

AGENDA NOTES FOR 16TH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF THE WEST BENGAL ZOO AUTHORITY

Agenda 1: Approval of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Governing Board of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 9th April, 2018.

15th meeting of the Governing Board of the West Bengal Zoo Authority was held on 09.04.2018. Copies of the approved minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all the Members. The Zoo Authority has not received any comments or suggestions from the Members and so it is proposed to confirm the Minutes of the 15th Governing Board Meeting of West Bengal Zoo Authority. Copy of the approved minutes is enclosed as **Annexure I.**

Agenda 2: 'Action Taken Report' on the decisions taken in the 15th Meeting of the Governing Board of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 9th April 2018

The 'Action Taken Report' is presented before the Governing Board as **Annexure II.** The Governing Board may like to note the same.

Agenda 3: Approval of Annual Report and consolidated Audited Accounts for the year 2017-18 of West Bengal Zoo Authority and all the Zoos under its control.

Annual Report and consolidated Audited Accounts of the West Bengal Zoo Authority along with all the zoos under its control for the year 2017-18 are placed as **Annexure III** before the Governing Board for approval.

Agenda 4: Collaboration with Foreign Zoos.

The draft Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with foreign Zoos, especially Singapore Zoo has been prepared and recommended by the Technical Committee. It is placed before the Governing Board for approval (**Annexure IV**).

Agenda 5: Developmental works in different Zoos during 2019-20.

The Central Zoo Authority has conducted the evaluation of most of the Zoos and has suggested development works to be taken up for better management practice. The West Bengal Zoo Authority has accordingly taken up expansion and modernization of Zoos in the state. Annual work plan of WBZA for 2019-20 in different Zoos are placed before the

Governing Board for approval as **Annexure V**. The matter was discussed in the Technical Committee and recommended to place it in the Governing Board for approval.

Agenda 6: Developmental works in North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari) at Siliguri.

The following works are proposed through 2019-20 in the Park to augment the different animal enclosures.

(i) Extension of Tiger enclosure and night shelter for breeding purpose/ around 5 hec. area has been surveyed and earmarked adjacent to the existing Tiger safari for establishment of Tiger enclosure and night shelter for the purpose of breeding Tigers. This area will be off display and visitors will not be allowed in this secluded area. The approximate cost is around Rs.150 lakh. This fund is available in WBZA as savings from other works.

(ii) Extension of Rhinoceros enclosure within mixed Herbivore safari / it is proposed to expand the enclosure of the Rhinoceros which is very small at present. The proposed area will be now around 2 hec. and the approximate cost will be around Rs. 140 lakh. This fund will be made available by the WBZA from savings of different works.

(iii) Digital Projection and development of Augmented Reality Show (7D Holographic) in the Nature Interpretation Centre. The approximate cost for this project will be around Rs. 50 lakh. Sound proofing and Air condition will also be installed in NIC costing around Rs.60.00 lakh.

(iv) Developmental works from the savings of the fund in Phase I. There are savings of funds which was provided by the North Bengal Development Department, Tourism Department and Forest Department. It is proposed to utilise the fund which is lying with WBZA as Corpus Fund for the works given in the **Annexure VI**.

(v) Introduction of trackless Toy Train: It is proposed to introduce toy train without rail for visitors inside the Park. The train which consists of one Engine and three bogies having capacity of 30 persons. This toy train will not enter any safari area but will take visitors around the Park to Lesser Cats, Aviary and outer areas. The total cost of one toy train will be around Rs.35 lakh including GST.

Agenda 7: Developmental works in Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata.

The following works are proposed to be taken up during 2019-20.

(i) Extension of Zebra enclosure: It is proposed to increase the area of the Zebra enclosure as there are more births. The approximate cost is Rs.15.00 lakh.

(ii) Extension of Giraffe enclosure: It is proposed that the present Giraffe enclosure is small taking into consideration the birth of Giraffe every year and so the enclosure area will be increased and night shelter will be added to the area enclosure. The total project cost will be Rs 30.00 lakh.

(iii) Upgradation of ticketing system: There are existing 19 turnstiles at the entry gate of the Zoo. At present the tickets are printed at Delhi which is bar-coded and is being done by only one vendor from Delhi who has monopolised business since he was engaged from the beginning at the time of construction of the new entry gate. This system is very expensive and Rs.25-30 lakh is spent for printing of the tickets every year. It is proposed to upgrade the ticketing system and instead of barcode based tickets indigenous technologies for QR code based ticketing system will be introduced and that will be avoid annual expenditure of Rs.25 lakh for printing of tickets as the cost will be reduced and entry tickets will be printed at the ticket counters involving 1/10th of the present cost. The overall project cost will be Rs.30.00 lakh to change the whole system.

(iv) Digital projection and Development of Augmented Reality Show (7D Holographic) at Nature Information Centre of Zoological Garden, Alipore. The total project cost will be Rs.50 lakh. This will help in raising the awareness among the visitors regarding Wildlife Conservation.

Agenda 8: Project Proposal for Red Panda Augmentation Programme in the State.

A project document has been prepared by the Core Committee formed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, West Bengal regarding Species Recovery Programme and has been submitted the document giving details of the objective methodology related to in-situ and ex-situ conservation of Red Panda in the State. The budget for ex-situ conservation for the 5 years was approved by Technical Committee:

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| i) Improvement of the Conservation Breeding Centre at Topkeydara | - Rs. 75.0 lakh |
| ii) Restocking of Red Panda in Singalila National Park | - Rs. 255.0 lakh |
| iii) Restocking in Neora Valley National Park | - Rs. 345.0 lakh |

