

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Forests – Wildlife – Constitution of the Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana (ZAPAT) under Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 for all Zoos and Parks in the State of Telangana – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 8

Dated:02-08-2014
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.105, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., Dt.10-10-2005.
2. G.O.Ms.No.108, EFS&T (For.II) Dept., Dt.17-11-2009.
3. From the Prl. CCF, Telangana, Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No.644/2014/WL-1, Dated.23-06-2014.

ORDER:

In the references 1st and 2nd read above orders were issued constituting 'Zoo Authority of Andhra Pradesh' under A.P. Societies Registration Act, 2001, for better management of all the Zoos and Parks in the State and also for expeditious utilization of the funds released by the Central Zoo Authority as well as State Government with the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws appended to thereon. The Members of the Zoo Authority of Andhra Pradesh in the reference second read above, are as follows:

1	Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests, Science & Technology.	Chairman
2	The Spl. Chief Secy. to Govt., EFS&T Dept.	Member
3	The Prl. Secy. to Govt., Finance Dept. (or) Representative.	Member
4	The Prl. Secy. to Govt., MA & UD Dept. (or) Representative.	Member
5	Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.	Member
6	Dean, Veterinary Science, Veterinary University.	Member
7	Commissioner/Director, Tourism Dept.	Member
8	Vice Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad.	Member
9	Chief Wildlife Warden , A.P. Hyderabad.	Member
10	Director of Zoos'	Member Secretary

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished the proposals for constitution of "Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana (ZAPAT)" consequent to bifurcation of the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh and creation of Telangana as 29th State of the Indian Union along with Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws of the proposed Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana (ZAPAT).

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3. In view of the above, Government, after careful examination, hereby agree with the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad and order for constitution of the "Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana " (ZAPAT) and also the Governing Body with the following Members:

1	Hon'ble Minister for Forests & Environment.	Chairman
2	The Special Chief Secretary to Government/Principal Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept	Member
3	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
4	Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana.	Member
5	Director, Animal Husbandry, Telangana.	Member
6	Director, LaCONES, CCMB.	Member
7&8	Zoos/Parks expert/NGO to be nominated by Govt. (2 No.)	Member
9	Director of Zoos & Parks	Member Secretary

4. The Government also approves the "Memorandum of the Association" and the Bye-Laws of Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana (ZAPAT) submitted by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The same are appended to this G.O.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad is requested to take further necessary action.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Director of Zoological Parks, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Stamps & Registration, Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Accountant General, Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Pay & Accounts Officer, Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority,

Bikaner House, Annex-VI, Shajahan Road, New Delhi.

Copy to the P.S. to M (F & E) / PS to Prl. Secy., EFS&T Dept.

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APPENDIX TO G.O. Ms. No. 8 ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT, Dated:02.08.2014

“THE ZOOS AND PARKS AUTHORITY OF TELANGANA”
(A SOCIETY UNDER GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA)

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

THE “ZOOS AND PARKS AUTHORITY OF TELANGANA” (ZAPAT)

HYDERABAD

THE ZOOS AND PARKS AUTHORITY OF TELANGANA

1. **Name of the Society:** The name of the society shall be “The Zoos and Parks Authority of State of Telangana”
2. **Registered Office:** The registered office of the society viz., Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana State shall be situated at O/o. Director of Zoos & Parks, Nehru Zoological Park, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad – 500 064. The society is within the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad. The working hours of the Society’s Office shall be from 10.30 am to 5.00 pm except of Sunday, Second Saturday and other General Holidays.
3. **Objectives:**
 - (a) To provide for proper development and maintenance of the recognized Government Zoos and Parks in the State of Telangana, so as to make them modern and model Zoological Parks, National Parks, Deer Parks and Nature Conservation Parks.
 - (b) To breed and rear the endangered species of the fauna of India and the world with the object of saving them from extinction and of restocking other Zoos and National Parks and eventually to enrich the depleted fauna.
 - (c) To convey the message of Wildlife Conservation to the visitors, students and common public in the Zoo and outside the Zoo through proper conservation education programme in the Zoos and outside the Zoos (Zoo outreach programme).
 - (d) To undertake the research on conservation breeding of endangered species (including artificial insemination etc), the behaviour of animals and birds in their natural surroundings as well as in captivity.
 - (e) To procure such animals as are required for the Zoos and National Parks in the state of Telangana by purchase or exchange, from other States in India or from abroad.
 - (f) To disseminate the knowledge and information about our wildlife by publication of bulletins and journals etc.
4. With a view to facilitate the society’s activities for achieving its objectives, the society may
 - (a) Implement the development plans and schemes as well as maintenance works approved by Central Government / State Government / Central Zoo Authority / Governing Board in the Zoological Parks & Zoos of Telangana.
 - (b) Pay out of the funds belonging to the society or out of any other particular part of such fund, all expenses that are incidental to the formation of the society and management and administration of the society.

- (c) Subscribe or otherwise assist any charitable, benevolent, scientific national public or any other institution, the objects or purposes of which are consistent with or which promote the objectives of the society.
 - (d) Make donations to such persons or institutions and in such cases, whether of cash or any other assets, as may be, that are directly or indirectly conducive to any of the societies objects, or otherwise expedient and in particular to remunerate any person or Corporation introducing or assisting the society.
 - (e) Provide for the welfare of the employees and to make payments towards insurance or towards treatment for the injuries sustained during the working hours in the Zoos, National Parks, Deer Parks and Nature conservation parks.
 - (f) Invest in, construct and equip laboratories to conduct research and experiments on animal health and behaviour
 - (g) Receive donations from persons / institutions either in India or abroad in cash or kind which directly or indirectly are conducive to any of the society's objectives or otherwise expedient;
 - (h) Do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or are directly or indirectly beneficial to the society in the promotion of its objects, subjects, subject to the overall control of the Government {as in conformity with provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 }
 - (i) Establish, maintain, subscribe or subsidize or become member of training institutions, research laboratories, research institutions for scientific and technical research and experiments.
 - (j) Employ such staff as may be found necessary for the efficient handling and conduct of the society.
 - (k) Make advances upon or for the purchase of materials, goods machinery, stores and other articles for the society.
 - (l) Let on hire all or any of the properties of the society including apparatus and appliances.
 - (m) Open accounts with any nationalized or scheduled bank or banks and to pay into and to withdraw moneys from such account or accounts.
 - (n) Improve, manage, work, develop, alter, exchange, lease, mortgage turn to accounts, abandon or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property, right and concessions of the society.
5. It is expressly declared that any income or profit received by the society shall be applied solely for promoting the objects of the society as set forth in this memorandum and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of salary, dividend, bonus, income or profit to any of the

members of the society provided nothing herein contained shall apply to payment of reasonable incidental expenses to such members.

6. The Member Secretary of the Society will be the Director of Zoos & Parks of State of Telangana.

7. GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of the society will consist of the following members namely;

1	Hon'ble Minister for Forests & Environment.	Chairman
2	The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., /Principal Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Dept.	Member
3	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad	Member
4	Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana	Member
5	Director, Animal Husbandry	Member
6	Director, LaCONES, CCMB	Member
7&8	Zoos / Parks expert/ NGO to be nominated by Govt. (2No.)	Member
9	Director of Zoos & Parks	Member Secretary

8. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will assist the Society in approving the estimates, procurement, execution of works etc as per the Financial code, Forest Code and Government Orders issued from time to time. The following are the members of the Committee.

1. Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana - Chairperson
2. Chief Accounts Officer, O/o PCCF, Telangana, Hyderabad - Member.
3. Director of Zoos & Parks Telangana - Member Convener.

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**BYE-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY
(ZOOS AND PARKS AUTHORITY OF TELANGANA)**

- i) Name of the Society : Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana
- ii) Address : Member Secretary & Director of
Zoos & Parks, Nehru Zoological park,
Bahadur Pura, Hyderabad-500 064
- iii) Date of Starting : _____ .2014
- iv) Area of the Society : Whole of Telangana
- v) Working Hours : 10.30 AM to 5.00 PM except on
Sunday, Second Saturday and
Government Holidays.
1. **Short Title** : These Bye-Laws shall be called “the Bye-laws of the Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana”
2. **Definitions** : In these Bye- Laws and Memorandum of Association, unless the context otherwise requires:-
- (a) Society means “The Zoos & Parks Authority of Telangana”
- (b) “The Government” means the Government of Telangana
- (c) “The Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Society.
- (d) “The Governing Board” means the body entrusted under these rules with the administration and management of the affairs of the society.
- (e) “Member” means the member of the Society.
- (f) “Year” means the period of 1st April to 31st March as resolved by the Governing Board with the previous sanction of the Registrar.
- (g) The “Member Secretary” means the officer of the rank of Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Conservator of Forests & Director of Zoos & Parks appointed by the Government, as Member Secretary to Zoos & Parks Authority of Telangana who is entrusted with the overall administration of the society.
- (h) “Finance Committee” means Finance committee of the Society
- (i) “Zoo” means any Government Zoo under the control of Forest Department of Telangana

- (j) “Park” means any National Park, Deer Park and Nature Conservation Park.
- (k) “Act” means “The Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001.

3. Rights, Powers and Duties of the Governing Board.

- The Governing Board shall have all such powers and shall perform all such functions as are necessary or proper for the achievements and furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
- The Governing Board shall approve the details, plans and proposals for the development of the Zoological Parks, National Parks, Deer Parks & Nature Conservation Parks from the funds allotted by the Central Zoo Authority, Government of India and proceeds realized from entry fee, rentals, leases, animal adoption Schemes and any other income derived by the Zoological Parks, National Parks, Deer Parks & Nature Conservation Parks. These funds will be directly utilized by the Zoo Authority of Telangana after approval by the Governing Board. However, in respect of Central Zoo Authority Schemes, further approval of Government will not be necessary if the schemes are specific in nature and are 100% CZA funded.
- The grants made by the Government for any specific Scheme to be implemented by the Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana under the State Plan Schemes through a Government Order can be utilized directly by the Zoos & Parks Authority of Telangana as per the terms of the Government Order.
- The Governing Board is empowered to receive grants in aid, other grant of money, gifts, donations and contributions in kind, other forms of assistance from sources in India or abroad.
- In the event of inadequacy of the financial resources available for the maintenance and development of the Zoos & Parks, it will be brought to the notice of the Government for finding out ways and means for enhancing the financial resources.
- The society shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and common seal of the said name to sue or be sued.
- The Governing Board may delegate any of its specific rights, powers and duties and assign such functions and responsibilities as are considered necessary in the interest of the Society to the Finance committee or to the Member Secretary or to the concerned Curator / Director or any other officer under specific resolution.
- The Governing Board shall reserve for the decision of the Government any proposal which in their opinion is of such importance.

- The Member Secretary shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Society subject to control and direction of Governing Board. He shall be assisted by the **Curator / Director of Zoological Parks and Deputy Conservator of Forests / Assistant Conservator of Forests / In-charge of the National Parks, Deer Parks & Nature Conservation Parks.**

- **Governing Board is empowered to:**
 - (i) Procure or exchange animals, birds and reptiles required for its' Zoos and Parks from other Zoos in India and abroad and to finalise the terms & conditions there of;
 - (ii) Negotiate, enter into and execute agreements, Contracts and documents on behalf of the Society and vary and rescind such agreements, contracts and documents.
 - (iii) Approve the annual, revised or supplementary budget estimates, annual Report of the Society together with the annual accounts of income and expenditure of the society.
 - (iv) Appoint such advisory bodies or other special committees for such purpose and such powers as the Governing Board may decide and also to dissolve any of the committees and Advisory Bodies so set up.
 - (v) Make Rules not inconsistent with the Bye-Laws for more efficient disposal of the business and activities of the society for securing co-ordination in the working of the various committees and other bodies, regulating the procedures and other matters incidental thereto and to alter or amend the same from time to time.

- Governing Board may **increase, decrease or modify the entrance fee** of all or any one of the Zoos or Safaris', NAH, Guest Houses, Toy Train Elephant, video, camera, parking fee etc., or fixing separate entrance fee for Indian and foreign visitors or allowing any concession to any person or groups.

- 4. **Meeting of the Governing Board:** A meeting of the Governing shall be held at least once in six months at such time and place as the Chairperson may from time to time determine for the disposal of the business of the Society. Meeting will be called by the Member Secretary on the direction of the Chairperson.

- 5. **Special Meetings:** The Chairperson of the Society may convene special meetings of the Governing Board to consider any matter of special importance or urgency.

- 6. **Notice of the Meeting:** Every meeting of the Government Board shall be convened by the Member Secretary by issue of due notice as required in the provision of the Act.

7. **Quorum:** **One third** of the members of the Governing Board including the Chairman present in person shall constitute the quorum for any meeting of the Governing Board and to pass any special resolutions.
8. **Presiding Officer:** The Chairperson of the society shall preside over all the meetings of the Governing Board.
9. **Voting:** In case of difference of the opinion amongst the members on any matter under discussion in a meeting the opinion of the majority present shall prevail and when there is tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
10. **Powers, Rights and Duties of the Finance Committee:**
 - The Member Secretary, who is in the cadre of Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests / Chief Conservator of Forests and Director Zoos & Parks, is delegated with powers for approving estimates and tenders up to any value. The Member Secretary will get the approval of the Finance committee and the Authority for the works costing above Rs. 50.00 lakhs.
 - The Finance committee shall meet whenever required for the purpose of the business of the society.
11. **Accounts of the Society:** The funds of the Society shall be deposited in one or more accounts opened with one or more nationalized banks. The bank account/accounts of the Society will be operated and maintained by the concerned Curator / Director of the Zoo
12. **Financial year:** The Accounting Year for the society will be from 1st April to the 31st March. The annual income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet of the Society shall be prepared by the concerned Curator / Director and through Member Secretary it will be presented to the Governing Board within 5 months of the closing of the financial year.
13. **Audit:** The Annual Accounts of the society shall be audited by authorised Chartered Accountant, the Internal Audit Party of Telangana Forest Department and the Accountant General, Telangana. The audit party shall have access to the books of accounts and vouchers of the Foundation and shall be provided with all the information and explanation required by them for the purpose of the audit.
14. **Legal Proceeding:** In all legal proceedings, the Society shall be represented by its Member Secretary. In turn, for each Zoological park, National Park, Deer Park, Nature Conservation park, he will be represented by the concerned Curator / Director & DCF / ACF.
15. **Zoos & Parks Advisory Committees:** In order to have local participation, there shall be an Advisory Committee for each of the recognized Zoos and Parks of Telangana **to be approved by Chief Wildlife Warden**. The Zoos and Parks Advisory Committee shall advise the Zoo Management on issues relating to upkeep, maintenance and enhancement of resources, Health Care of animals, Gardening, Plant Diversity, Controlled Breeding of Animal, Population Control

Measures and Security of the Zoo. It shall meet at least **twice a year** and shall forward the recommendations to the Zoos and Parks Authority of Telangana for further action.

16. **Amendment to the Memorandum of Association:** Any amendment to the Memorandum or bye-laws will be carried out in accordance with the procedure laid down under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act (2001)
17. **Dissolving of the Society:** The Society may be dissolved, if required as per the provision laid down under the Act.
18. **Application of the Act:** All the provisions of the Act shall apply to this society except from those it has been exempted.
19. **Essential Certificate:** “Certified that this is the correct copy of the Bye-Laws of the Society”
20. Utilisation of income and funds of the Society:

The income and funds of the society shall be solely utilized towards the objectives of the Society and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment to the Members of the Governing Board or financial committee by way of profit, interest, and dividend or in any form except remuneration, if any allowed by the Government.

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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