

Minutes of the 17th Governing Board Meeting of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 24th October 2019

17th Governing Board Meeting of the West Bengal Zoo Authority was held on 24th October, 2019 in the Office Chamber of Chief Secretary, West Bengal, 13th floor, NABANNA, Howrah. The meeting was Chaired by **Sri Rajiva Sinha**, IAS, Chief Secretary, West Bengal and Chairman, West Bengal Zoo Authority. The meeting was also attended by the following Members of the Authority.

1. Sri B. P. Gopalika, I.A.S., Addl. Chief Secretary, Dept. of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal and Vice Chairman, WBZA.
2. Sri S. Barari, I.F.S, P.C.C.F (HoFF), West Bengal and Member, WBZA.
3. Sri Ravi Kant Sinha, I.F.S., P.C.C.F (WL), & CWLW, West Bengal and Member, WBZA.
4. Dr. (Capt.) A. G. Bandyopadhyay, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, West Bengal and Member, WBZA.
5. Sri Rajendra Jakher, I.F.S. Director, P.N.H. Zoological Park, Darjeeling and Member, WBZA.
6. Sri Asis Kumar Samanta, I.F.S., Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore (Kolkata) and Member, WBZA.
7. Smt. Debolina Biswas, Councilor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No.74, Member, WBZA.
8. Sri. V. K. Yadav, I.F.S., Addl. P.C.C.F and Member Secretary, WBZA.

The following Governing Board Members could not attend the Meeting due to pre-occupation and were granted leave of absence.

1. Sri H. K. Dwivedi, I.A.S., Addl. Chief Secretary, Dept. of Finance, Govt. of West Bengal and Member, WBZA.
2. Dr. S. P. Yadav, IFS, Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India & Member, WBZA.
3. Sri Sankar Dhar, People's for Animals, Alipurduar and Member, WBZA.
4. Sri Debasish Paramanik, Raigunj Panchayet Samiti, Uttardinaipur, Member, WBZA.
5. Sk. Johar Ali, Working President, All Backward Class Relief & Development Mission and Member, WBZA.

The Chairman, West Bengal Zoo Authority welcomed all the Members present and asked the Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority to initiate the proceedings as per the proposed Agenda.

Agenda 1 : Approval of the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Governing Board of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 21st May 2019.

Minutes of 16th meeting of the Governing Body of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 21st May, 2019 were confirmed after a brief discussion.

Agenda 2 : 'Action Taken Report' on the decisions taken in the 16th meeting of the Governing Board of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 21st May 2019 .

Member Secretary presented the 'Action Taken Report' (ATR) on the decisions taken by the Governing Board of West Bengal Zoo Authority in its 16th Meeting held on 21st May, 2019 'ATR' was noted by the Members present.

Agenda 3 : Approval of Annual Report and consolidated Audited Accounts for the year 2018-19 of West Bengal Zoo Authority and all the Zoos under its control.

Annual Report and Consolidated Audited Accounts of West Bengal Zoo Authority and all the Zoos under its control for the year 2018-19 were placed in the Board Meeting. Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority highlighted the main points. The Annual Report and Consolidated Audited Accounts for 2018-19 of West Bengal Zoo Authority were discussed and approved by the Governing Board.

Agenda 4 : Utilisation of Income of Rs.9.94 Crore for infrastructure development over a period of 5 years.

Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority explained the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 regarding utilisation of excess income over expenditure as per Sub Section (2) of Section 11 of the said Act. The matter was discussed and the Governing Board approved the utilisation of excess of income over expenditure of Rs. 9,93,53,260/- reported for the year of 2018-2019. However the amount of Rs. 9,93,53,260 has to be deposited in West Bengal Zoo Authority Corpus fund and utilized within a period of five years for Development of Zoos & their infrastructure like animal enclosures, buildings, roads, staff quarters, rescue centres, hospitals etc. in zoos under West Bengal Zoo Authority. The specific proposals in this regard should be submitted to the Governing Board every year for approval as was done in 16th meeting of the Governing Board for approval of projects during 2019-20 amounting to Rs. 544.22 lakhs.

Agenda 5 : Application of the 6th Pay Commission Report to Zoo employees.

The matter was discussed by the Governing Board in detail and recommended that the permanent employees under West Bengal Zoo Authority should also receive the benefits as per the 6th Pay Commission as previously done for 5th Pay Commission of the State Govt. The Forest Department in consultation with the Finance Department will finalise the application of West Bengal Services (Rules of pay & allowances) Rules 2019 to all the permanent employees under West Bengal Zoo Authority and accordingly their pay structures and allowances to be fixed by the State Govt.

Agenda 6 : Miscellaneous Items :

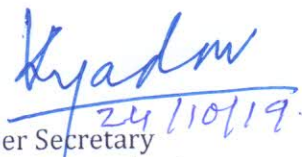
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair and all the Members.



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Chief Secretary, West Bengal
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