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D.O. No. RU-IV/Policy-1/M/EF/2010

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2011

Dear Shri J. Rameshjee,

As you are aware, Clause 9 of Article 338-A of the Constitution stipulates that the Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Tribes.

2. Pursuant thereto, a proposal for the strengthening of the Central Zoo Authority was received from your Ministry and the advice/views of the Commission thereon was communicated to the Ministry vide NCST letter dated 29.12.2010. The Commission is, however, not aware of the final decision/outcome in the subject matter with reference to the recommendations of the Commission.

3. In this connection, I would like to mention that the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs, during its oral Hearing on 26.10.2009, had also sought details of the action taken on the advice/views tendered by the Commission on various policy matters from the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to include such information in its forthcoming Report for the year 2010-11 to be submitted to the President of India under Article 338-A(5)(d) of the Constitution. I shall, therefore, be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter personally and direct the Ministry to furnish the requisite information urgently.

With high regards,

Yours sincerely

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Dated: 29.12.2010

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Sub: Strengthening of Central Zoo Authority - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 3-1/2010-CZA/106 dated 27.09.2010 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the issue was discussed in the Commission's meeting held on 26.11.2010 in Agenda item No. II.

2. The Commission viewed as follows:

"The Ministry of Environment and Forests had sought comments of the Commission on their proposal of strengthening of the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), which envisaged increase in its existing strength from 11 to 36 posts towards augmentation of the existing strength at the Hqs. and creation of four Regional Offices at Jaipur, Nagpur, Guahati and Hyderabad. He further informed the Commission that the proposal, which was mainly for appointments/recruitments at regional level, didn't include any specific provision regarding implementation of reservation policy in this regard. After detailed discussion, the Commission decided to recommend that the Ministry of Environment and Forests should be advised to include specific provision regarding implementation of the stipulated reservation policy while issuing Govt. sanction for additional posts for the CZA".

3. A copy of the Agenda item No. II was circulated on 11.11.2010 is enclosed along with the summary record of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 26.11.2010.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
(Mrs. K.D. Bhansor)  
Deputy Director

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Brief on AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 : Views of the Commission on the strengthening of Central Zoo Authority.

I. Background

The M/o Environment & Forests vide letter No. 3-1/2010-CZA/106 dated 27.09.2010 has sought comments of the NCST on the proposal of strengthening of Central Zoo Authority. The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) was created in February, 1992 under an Act of Parliament (Section 38A of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 1991) to control mushrooming of ill-conceived/ ill planned zoos, to monitor and evaluate the existing zoos and to suggest ways and means for the improvement of zoos in the country, so that they can be transformed into potent centers for the ex-situ conservation of endangered wild fauna. The main functions assigned to the Authority for achieving the desired goals are stipulated in Section 38C of the said Act. A National Zoo policy has also been adopted by the Government of India for providing a direction, the present day zoos are required to play. The headquarters of the Authority is at Delhi with overall staff strength of 11 only with no technical & scientific officers except Member Secretary, CZA.

2. M/o Environment & Forests have highlighted that:

- (i) Considering the mandate of the Central Zoo Authority, geographical extent of the country, changed wildlife conservation scenario, the role of the zoo in planned conservation breeding of the identified endangered wild animal species, research on wildlife and conservation education and conduction, Evaluation & Monitoring of zoos in order to achieve the defined objectives, the existing strength of the Authority is grossly inadequate. Therefore, it is proposed to (a) strengthen the headquarters' set up of the Central Zoo Authority by upgrading the post of Member Secretary to the level of Additional PCCF from the present level of CCF and creating one post of DIG in

the Pay Band 4; three posts in Pay Band 3, two posts in Pay Band - 2 and 6posts below Pay Band 2 on outsourcing basis (b) creation of four regional offices of the CZA at Jaipur, Nagpur, Guwahati and Hyderabad involving creation of four post of DIG.in the Pay Band 4 for regional office and twenty posts below Pay Band 4 on outsourcing basis.

(ii) The mandate of CZA has expanded considerably due to inclusion of conservation breeding programs, rescue centers, ISIS/ ZIMS and regulation of circuses resulting into considerable increase in the work load. Presently, there is no regional office. The proposed regional set up is important and crucial to the decentralized functioning of CZA and to provide technical guidance for implementation of the mandate under the recognition of Zoo Rules and various advisories of CZA.

(iii) The strengthening would require creation of 36 posts of different categories. Proposed manpower requirement and annual additional financial requirement of CZA as per the Annexure-I. The annual additional financial requirement would be about Rs. 197.33 (lakhs) which is proposed to be met under the relevant plan scheme governing the CZA i.e. "Strengthening of Wildlife Divisions and Consultancies for Special Tasks."

3. Ministry of Environment & Forests has mentioned that the Planning Commission has also conveyed its "in principal approval" to the proposal of strengthening of Central Zoo Authority for the remaining two years of the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Years Plan enabling the Ministry to take further necessary action vide their O.M. No. 12074/2(6)/2010-E&F suggesting five regional office instead of three regional office. Following the suggestions of the Planning Commission, the earlier draft Cabinet Note has been revised by the Ministry of Environment Forests. Accordingly, four regional offices at Jaipur, Nagpur, Guwahati and Hyderabad have been proposed as per distribution of zoos in regions & as suggested by the Planning Commission on bio-geographical basis. The said Cabinet Note is stated to have been approved by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Environment & Forests. A copy of the revised Cabinet Note for inter ministerial consultation and approval is placed at Annexure-II.

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II. Earlier views of the Commission on a related issue:- Filling up of frontline staff vacancies under the Tiger Protection Force (Proposed of NTCA):

The subject was discussed in the meeting of the Commission held on 17.12.2008. The views of the Commission are as under:-

As local forest tribal and other forest dwellers, as defined under the scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2007, are well versed with the forest areas, conservation of forests and the Wildlife, preference should be given to local forest dwelling tribal and other people, if necessary, by relaxing the prescribed qualifications for such posts. Similar provisions should be made while raising the proposed Special Tiger Protection Force. These recommendations may not be germane in the instant case.

III. Examination

According to Article 338A of the Constitution, the duty of the Commission as per Clause 5(a) to (e) is to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Tribes. The proposal is mainly for appointments/recruitments at regional level. There is, however no mention regarding implementation of reservation policy in the proposal of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

IV. Proposed suggestions

The Commission may suggest implementation of the reservation policy of the Govt. while filling up the posts according to the instructions on reservations in services and posts of the Govt.

Agenda Item II

Strengthening of Central Zoo Authority Reference from the Ministry of Environment & Forests -comments

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Agenda Item III

Programme for State Review by the Commission to monitor and evaluate the impact of development schemes pertaining to STs

*Manoj Kumar Ojha*  
Secretary, NCST

Secretary, NCST apprised the Commission that in accordance with the para-graph and methodology outlined in the Rules and Procedure, contained in the