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केंद्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण Central Zoo Authority

By Post / E-mail

Date: 27.03.2019

F. No. 20-7/2018-CZA(PKR)/552/2018

To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Forests,
Government of Kerala,
Forest Headquarter, Vazhuthacaud,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014 (Kerala),
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Sub:- Proposed Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala- reg.
Ref:-

1. Application dated 14.06.2018 received from the Chief Executive Officer, FDA, Neyyar-Peppara & Wildlife Warden (SPV for KILFB Project), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
2. This office letter No. 20-7/2018-CZA(PKR)/4683/2018, dated 31.10.2018.
3. Your letter No. WL3-9211/2016, dated 17.11.2018.

Sir,

The proposal for establishment of Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala on an area approximately 57 Hectares was scrutinized in the Central Zoo Authority in its 79th Meeting of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of the CZA held on 29.08.2018 and 86th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the CZA held on 28.09.2018, 81st Meeting of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of the CZA held on 29.01.2019, 87th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the CZA held on 01.02.2019 and 33rd Meeting of the Central Zoo Authority held on 12.02.2019.

The Central Zoo Authority conveys in-principal approval under Section 38-H(1A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for establishment of the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. As the proposed site is located in the Reserve Forest, the Zoo Operator should adhere with the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines of the FC Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.
2. The Department of Forests, Government of Kerala should submit an undertaking that the requisite number of experts of various disciplines including a competent Whole Time-in-charge, Animal Curator, Veterinary Officer would be posted for execution of the said project.
3. The proposed establishment of the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala should support the wild elephants received due to man-animal conflict in the region and wild animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts of the Department of Forests, Government of Kerala by housing the rescued wild elephants in the off-display area.

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4. The Department of Forests, Government of Kerala shall make provision on their own for necessary funds for creation of the proposed establishment of the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala as well as for future maintenance of its establishment on professional grounds.
5. Once the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala becomes ready for operation, it shall be made functional formally after getting prior recognition from the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38-H(1), (3) and (4) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The ultimate responsibility of upkeep and welfare of animals at the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Kottoor, Kerala in accordance to the Guidelines and the Rules notified by the Government of India in this behalf would lie on the Department of Forests, Government of Kerala.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak)
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

The Special Officer , (Elephant Rehabilitation Centre, Kottoor & Puthur Zoological Park),
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