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To:-

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Dear Ms. Mishra,

Sub: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 - reg.

Ref: 1) Your RTI application dt. 13.12.2016 addressed to CPIO, WII, Dehradun

2) Letter No.A/2-1/2007-WII (Vol.X:2016-17/Part-III) dt. 22.12.2016

With reference to the above, information you have sought is furnished below.

**Query 1. The total number of the total bird species found in India in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010**

The total number of bird species found in India would vary with taxonomic system and classification. There are over five major systems of bird taxonomy that are widely popular across the world. In general, it had been accepted that approximately 1,200 species of birds were known from India till 2016.

In the year 2016, the journal "*Indian BIRDS*" published the first systematic and authentic list of bird species reliably recorded from India. According to the latest update of this India List (version 1.1), the total number of birds found within Indian limits is 1,267.

**Query 2. Number of birds declared to be endangered in India in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010**

The following table summarizes the number of threatened bird species (including endangered ones) and near-threatened species of India as per the BirdLife International-IUCN global red list assessment.

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Threat Category	YEAR					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Critically Endangered	14	15	16	16	17	17
Endangered	17	16	17	19	19	20
Vulnerable	55	54	54	52	53	56
Near-threatened	66	67	69	74	82	88
Data deficient	3	3	3	3	3	3

Note: The IUCN Assessment for the year 2016 has just been published and data extraction process is under way.

It is informed that Director, SACON is the Appellate Authority, RTI, SACON.

Yours sincerely

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