 - with a request to kindly keep a close watch on development of relocation of the existing zoo to a new site at Ajwa.
7. Sh. Himanshu Malhotra, C-50, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 110 024 - with a request to kindly keep a close watch on development of relocation of the existing zoo to a new site at Ajwa.
8. DPA, CZA.