

**MINUTES OF THE 16TH THCHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH
2018 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WILDLIFE WING, BIKASH BHAWAN,
SALT LAKE, KOLKATA.**

16th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the West Bengal Zoo Authority was held on 8th March 2018 in the Conference Room of Wildlife Wing, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata. The Meeting was Chaired by Shri Ravi Kant Sinha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, West Bengal and Chairman, Technical Committee, West Bengal Zoo Authority.

The following Members/Officers attended the Meeting :

- 1) Dr. (Captain) A. G. Bandyopadhyay, Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, West Bengal and Member, Technical Committee, West Bengal Zoo Authority
- 2) Shri Piar Chand, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal and Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
- 3) Shri Asis Samanta, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal and Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore
- 4) Shri V. K. Yadav, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal and Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority

Agenda 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 17th February, 2017.

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 17th February, 2017 were confirmed after brief discussion.

Agenda 2 : Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes / decision taken in the 15th Meeting of the Technical Committee

Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority and Convenor of the Technical Committee, West Bengal Zoo Authority presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes/decision taken in the 15th Meeting of the Technical Committee. ATR was noted by the Members present. Following modifications have been made.

- (1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, West Bengal suggested that in North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri, the elephants should be changed for riding purpose atleast in six months and new elephants may be used.

(2) Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore should communicate to the Director, Hyderabad Zoo about the translocation of Giraffe from Zoological Garden, Alipore to Hyderabad Zoo.

(3) Evaluation of Harinalaya (Deer Park), New Town already done by the Central Zoo Authority. Formal application for recognition of Harinalaya (Deer Park), New Town as per Section 38H under Wildlife (Protection) Act was submitted to Central Zoo Authority. Master Layout Plan should be prepared for submission to Central Zoo Authority.

Agenda 3 : Collaboration with Foreign Zoos.

The Technical Committee approved and recommended the proposal for better management of Captive population in the Zoo. The matter should be placed before the Governing Board for approval and subsequent signing of MOU with the Singapore Zoo and Smithsonian National Zoo.

Agenda 4 : Developmental Works in Zoos.

The Technical Committee approved and recommended all the Developmental works in Zoo subject to the availability of fund and as per approved Master Layout Plan.

Agenda 5 : Animal Transfer & Exchange Proposals in Zoos

Animal Exchange Programme between different Zoos has been approved subject to the approval of Central Zoo Authority in cases related to Schedule I & II wild animals.

Agenda 6 : Scientific Research Programme in Zoos & Research Plan

The Chairman and Members of Technical Committee appreciated the effort in preparation of plan. The Technical Committee approved the Scientific Research Programme in Zoos and all the Research Plan for implementation as per priority.

Agenda 7 : Procurement of Equipments & Machines for better Management.

The Technical Committee approved to procure the equipments and machines for better management of Zoos after observing all formalities.

Agenda 8 : Translocation of Surplus Chital Deers in Zoos and Deer Parks.

Translocation of surplus Chital Deers from following Zoos has been completed.

Sl.No.	Name of the Zoo	No. of Spotted Deer Translocated	Places of Transferred
1	Harinalaya (Deer Park), New Town	60	Boney Camp and Jambu Dwip, 24 Pargans (South)
2	Adina Deer Park, Malda	21	Rajabhatkhawa
3	Garchumuk Deer Park, Howrah	109	Bardhaman Zoological Park, Bardhaman
4	Ramnabagan Wildlife Sanctuary, Burdwan	150 +	Buxa Tiger Reserve

Technical Committee also approved the translocation of surplus Deer from Surulia Mini Zoo, Purulia and Junglemahal Zoological Park, Jhargram in appropriate habitat in the Forest area. The Chairman opined that necessary training should be given to Zoo Staff for translocation of animals from the Zoo.

Agenda 9 : Capacity Building of Zoo Staff and Exposure Visit.

The Technical Committee approved the proposal and asked to organise the same as it will enhance the practical experience of Zoo Staff in management of captive population.

Agenda 10 : Decision related to South Khairbari Mini Zoo.

The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority informed that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal has written to the Director General of Forests, MoEF & CC regarding applicability of Forest Conservation Act 1980 in case of existing Mini Zoo.

The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority proposed that the existing Area may be used to develop the Zoo with modification for Carnivore and Herbivore enclosures. The present area where rescued Leopards and Tiger are kept may be modified to accommodate atleast five carnivore species - Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jungle Cat and Leopard Cat/clouded Leopard.

The area which was used earlier for Leopard Safari is around 3.74 ha. and is fenced. Presently this part of the Mini Zoo is not used as Leopard Safari after Central Zoo Authority order and only 3 Leopards are kept in this big area. It was proposed that this 3.74 ha. area may be used for development of enclosures for other animals found in North Bengal specially Herbivores like Rhino, Indian Gaur, four Deer species (Sambar, Chital, Barking Deers & Hog Deers) and Reptiles.

In order to house the rescued Leopards and other animals, it was proposed to construct and develop separate rescue centre near the animal hospital in the existing premises.

The Chairman and Members of the Technical Committee agreed to the proposal and opined that meeting should be organised with MoEF & CC to clarify our stand regarding applicability of FCA in case of South Khairbari Mini Zoo.

Agenda 11 : Change in Collection Plan of Zoos.

The Technical Committee approved the Animal Collection Plan of North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri and Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling. The Directors were requested to submit the revised Collection Plan to Central Zoo Authority for approval.

Agenda 12 : Revised Manpower in Zoos and their Remuneration.

The Technical Committee asked to place the revised proposal for enhancement of remuneration/wages of staff working in Zoos under West Bengal Zoo Authority to the Governing Board for approval with proper justification of proposed remuneration. The Chairman and Members opined that no House Rent Allowance, Dearness Allowance, Ration Allowance etc. will be allowed to such contractual staff. However, annual increment of 3% may be given for the contractual staff who continue to work.

Agenda 13 : Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Rasikbeel Mini Zoo for funding

The Technical Committee asked to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Rasikbeel Mini Zoo to West Bengal Zoo Authority as early as possible so that the matter regarding funding of the project is taken up with the State Govt.

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

Member Secretary
West Bengal Zoo Authority

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife &
CWLW, West Bengal & Chairman, Technical
Committee, West Bengal Zoo Authority