

**MINUTES OF THE 13TH THCHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2016 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF PCCF, WILDLIFE AND CHIEF WILD LIFE WARDEN, WEST BENGAL AT BIKASH BHAVAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA.**

13th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the West Bengal Zoo Authority was held on 29th January 2016 in the office chamber of the PCCF, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal and Chairman, West Bengal Zoo Authority. The meeting was chaired by Sri Pradeep Shukla, IFS, PCCF, WL & CWLW, West Bengal and Chairman of the Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority. The following Members/Officers attended the meeting :

- (1) Sri Piar Chand, Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (2) Sri A. K. Samanta, Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore (Kolkata) and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (3) Dr. B. R. Sharma, IFS, Member Secretary, WBZA and Convenor, Technical Committee, WBZA.
- (4) Dr. J. K. De, Scientific Officer, WBZA
- (5) Sri Shyamal Roy, Chief Engineer, WBZA
- (6) Sri Champak Basu, Finance Officer, WBZA

Dr. S. C. Bose, Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, West Bengal and Member, Technical Committee, WBZA could not attend the meeting because of pre- occupation and granted leave of absence.

**Agenda 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 20th July, 2015.**

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Technical Committee of the West Bengal Zoo Authority held on 20th July, 2015 were confirmed after brief discussion.

**Agenda 2 : Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes / decision taken in the 12th 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 12th Meeting of the Technical Committee. ATR was noted by the Members present.

### **Agenda 3 : Construction of Office Building for the West Bengal Zoo Authority Secretariat**

After brief discussion it was decided to recommend the proposal for construction of new office building to house the secretariat of West Bengal Zoo Authority on the plot of land on the opposite side of Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata near Ram Braham Sanyal Auditorium to the Governing Body for final decision.

### **Agenda 4 : Approval of the additional developmental works proposed in the West Bengal Zoo Authority and different zoos during 2015-16.**

The Technical Committee recommended the proposed additional developmental works in the West Bengal Zoo Authority and different zoos under its control during 2015-16 as detailed below for taking of the same in the next meeting of the Governing Body of West Bengal Zoo Authority.

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
<b>(a)</b>	<b>West Bengal Zoo Authority</b>	
	i) Construction of office (two storey) building on vacant plot of land near RBS Auditorium in Zoological Garden, Alipore	80,00,000.00
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Zoological Garden Alipore</b>	
	i) Completion of work on staff quarters (Block I) (civil & electrical works) (4 units)	23,12,409.00 (each unit)
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling</b>	
	i) Preparation of showcases (1st Floor) for exhibits at Bengal National History Museum, Darjeeling	17,69,206.00
	ii) State share of the Central Zoo Authority approved works i.e. (1) Enrichment of Amphibian House, (2) CCTV at Dowhill, (3) Caves and artificial rock in Snow Leopard enclosure at Topkeydara with total cost of Rs.35.711 lakh (CZA share Rs.17.35 lakh)	18,00,241.00
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Bardhaman Zoological Park, Bardhaman</b>	
	i) Earth filling/levelling in recently constructed enclosures	31,47,625.00
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Adina Deer Park, Malda</b>	
	i) Mixed bird aviary instead of Neelgai enclosure (Rs. 28.00 lakhs) as approve earlier	40,00,000.00

**Agenda 5: Exchange of animals between zoos.**

The Technical Committee approved the proposed exchange of animals between zoos as detailed below for taking further necessary action.

(a)

Sl. No.	Animals to be given by the Zoological Gardens, Alipore	No. of animals	Sl. No.	Animals to be given by Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubeneswar, Odisha	No. of animals
1	Sub-adult Giraffe ( <i>Giraffa camelopardalis rothshildi</i> )	1M	1	Normal coloured Tiger ( <i>Panteratigristigris</i> )	1M, 2F
			2	White Tiger ( <i>Panteratigristigris</i> )	1M

(b)

Animals to be given by the i. Dudley Zoo, England ii. Mulhouse Zoo, France	No. of animals	Animals to be received by the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling	No. of animals
Snow Leopard ( <i>Uncia uncia</i> )	1M each	Snow Leopard ( <i>Uncia uncia</i> )	2M

(c)

Animals to be given by the Kanazawa Zoo, Yokohama, Japan	No. of animals	Animals to be received by the Zoological Garden, Alipore	No. of animals
Grey Kangaro , <i>Macropus giganteus</i> ( <a href="#">Shaw</a> , 1790)	2M, 2F	Grey Kangaro, <i>Macropus giganteus</i> ( <a href="#">Shaw</a> , 1790)	2M, 2F

(d)

<b>From</b>	<b>Details of animals</b>	<b>To</b>
Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling	2 ♀ nos. Sambar; 9♂, 8♀ Barking Deer; 3♂, 3♀ Red Jungle Fowl; 1♂, 2♀ Silver Pheasant and 3♂, 3♀ Golden Pheseant	Bengal Safari, Siliguri (North Bengal Wild Animal Park)
Kholta Satellite Zoo Coochbehar	8 nos. Sambar	-
Kunjanagar Eco-park, Alipurduar	20 nos. Spotted Deer	-
Kunjanagar Eco-park, Alipurduar	6 nos. Sambar	-
Rasikbeel Mini Zoo, Coochbehar	37 nos. Spotted Deer	-
Adina Deer Park, Malda	57 nos. Spotted Deer	-
Deer Rescue Centre, Salt Lake	2 Nos. Jungle Cat and 14 Nos. Rose Ring Parakeets	-
Adina Deer Park, Malda	10nos. Neelgai	Junglemahal Zoological Park Jhargram
Deer Rescue Centre, Salt Lake	2 Nos. Palm Civet	Rasikbeel Mini Zoo, Coochbehar

#### **Agenda 6: Approval of Research Project**

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority agreed and recommended the project of status survey of free living fauna and flora in the North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri campus for a total cost of Rs.3.96 lakh for one year.

It was also decided that the engagement of Researchers under the project shall be as per the terms and conditions and emoluments as being followed in the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of West Bengal.

#### **Agenda 7: Uniform for Zoo staff**

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority agreed to the proposal of providing 3 stars on the shoulder badge for the Zoo Supervisor and similar level officers and 2 stars on the shoulder badge to the Assistant Zoo Supervisor and similar level officers. The badge with the abbreviation of the concerned zoo shall be on both the shoulders and name of the officers/staffs along with the designation and logo of West Bengal Zoo Authority shall be on the chest.

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority also recommended to the Governing Body to provide minimum uniform i.e. olive green T Shirt with Khaki coloured pant (fatigue colour jacket in winters) as uniform to staffs working on contract basis through Webel Technology Ltd. in the West Bengal Zoo Authority and different zoos under its control.

**Agenda 8: Approval of Logo of WBZA**

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority appreciated the proposed logo and recommend the same to the Governing Body for taking final decision in this regard.

**Agenda 9: Status report on writing / modification of Master Plans / MLP of different Zoos**

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority appreciated the completion of writing of Master Plans for all zoos under its control and decided to recommend to the Governing Body for approval of the proposed draft Master Plans for submission to the Central Zoo Authority.

**Agenda10: Purchase of safari vehicles for North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri**

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority after brief discussion recommended the procurement of 20 seater-air-conditioned comfortable vehicles for use as Safari Vehicles in the North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri. The Technical Committee also approved the proposed colour coat of the vehicles i.e. fatigue green to match with the forestry environments in the Safari.

**Agenda 11: Present status of the North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri.**

After brief discussion the Technical Committee decided to recommend to the Governing Body that the registered name for the Park at Siliguri may continue to be the North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri with Bengal Safari as popular name.

The Technical Committee also recommended to the Governing Body that the visitors to the Safari may be allowed to enter into the Safari without payment, but on receipt of complementary pass for a period of one month i.e. upto 21.2.2016 as announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal at the time of inauguration of the Safari on 21.1.2016.

The Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority has also recommended Monday as a weekly off day for the safari.

The entry/parking rates as detailed below also being recommended to the Governing Body for taking final decision.

#### **ENTRY FEES OF NORTH BENGAL WILD ANIMALS PARK, SILIGURI**

Sl.No.	Category	Rate
1	Adult (12 years and above) visitor to the Park/Zoo	Rs.20.00
2	Child (between 5 years and 12 years) to the Park/Zoo	Rs.10.00
3	Child (less than 5 years)	Free
4	Adult/Child (5 years and above) visitor to the Safari (Bus ride)	Rs.200.00 (for all the four i.e. Herbivore, Tiger, Leopard and Himalayan Black Bear Safaris) Rs.50.00 (for one i.e. Herbivore Safari)
5	Still Camera	Rs. 10.00
6	Video Camera ( non commercial)	Rs. 100.00
7	Video Camera (commercial)	Rs. 2000.00
8	Vehicles Parking Fees - (a) Bus/Mini Bus	Rs.100.00 for first two hours or part of and Rs.50.00 per additional hour or part of
	(b) Car/Van, Auto (four and/or three wheeler)	Rs.20.00 for first two hours or part of and Rs.10.00 per additional hour or part of
	(c) Motorised two wheelers (Scooter/Motor Cycle, etc.)	Rs.10.00 for first two hours or part of and Rs.5.00 per additional hour or part of
	(d) Bicycle	Rs.5.00 for first two hours or part of and Rs.2.00 per additional hour or part of.

**Agenda 12 : Approval of Additional Posts in the Bengal Safari (NBWAP), Siliguri.**

Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority recommended the continuance of one Assistant Engineer (civil) on contract basis upto 31.12.2016. This has been necessitated because of large scale on-going construction work in the safari.

Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority also recommended the engagement of 32 nos. Security Personnels (including 12 personnels with arms) instead of 12 nos. as approved earlier for better protection into the Safari.

**Agenda 13 : Continuation of support of Chartered Accountant Firm at NBWAP, Siliguri.**

Technical Committee of West Bengal Zoo Authority recommended the continuance of the engagement of Chartered Accountant Firm in the office of North Bengal Wild Animals Park (Bengal Safari), Siliguri upto 31.12.2016 for checking of tender files, payment, TDS, STDS, ST etc. as the quantum of work is very heavy for the time being.

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

Member Secretary,  
West Bengal Zoo Authority

PCCF, WL & CWLW, WB  
&  
Chairman, Technical Committee,  
West Bengal Zoo Authority