

**West Bengal Zoo Authority
Office of Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata-700027**

Minutes of the 1st Technical Committee meeting held on 25th April, 2012

Members present :

Sri S. B. Mondal, I.F.S., PCCF (WL) & CWLW, West Bengal & Chairman

Dr. B. R. Sharma, I.F.S., CCF (WL-N)

Sri T.V.N. Rao, I.F.S., Member Secretary, WBZA

Sri Haque, Chief Engineer, WBZA

Smt. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Dy. Director, Alipore Zoo

Sri Susanto Bhattacharyya, Asst. Director, Alipore Zoo

Following are the deliberations and decisions taken -

- 1. Exchange of Animals** - Animal exchange program is one of the important activities of the zoos. For exchange of animals, the guidelines issued by CZA to be followed. The Directors of different zoos will negotiate the exchange proposals with different zoos and submit the proposal to MS ZA.

The technical committee will consider the proposals following CZA guidelines. Cases involving Sch. I & II will be forwarded to CZA for necessary approval whereas for, Sch. III, IV and exotic animals, the proposal will be considered by Technical committee for approval or otherwise.

- 2. Training Programs** : The Zoo Managers / Directors and the Zoo Keepers are the key functionaries in Zoo management.

A two day work-shop is proposed for the Managers/ Directors on 14th & 15th of May,12.

Similarly, a one week training program is proposed for the zoo keepers including mini zoos and to be implemented before the next season i.e., Sept.,12.

The details will be worked out by MS in consultation with Dr. B. R. Sharma.

- 3. Research Programs :** It is felt desirable that zoos promote research programs, especially in collaboration with established institutions. The research programs can be problem - oriented or academic in nature. MS will look into it and each case is to be put up to Technical Committee for approval.

Dialogue with Universities and ZSI can be initiated in this regard.

- 4. Master plan :** It is essential that all the zoos of the state should have CZA recognition and approved master plan. It appears that for several zoos, the master plans are yet to be approved. Initiative to be taken in this regard.
- 5. Jharkhali Satellite Zoo :** The CZA has recognized the Jharkhali unit as the Satellite Zoo of the Alipore Zoo. The master plan and the lay-out were approved by CZA.

The tiger enclosures and other animal enclosures need the approvals of the CZA. Accordingly plans and designs are to be prepared and sent to the CZA before tendering and implementation. A field visit is proposed in the first week of May, 12. DFO to hold the tender till field inspection.

- 6. Alipore Zoo- some on-going works :** Reptiles are to be sent providing clarifications regarding the food courts, leopard enclosure to CZA for design approvals.

Minutes are issued with the approval of the Chairman.

Sd/-
Member Secretary