

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

**Minutes of the 2nd Technical Committee meeting held on 19th June, 2012**

**Members present :**

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

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

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

Sri Niraj Sinhal, I.F.S., Director, Alipore Zoo

Sri Gautam Chakraborty, Director, Gorchumuk Deer Park

Sri Haque, Chief Engineer, WBZA

Smt. Piyali Chattopadhyay, Dy. Director, Alipore Zoo

Sri Susanto Bhattacharyya, Asst. Director, Alipore Zoo

Sri Brij Raj Sharma, I.F.S. CCF (N) has asked the leave of absence.

Following are the deliberations and decisions taken -

- 1. Master Plans of Mini Zoos :** Member Secretary informed that at the initiative of the WB ZA for getting the approvals of all Master Plans of Mini Zoos in the next 2/3 months, CZA is sending an officer for evaluation of the Gorchumuk Deer Park on 27th June, 2012.

The Director of the park is asked to get the survey plan ready and also to submit the proposal for reduction of spotted deer from the present 78 to around 30 and shifting of lone Nilgai and the Black Buck. The sex ratio and the age of the spotted deer being retained to be taken into consideration.

One of the pre-requisites for the Master Plan is the preparation and approval of the Master Layout Plans. Most of the mini-zoos have prepared Master Plans but do not have Master Layout Plans. So, it has been decided that immediate steps should be taken to get the areas surveyed and digital survey maps are generated.

The Kumari Kanshravathi Deer Park did not come for discussion.

- 2. Animal Exchange Program of Darjeeling Zoo :**

a) Regarding the exchange of Red Panda, Snow Leopard and Satyr Tragopan, more detailed proposals are requested from Darjeeling Zoo.

b) After discussion, it has been decided that, in future, all proposals for exchange have to be provided with detailed note, especially covering the following, beside the information sought by CZA -

- a. Confirmation of that the particular species is incorporated in the Master Plans and the Procurement plan of the Zoo.
- b. Facility is available at the zoo for that particular animal.
- c. The zoo has handling experience for that particular animal.
- d. The specific need for the exchange.
- e. The age and sex profile before and the after the exchange.
- f. The stages of clearances/permissions from different agencies concerned.

c) In the present context, in consideration of the proposals submitted by Darjeeling Zoo, on confirmation by the Director, Darjeeling Zoo that facilities are available at the zoo for these species, the zoo has requisite and past expertise to manage these animals and necessary permissions will be obtained from the concerned agencies, the approval is accorded for -

- Slow Loris from Itanagar,
- Markhors from Augsburg, Germany & Moscow in exchange of Kalij Pheasant and Red Jungle Fowl,
- Langurs and Lady Amherst Pheasant from Rajkot,
- rescued Goral from Kunja Nagar.

**3. Schemes of Darjeeling Zoo :** The Director has explained that these schemes are as per the Master Plan approved and proposals are being posed to the CZA and the State Government and will be taken up only after the fund sanction. Accordingly, the annual scheme is approved. However, no work should be taken up unless approved in the Master Plan of the Zoo.

**4. Training Programs For Zoo Keepers :** Instead of the 2 days training, it will be 5 day training program, to be held in the second week of July. It will be held at Darjeeling Zoo and the Alipore Zoo and the keepers will be allotted to the two centers as per the facilities of the specific animals concerned.

**5. Procuring Snow Leopard from J & K :** To maintain a requisite stock, introduce wild animal for genetic pool enrichment and breeding, it has been approved that J & K Government will be approached for exchange for Snow Leopard.

**6. Misc. Issues :**

a. Jharkhali Satellite Zoo : The enclosure layout plan for the tigers at Jharkhali with 2 zones instead of 3 is approved and M.S. is asked to approach the CZA for approval. To expedite the execution, tenders can be floated but work order should be issued only after approval of the plan.

**b. S. Khairbari Rescue Center :** Following decisions have been taken -

- i. to increase the leopard enclosures area from the present 5 acres to 25 acres,
- ii. prepare a plan for utilization of the tiger cages in future once the tigers expire,
- iii. examine the feasibility to provide Battery Operated Vehicles in PPP mode and if possible, first preference to be given to the local FPCs.

**c. Night Safari at Darjeeling :** Director, Darjeeling Zoo has briefed the committee that a proposal is received from the DGHC for preparation of DPR for the Night Safari at Darjeeling. Approval is accorded to the proposal for preparation of the DPR, provided, the funding is done from the DGHC.

Minutes are issued with the approval of the Chairman.

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Member Secretary, WBZA

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The minutes of the 2nd Technical Committee meeting are enclosed. The same may be approved.

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Chairman, Technical Committee, WBZA &  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wild Life, W.B