

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

Minutes of the meeting of the 5th Technical Committee held on 9th November, 2012

The meeting was attended by :

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

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

Sri Alankar Jha, I.F.S, Director, Darjeeling Zoo

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

Sri K. L. Ghosh, I.F.S, Director, Alipore Zoo

Sri Haque, Chief Engineer, WBZA

Sri Ujwal Bhattacharya, Technical Officer, WBZA also attended the meeting.

Following are the deliberations & decisions taken :

1. Qualification criteria for Zoo Keepers for filling up posts in Alipore & Darjeeling :

For the recruitment of '**Zoo Keepers**' to fill up the vacant posts in Alipore Zoo & Darjeeling Zoos, the following criteria are finalized :

- Age 18 to 37 years with 5 yrs. relaxation for SC/ST and 3 yrs. relaxation for OBC,
 - Educational qualification is Matriculation or equivalent,
 - Experience of min. of 1 year in Zoo or Circus in handling wild animals in captivity,
- Method of Recruitment : Interview
- Probation will be 2 years from date of joining,
 - Section Board to constitute 3 members - MS, WBZA, Director, Darjeeling Zoo and Director, Alipore Zoo.

2. Release of excess spotted deer of the zoos into the wild :

After due consideration, it has been decided to release excess spotted deer into the wild as indicated below. Wild Life Wing to be approached for necessary action.

Sl. No.	NAME OF MINI ZOOS	Sex composition	TOTAL	To be retained	To be released	Fig. in animal collection plan
01	Rasik Beel	20+14+6	40	15	25	Upto 40
	Kholta	2+6+0	8	8		
02	Ramnabagan	16+18+0	34	15	19	Upto 30
	Deaul-1					
	Deaul-2	15+29+5	49	15	27	
03	Jhargram	20+45+15	80	15	65	No. Fig.
04	Kumari	NA	35	15	20	Upto 100
	Kannshabati					
05	Surulia	21+16+3	40	15	25	Upto 30
06	Adina	36+34+0	70	15	55	Upto 60
07	Garchumuk	-	78	15	63	No. Fig.

3. Exchange of the Sambar stock between zoos :

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that (2+2) Sambar to be shifted to Ramnabagan from Kholta of Rasikbheel and (2+1) to be shifted from Lataguri Deer park to Jhargram, subjected to availability of enclosures.

4. Discussion regarding no. of Leopards :

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that (1+0) Leopard to be shifted from S. Khairbadi to Ramnabagan, (0+2) from Rasikbheel to Ramnabagan, (1+0) from S. Khairbadi to Kunjanagar, subjected to availability of enclosures and CZA clearance.

5. Bears in the zoos of W.B & scope for exchange :

After detailed deliberations, 2 female sloth bears to be shifted from Jhargram to Ramnabagan, subjected to availability of enclosures and CZA clearance.

6. The creation of posts of Zoo keepers in Mini zoos :

For technical management of the mini-zoos, in the state, the technical committee has recommended to the G.B for creation of the following zoo keeper posts.

Rasikbheel (4 no.), Kunjanagar (4 no.), S. Khairbadi (4 no.) Ramnabagan (4 no.), Jhargram (4 no.), Kumari Kanshravathi (2 no.), Surulia (2 no.), Adina (2 no.), Garchumuk (2 no.), Jharkhali (2 no.), i.e., a total of 30 zoo keepers.

7. The appointment of Zoo Superintendents for Mini Zoos :

For proper administration of the mini zoos, it is resolved to recommend recruitment on contract, 8 Zoo Superintendents- Rasikbheel (1 no.), Kunjanagar & Khairbadi (1 no.), Ramnabagan (1 no.), Jhargram (1 no.), Khansravathi & Surulia (1 no.), Adina (1 no.), Garchumuk (1 no.) and Jharkhali (1 no.). These staff may be recruited from on contract from the retired range Officers or Dr./Fr of West Bengal Forest Department.

8. Appointment of a Veterinary Compounder on contractual basis for Pheasant Breeding Center at Dowhill, Kurseong.

The Satellite Zoo or Pheasant Breeding Center at Dowhill is partly operational and with the completion of the pheasant, it is going to be fully operational. Currently, a retired Veterinary Compounder of the Park is engaged for taking care of the health of the animal and birds there. Now, it is recommended to recruit a Veterinary Compounder on contractual basis for better management and health care of the animals and birds there.

9. Creation of a Rescue Center at Darjeeling for captured wild animals by Wildlife Wing.

The PNHZ Park has been receiving animals from the Wild Life for treatment many a times. These animals are highly effected with ecto-parasite and endo-parasite diseases and are hazardous to the zoo animals. It is recommended that a hospital/rescue center be created where such animals can be treated by the doctor of the Park away from the sanitized atmosphere from the zoo.

10. Import of Snow Leopard as Gift from Jihlava Zoo of Czechoslovakia.

The PNHZ Park has proposed into import of another female Snow Leopard from Jihlava Zoo of Czechoslovakia. The Czec Zoo has agreed to donate the animal to the Park. The Park is to bear the cost of transport only. Necessary proposal is being mooted to CZA. The Technical Committee is requested to approve the exchange.

11. Exchange or Release of Barking Deer :

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that-

(4 + 2 = 6) are proposed to be shifted from Lataguri to Kunjanagar.
(2 + 2 = 4) are proposed to be shifted from Alipore Zoo to Jhargram.
(5 + 5 = 10) are to be released from Darjeeling Zoo into the wild.

12. Approval of Master Plan of Rasikbheel & Kunjanagar :

After detailed deliberations, the Master Layout Plans of Rasikbheel and Kunjanagar are approved.

13. The Bear Enclosure of the Ramnabagan zoo :

The Sloth Bear enclosure of the Ramnabagan is approved and recommended to send the same to CZA for approval.

14. Status report of Jharkhali Satellite Facility :

The M.S has briefed that during the recent discussions, CZA has maintained that the present Master Layout Plan of Jharkhali was not approved and asked WB ZA to submit the same afresh for consideration.

After deliberations, it was decided in the technical committee that the balance works of Jharkhali to be kept pending till approval of the Master Layout Plan and all efforts to be made for early completion of the MLP.

The minutes may kindly be accepted.

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Member Secretary

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Chairman, WBZA Technical Committee, &
Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal