

Minutes of 8th Technical Committee Meeting of West Bengal Zoo Authority
held on 16th August, 2013 at Conference Hall at Bikash Bhawan.

The following members and special invitees attended the meeting.

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| 1. | Sri N.C.Bahuguna, I.F.S, PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, West Bengal | ... | Chairman |
| 2. | Sri Pradeep Shukla, I.F.S.
Addl. PCCF & Director, Sunderban Biosphere Reserve | ... | Special Invitee |
| 3. | Dr. B. R. Sharma, I.F.S., Member Secretary, WBZA | ... | Convener |
| 4. | Dr. Subrat Mukherjee, I.F.S., Project Director/ICZM | ... | Special Invitee |
| 5. | Dr. Kanai Lal Ghosh, I.F.S., Director, Zoological Garden, Alipore | ... | Member |
| 6. | Dr. S. Bhattacharjee
Asst. Director, Animal Resource Development Deptt.
(On behalf of Director, ARDD) | ... | Member |
| 7. | Sk. Md. Sahidul Haue, Chief Engineer, WBZA | ... | Member |
| 8. | Sri Ujjal Bhattacharya, Technical Officer, WBZA | ... | Member |

Sri A. K. Jha, IFS, Director, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling has sought the leave of absence and was granted.

Following are the deliberations and decisions taken.

Agenda No. 1 : Relocation of Kunjanagar Rescue Centre as North Bengal Wild Animals Park, near Siliguri.

After elaborate discussion, Technical committee agreed in principle to relocate Kunjanagar Rescue Centre at North Bengal Wild Animal Park at Dabgram 1-4 compartment near Siliguri. Committee further advised MS, WBZA to approach North Bengal Development, Tourism and Forest Departments, Govt. of West Bengal for keeping provision of funds for establishment of North Bengal Animal Park near Siliguri in coming years.

Agenda No. 2 : Construction of Nature Interpretation Centre at Jharkhali in the proposed Sundarban Wild Animals Park, Jharkhali.

The Committee discussed the issue in length and decided that the proposed Nature Interpretation Centre at Jharkhali may be established over the land adjacent to the existing staff quarter which is under possession of Sunderban Development Board (SDB) or any other suitable place adjacent to Tiger enclosure at Jharkhali. It is further decided that Art College under CU, NSCM and ZSI may be approached for preparation of concept plan. Project Director, ICZM has assured for funding of Rupees 1 crore for this project. Tender procedure of the work has to be completed by October, 2013.

Agenda No. 3 : Functioning of Deer park as a part of the ECO PARK at Hijli.

The Committee discussed the issue and advised that the Deers of ECO PARK at 'Hijli' may be kept off display till relocation of Deer of ECO PARK is done.

Agenda No. 4 : Approval of rates of Annual Membership and Lifetime Membership of zoos.

The Committee recommended the proposed rates (Rs.2,500/- annually and Rs.25,000/- life time membership) for Annual Membership and Life Membership of Zoological Garden, Alipore along with the rules of Membership.

Agenda No. 5 : Proposal for filling up of vacancies of key Mandatory posts, such as Curator, Veterinarian, Biologist, Education Officer etc. in Zoological garden, Alipore.

The Committee discussed about creation and filling up different posts such as Scientific Officer / Wild Life Biologist, Education Officer for Scientific Management and research in Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata. Committee felt the necessity of engagement of qualified and eligible candidate for above mentioned posts, and suggested that Research Scholars may be considered as Scientific Officer / Wild Life Biologist, Education Officer may be deputed through outsourcing. For filling up the vacant post of veterinary officers, Director / ARDD may be requested to post veterinarian on deputation basis from Animal Resource Development Deptt. (ARDD). The committee has further advised to approach wild Life Institute of India for initiation of Research Project in Zoological garden, Alipore.

Agenda No. 6 : Proposal for establishment of Deer Park at Digha under Digha-Shankarpur Development Authority.

The Technical Committee advised the Member Secretary of WBZA to analysis the proposal in the light of CZA's guidelines for such cases and take further necessary action accordingly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks,

The minutes may be approved.

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Member Secretary,
West Bengal Zoo Authority

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Chairman, Technical Committee, WBZA &
PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, West Bengal