File No. **11/54/2024-FC**
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Dated: November, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Rajasthan
Jaipur

Sub: Establishment of Keharani Biological Park (KBP) in Alwar, Rajasthan by M/s Worldwide Zoo Developers Pvt. Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Rajasthan's letter No.F.12(104)/E-T/SWLW/2025 dated 17.09.2025 on the above subject seeking guidance of the Ministry on involvement of private participation in the establishment of the Biological Park in the forest land.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that matter has been examined in the Ministry in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Rules and Guidelines made thereunder and accordingly, it is to inform that the *Explanation* given under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 stipulates that the establishment of zoos and safaris, as referred to in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, when owned by the Government or an Authority, in forest areas other than Protected Areas, shall be treated as a forestry activity.

3. Further, the establishment of zoos in forest areas is governed by the detailed provisions of the guidelines provided in Para 1.17(ii) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued by the Ministry on 29.11.2023. These provisions, *inter alia*, specify that a zoo may be established by the State Forest Department or by any agency authorized by the State Forest Department, whether under the PPP mode or otherwise.

4. In view of the above, the State Government is requested to take appropriate action as per extant provisions in this regard following due process and to also ensure that directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court contained in its order dated 19.02.2024 in the matter related to establishment of zoo are complied with.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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1. PCCF & HoFF, all States Governments /Union territory Administrations
2. Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority (MS-CZA), Govt of India
3. Dy Director (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC
4. Nodal Officers (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o PCCF & HoFF, all States Governments /Union territory Administrations
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Director, NIC (Technical) with a request to upload a copy of the Guidelines on PARIVESH
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