

**MINUTES OF THE 12TH THCHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2015 IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICE OF PCCF, WILDLIFE AND CHIEF WILD LIFE WARDEN,  
WEST BENGAL AT BIKASH BHAVAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA.**

The meeting was chaired by Sri Azam Zaidi, IFS, PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, West Bengal and Chairman, Technical Committee, West Bengal Zoo Authority. The following Members/Officers attended the Committee Meeting.

- (1) Dr. S. C. Bose, Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, West Bengal and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (2) Sri Piar Chand, Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (3) Dr. K. L. Ghosh, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (4) Dr. B. R. Sharma, IFS, Member Secretary, WBZA and Convenor.
- (5) Dr. J. K. De, Scientific Officer, WBZA
- (6) Sri Swapan Saha, Executive Engineer, WBZA
- (7) Sri. Gopal Chandra Purokait, Finance Officer, WBZA

**Agenda 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 11th December 2014.**

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 11th December 2014 were confirmed after brief discussion.

**Agenda 2 : Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes / decision taken in the 11th Meeting of the Technical Committee held on 11th December, 2014.**

Member Secretary, WBZA and Convenor of the meeting presented the 'Action Taken Report' on the decisions taken in the 11th meeting of the Technical Committee, WBZA. The Members noted the Action Taken Report and following decisions were taken :-

- (a) It was decided to send gentle reminder to the Department of Forests to take up the matter of transfer of the post of the Elephant Specialist Veterinarian from Department of ARD, Govt. of West Bengal to the Wild Life Wing, Directorate of Forests, West Bengal for upcoming Veterinary Hospital at Lataguri, Dist. Jalpaiguri. Copy of the letter may also be marked to the ARD Department for information and necessary action.
- (b) The Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling has been requested to obtain a copy of the film on zoo Red Panda from Conservation and Natural History film maker.
- (c) Zoological Garden, Alipore will organise the training programme for Zoo Keepers during September 2015.

**Agenda 3 : Annual Plan of operation and developmental works proposed in West Bengal Zoo Authority and different zoos under its control during 2015-16.**

The Annual Plan of Operation and the proposal for developmental works in different zoos under the control of WBZA has been recommended to the Governing Body for approval. The Member Secretary, WBZA, has been asked to prepare brief notes on the developmental works pending in the Zoological Garden, Alipore for quite sometime for submitting the same to the Governing Body. A small write-up on development of Bengal Natural History Museum in PNHZP, Darjeeling, also need to be prepared for submission of the same to the Governing Body.

**Agenda 4 : Financial assistance to Conservation Breeding Centres for - Hog Deer, Swamp Deer, Vultures, Sundarban Reptilian Species and Pygmy Hog.**

The Technical Committee recommended the proposal for financial assistance to Conservation Breeding Centre. The Governing Body may like to approve the same.

**Agenda 5 : Exchange of Animals between Zoos.**

The Committee recommended all the proposed exchange programmes except sl.no. (F). The Director, PNHZP, Darjeeling and the Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore are requested to take up the matter with the Central Zoo Authority for approval.

**Agenda 6 : Collaborative Research Works**

It has been decided to defer the decision on the proposal for the time being.

**Agenda 7 : Release of surplus deer from different zoos to Jambu Dweep Island in Sundarban.**

The Committee approved the proposal.

It was mentioned that a meeting regarding this issue was held on 13.07.2015 at the office of PCCF (WL) & CWLW, West Bengal under the chairmanship of Sri Azam Zaidi, IFS, PCCF(WL) & CWLW, West Bengal and it was decided to translocate approx. 1000 nos. of surplus spotted deer from different Zoos/Parks/Sanctuaries to Jambu Dweep, Sundarban in phased manner. The West Bengal Zoo Authority shall bear the cost of the translocation.

**Agenda 8 : Training / Workshop for zoo personals**

The Committee approved the proposal of organising two days workshop on Zoo Master Planning for the Directors/ex-officio Directors during November 2015 at Kolkata.

**Agenda 9 : Procurement of tranquilising gadgets and drugs for different zoos.**

The Technical Committee approved the proposal of procurement of tranquilising gadgets and drugs for all the zoos under WBZA. The Committee suggested to float e-tender for procurement of tranquilising gadgets and drugs.

**Agenda 10 : Annual Membership Fees to ISIS - reg.**

The Committee appreciated the proposal and recommended to the Governing Body that Zoological Garden, Alipore and Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling to allow to become members of the WBZA and ISIS and to pay their annual membership fees accordingly.

**Agenda 11 : Procurement of related books and journals for WBZA.**

The Committee approved the proposal for procurement of books (as per the given annexure for the libraries at WBZA headquarter and zoos at Alipore, Kolkata and Darjeeling) following procedure in vogue.

**Agenda 12 : Proposal for declaration of Zoo Directors as Wildlife Warden under Wildlife (P) Act, 1072.**

The Committee recommended the proposal to the Governing Body for approval so that the matter may be taken up with the Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal for notification.

**Agenda 13 : Accounting Manual.**

The Accounting Manual as prepared has been recommended to the Governing Body for approval.

**Agenda 14 : Miscellaneous.**

The Director, PNHZP, Darjeeling requested purchase of one field vehicle for various official field works at the Park.

The Committee agreed to the proposal for purchase four suitable field vehicles for the following offices :

- (1) West Bengal Zoo Authority, Salt Lake, Kolkata
- (2) Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
- (3) Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata
- (4) North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. B. R. Sharma  
Member Secretary  
West Bengal Zoo Authority

PCCF, WL & CWLW, WB  
&  
Chairman, Technical Committee  
West Bengal Zoo Authority