

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

Minutes of the meeting of the 6th Technical Committee held on 21st Feb., 2013.

The meeting was attended by :

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

Sri Haque, Chief Engineer, WBZA

Sri Ujwal Bhattacharya, Technical Officer, WBZA

Following are the deliberations & decisions taken :

Agenda 1 :

Sub. : Status report on North Bengal Safari Park at Siliguri.

The draft zonal map of the safari park submitted by the Consultant was discussed and the same was approved with following suggestions and modifications :

- a. Elephant should be deleted from the scope of safari,
- b. The number of zones to be reduced to 4 - for tiger, bear, leopard and herbivores.
- c. Instead of 2 separate routes, there should be only one.
- d. Jackal to be included in the carnival enclosure.
- e. Pollinator garden to be deleted from the scope.
- f. The river should be included in the safari zone.

Agenda 2 :

Sub. : Master layout plans for Surulia, Adina, Jhargram Mini Zoos.

MS explained that Surulia and Adina master layout plans are sent to CZA for approval.

MS explained that in the last meeting, CZA expressed willingness to increase the Collection list of Jhargram Zoo and accordingly asked for the master layout plan to be prepared. The plan is under preparation and will be submitted.

Agenda 3 :**Sub. : Master Layout Plan for Rasikbeel, Kunjanagar and Garchumuk.**

CZA asked for shifting of leopard from the Rasikbeel. The Master layout plan was approved in principle with modifications. The revised map is being sent to CZA for approval.

CZA insisted that Rasikbeel and Kunjanagar are only approved as rescue centres. The Master layout plan of Kunjanagar was approved in principle with corrections. The same is being sent with corrections to CZA for approval.

The Master Layout Plan of Garchumuk was approved in principle with some modifications. The corrected map is being sent to CZA for approval.

Agenda 4 :**Sub. : Design of Lesser Cat enclosure at Alipore Zoo.**

The revised design of Lesser Cat Enclosure was sent to CZA. Reply is awaited.

CZA insisted to keep the animals of this lesser cat enclosure off display. CZA is to be re-approached for consideration of the same.

Agenda 5 :**Sub. : Rejection of CZA for Bear and Leopard at Ramnabagan.**

MS explained that CZA had sent a letter directing shifting of bear and leopard from Ramnabagan. It was decided in the meeting to re-approach to CZA for reconsideration of the decision.

Agenda 6 :**Sub. : The Plan schemes of Darjeeling, Alipore and Mini Zoos.**

The Plan Budget of WBZA for year 2013-14 was discussed. It was decided that a plan proposal of Rs.7 crores to be recommended for WBZA with 2 crores each for Darjeeling and Alipore Zoo and the rest for remaining zoos.

Agenda 7 :**Sub. : Recommendations regarding Jharkhali & decongestion plan for Alipore Zoo.**

It has been decided that the existing ongoing works of Jharkhali to be completed as transit facility for recovering Sundarban tigers.

The Decongestion plan of Alipore Zoo as submitted by Director, Alipore was approved and M.S may approach the CZA accordingly.

Agenda 8 :

Sub. : Transfer of 2 (two) Nos. Snow Leopard (Female) from Leipzig Zoo to PNHZP, Darjeeling.

The same has been approved subjected to approval of CZA and other authorities.

Agenda 9 :

Sub. : Future course of action about rescued wild male elephant calves presently kept at Jhargram Mini Zoo.

The rescued elephant calves at Jhargram are proposed to be shifted to Jaldapara.

However, Director, Alipore Zoo has been suggested to interaction with other international zoos for exchange of animals against elephant, the same to be provided from the captive stock of Jaldapara.

Agenda 10 :

Sub. : Engagement of Clearing Agency for transportation of animals between different zoos.

It has been decided to explore the possibility of creating a panel of clearing agencies for handling the exchange of animals between zoos concerning WBZA. Detailed specifications of job are to be drafted by MS in consultation with the Directors Darjeeling and Alipore Zoos.

Agenda 11 :

Sub. : Modification / addition of species in collection Plan of PNHZ Park, Darjeeling.

The modification in collection plan of Darjeeling as submitted was approved for forwarding to CZA for consideration.

Agenda 12 :

Sub. : Release of Spotted deer from different zoos of the state.

Translocation and release of Spotted Deer from the existing zoo stock into the wild was discussed. It was decided the same should be taken up in the next season. Required fund will be provided from WBZA.

The minutes may be approved.

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WBZA

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