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केंद्रीय चिड़ियाघर प्राधिकरण Central Zoo Authority

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To

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Uttrakhand, 85, Rajput Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand – 248009.

Sub:- Proposal for establishment of the Tiger Safari in the Pakhrau Block of Sonanadi Range, Kalagarh Division, Corbett Tiger Reserve - reg.

Ref:- (i) Your letter no. 421/6-18 dated 17.08.2015.

- (ii) Letter no. 103/6-9 dated 15.02.2016 from the Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve.
- (iii) Letter no. 1840/6-9 dated 9.02.2019 from the Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited correspondence, this is to inform you that the Detail Project Report (DPR) alongwith the Master (Layout) Plan of the proposed establishment of the Tiger Safari in the Pakhrau Block of Sonanadi Range, Kalagarh Division, Corbett Tiger Reserve was scrutinized by the Members of the Expert Group on Zoo Designing of Central Zoo Authority in its meeting held on 11.02.2019 and following observation has been made:-

- a. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has already given its in principle approval vide its letter dated 5th June, 2015 as the proposed establishment of the Tiger Safari is located in the Pakhrau Block of Sonanadi Range, Kalagarh Division, Corbett Tiger Reserve. Moreover, the above project has already been approved in the Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) by the National Tiger Conservation Authority therefore, the formal approval of the National Board of Wild Life for the same may not be required. However, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change need to be appraised for providing a NOC under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- b. The possibility of increasing the area of the Safari enclosure should be explored. The Pakhrau nallah (water stream) should also be covered inside the Safari area.
- c. Efforts should be made to keep the safari area more natural by adding water culvert and other natural topographical features.
- d. The Administration block, Hospital, staff quarters, ration house along with other proposed units should be shifted towards the entrance gate and should have separate entry and exit with appropriate barrier as per CZA guidelines in this regard.

- e. The Animal House/ retiring/ feeding cell should be included and marked in the revised Master (layout) Plan as per the guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority. Further, the design of the animal house should be as per the CZA recommended guidelines of 'Minimum dimension of enclosures for housing animals of different species in zoos' and should be submitted to CZA for approval.
- The fences of the safari should be camouflaged with the bamboo or other appropriate species. However, it should be ensured that the animal may not get the chance of escape.
- g. The proposed intermittent road route inside the safari should be restricted to one circular road for minimizing the disturbance to natural feature of the area. The road should be maintained as per the natural contours.
- The proper arrangements for disposal of solid and liquid waste should be ensured. h.
- The members also stated that the Zoo Operator should ensure that all the services like water supply, sewage, sewage treatment plant, electrical, electric distribution, drinking water points, drainage etc. should be properly designed as per the existing codes and guidelines.
- The structural stability of the above mentioned proposed establishment has not been examined by the Members of the Expert Group of Zoo Designing of the CZA. The Operator should ascertain the structural stability of the proposed establishment.
- The Detail Project Report (DPR) may accordingly be revised.

The members also stated that the CZA may constitute a team of expert members for the perusal of the site proposed for the said establishment for on-site suggestions.

This is for information and further necessary action.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. A.K. Navak)

Member Secretary

Copy to:

- 1. The Additional Director General of Forests (Project Tiger) and Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority, B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi, - 110003.
- 2. The Secretary to the Government of Uttrakhand, Department of Forests, Government of Uttarakhand, 4 Subash Road, Uttarakand Secretariat, Dehradun - 248001.
- The Field Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Ramnagar 244 715, District Nainital, Uttarakhand.

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