

**Minutes of 9th Technical Committee Meeting of W.B.Z.A.
held on 19.11.2013.**

Sri N. C. Bahuguna, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal, chaired the meeting. The following members attended the meeting.

1. Sri A. K. Jha, I.F.S, Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling.
2. Dr. Brij Raj Sharma, I.F.S., Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, South-West.
3. Sri T.V.N. Rao, I.F.S., Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority
4. Dr. K. L. Ghosh, I.F.S, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore.
5. Sri Ujwal Bhattacharya, Technical Officer, West Bengal Zoo Authority.
6. Sri Susanta Bhattacharya, Asst. Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore.

The following are the deliberations and the resolutions taken in the meeting :

Resolution 1.

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

The proposal submitted for the release of excess spotted deer from the mini zoos of West Bengal into the wild has been considered and has been resolved that it is not proper to release the excess deer into the wild without any detailed scientific study. So to control the increase in population of the spotted deer in zoos, the numbers should be phased out gradually by controlled breeding through segregation of sexes/sterilization.

Resolution 2.

Sub. : Status of elephants at Alipore Zoo.

The current status of retaining elephants of Alipore Zoo was examined and it has been resolved that one elephant should be shifted from Alipore to Jaldapara immediately to fulfil the condition of CZA to reduce the number of elephants at Alipore to 2.

It was also decided to increase the area of the enclosure including the existing water body into the enclosure.

Resolution 3.

Sub. : Proposal of breeding program at Alipore Zoo.

The breeding programme of Bengal Tiger and Indian Lion as proposed has been approved. The Director has been advised to follow the guidelines of CZA and examine the pedigree stock book. Proper steps should be taken for acquaintance of animals before proper mating is allowed.

The proposal of breeding of leopards to be kept pending.

Resolution 4.

Sub. : Exchange of animals between Alipore and Hyderabad Zoo.

The animal exchange programme between Alipore Zoo and Hyderabad Zoo have not been approved as the Jaguar proposed to be received from Hyderabad is single. The Director is advised to examine the scope to get a pair of different sexes.

Resolution 5.**Sub. : Exchange of animals proposed by PNHZP, Darjeeling.**

The proposed exchange of animals proposed by PNHZP as given below is approved :

Name of the Zoo and animals to be given		Name of the Zoo and the animals to be given		Remarks
Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling		Himalayan Nature Park, Kufri		
Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	1:1	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	0:1	Exchange of gene pool, breeding and exhibit.
Himalayan Wolf (<i>Canis Inpus himalayensis</i>)	0:3	Cheer Pheasant (<i>Catreus wallichii</i>)	2:2	
Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	1:1	Himalayan Monal (<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>)	1:1	

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Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling		Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo, Nainital		
Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	1:1	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	0:1	
		Cheer Pheasant (<i>Catreus wallichii</i>)	2:2	
		Lady Amherst's Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>)	1:1	

Resolution 6.**Sub. : Engagement of Scientific Officer & Education Officer.**

In continuation of the approval of the Governing Body, it has been decided that the remuneration and qualification of the 2 posts each on contract in Alipore Zoo and Darjeeling Zoo will be as follows .

- i) Scientific Officer Rs.18,000/- with 10% annual increase
- ii) Education Officer Rs.18,000/- with 10% annual increase

Eligibility Criteria : Minimum qualification of Master's Degree in Zoology or Wild Life or Life Sciences from a recognised University or equivalent. Experience of working Zoo/WL Sanctuary/National Park/Natural History Museum shall be desirable.

Resolution 7.**Sub. : Transfer of birds from PNHZP, Darjeeling to mini zoos of West Bengal.**

The proposal for transfer of following birds from Darjeeling to other mini zoos is approved.

Jhargram Mini Zoo	...	Kalij Pheasant	...	2 Nos.
	...	Red Jungle Fowl	...	2 Nos.
Rasikbeel Rescue Center	...	Golden Pheasant	...	1:2

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Member Secretary, WBZA

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Chairman, Technical Committee, WBZA &
Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal