

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

No. **SOP(WL) 12-17/2001-(IV)** In exercise of powers conferred under section 46 of the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1974 (II of 1974), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title, extent, and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Private Wildlife Breeding Farm Rules 2016.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules:

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1974 (II of 1974);
- (b) "competent authority" means the Director General, Wildlife and Parks, Punjab;
- (c) "farm" means a private wildlife breeding farm;
- (d) "license" means the license issued under the rules;
- (e) "licensee" means a person who obtain the license for establishment of farm;
- (f) "owner" includes a holder of license under the rules to operate a farm; and
- (g) "rules" means the Private Wildlife Breeding Farm Rules 2016.

(2) An expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Act.

3. Categories of farms.- (1) The following categories of farms may be constituted:

- (a) wild birds breeding farm; and
- (b) wildlife breeding farm.

(2) Only wild birds shall be allowed to breed in the wild birds breeding farm.

(3) The birds and animals both shall be allowed to breed in the wildlife breeding farm.

4. License and fee.- (1) A person, desirous of operating a farm any of the category mentioned in rule 3, shall apply for license to operate the farm.

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(2) The competent authority may issue a license, mentioned under sub-rule (1), against a fee to be determined by Government through notification in official gazette.

(3) A license, once issued under sub-rule (2), shall be valid till the last day of current year in which it issued; however, it may be renewable on annually basis.

5. Existing breeding facilities.- (1) A breeding facility providing under the license issued under the Private Wildlife Breeding Farm Rules, 2008 shall remain be valid till the expiry of the such license.

6. Eligibility.- A person of eighteen years of age or above may, through an application in writing on a prescribed form, apply for a license.

7. Condition for establishment of a farm.- The permission, for establishing a farm, shall be granted on the following condition:

- (a) the licensee shall own or acquire the land on lease for a minimum period of ten years of appropriate size for wildlife farming;
- (b) the minimum area, for a farm, shall be four kanal of land for birds, reptiles amphibians and ten acres for mammals; and
- (c) the licensee shall arrange parent stock of wildlife from his own resources after meeting all codal formalities as per provision of the Act.

8. Documents appended with the application.- (1) An application for a license shall be accompanied with the following documents:

- (a) a plan of the land proposed to be included in the farm including boundary diagram and description of the land, in a form acceptable to Government; and
- (b) a proof that the applicant owns land or has written permission from the owner of the land to use the land for the farm.

(2) The cost for the plan of the land, proposed to be included in the farm as mentioned in sub-rule (1), shall be borne by the applicant.

(3) Any alterations to boundaries identified in a plan shall be submitted in writing to the competent authority for its approval.

(4) The parameters of the boundary of the farm shall be clearly demarcated; out of which fifty percent of parameter shall be demarcated by a brick wall or chain link fence.

(5) All housing facilities such as cages, enclosures, shelters, medication, feeding and watering shall be managed by the owner as per desired quality and prescribed specification as may be determined by Government.

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9. Maintenance of the record.- (1) The licensee shall maintain the proper record at the farm containing details such as number of fawns, mortality and birth, if any.

(2) The mortality of the birds and mammals shall also be supported by the report of veterinary doctor of any Government recognized institution.

(3) The stock register shall be maintained in seriatim by the licensee as provided by Government on payment.

(4) All the birds and animals at the farm shall be properly tagged or micro-chipped by the licensee.

(5) The record of tags or micro-chips shall be tallied between the licensee and the Government.

(6) The price of the wildlife, kept at the farm, shall be assessed by Government with the consent of the licensee on the basis of market rates.

(7) The licensee shall produce record for checking and monitoring to the officer authorized by Government not lower than District Wildlife Officer.

10. Inspection of farm.- The officer authorized by Government shall inspect the farm after every four months to monitor the facilities provided on the farm and maintenance of record.

11. Surplus stock.- The surplus stock available with Government shall be sold to the licensee on his demand, on priority basis.

12. Technical assistance .- The officers authorized by Government shall, if required by the owner, provide on such terms and conditions as may be determined by Government, all possible technical assistance for the establishment, maintenance and management of the farms.

13. Privileges of a licensee.- A person who is the holder of valid license may sell, exchange or cull any wild bird or animal.

14. Procedure for removal.- (1) A person shall not remove from a farm any bird or animal unless it is identified with a band or tag bearing license number of the farm.

(2) The licensee shall tag the animals and birds kept in the farm.

(3) The licensee shall not be released or introduced the exotic species in the wild habitat.

(4) A person shall, except otherwise provided in the Act or rules, not hunt, kill and attempt to hunt or kill any wild, captive bird or animal in the farm other than culling of reared wild birds or animals kept there.

