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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIO/R/2017/50002

Applicant Name

AVINASH VINAYAK PRABHUNE

Text of Application

Deployment of Radio Collars on Tiger JAI TIGER UK T1 Identity given by Forest Dept to said tiger of Umred Karhandla wildlife sanctuary Maharashtra. Background I had filed RTI Application dt 7 Sept 2016 Question 1 to 3 replied by PIO at PCCF Wildlife Nagpur and Question 4 to 9 replied by Sh Aseem Shrivastava, CPIO,WII, Dehradun vide letter no A 2 dated 02 NOV 2016 With reference to REPLY provided by CPIO, WII Dehradun Please provide following information 1 Collar Id numbers deployed to said tiger. 2 Copy of the communications between WII and Maharashtra Forest Department regarding failure of Radio collars for said tiger date of failure detected and informed and replaced. 3 Copy of the communication with manufacturer for replacement of failed radio collars within warranty period. 4 Copy of the Failure analysis and corrective action for failed collars. 5 Details about free replacement of collar received from manufacturer, if not then reasons there for 7 Expenditure incurred in Rs. for deployment of these radio collars by indicating data cost of receiver and antennae separately. 8 Copy of the record maintained for monitoring tracking of said tiger after deploying radio collar. Last date available on record regarding monitoring tracking of said tiger after deploying radio collar. 9 Communication with Maharashtra Forest department regarding monitoring tracking of said tiger after deploying radio collar. 10 Soft copy of complete datasheets of VHF monitoring data collected for all collars deployed for said tiger 11 Soft copy of complete csv files of data for all collars deployed 12 Name and designation of the officials responsible for above actions 13 Details of Actions taken against responsible officials for failure.

Reply of Application

Dear Mr. Avinash Vinayak Prabhune, Please find attached the response from concerned authority for your query. Response has been provided for all the Twelve questions numbering 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13. Please note that there was no question at No. 6. However, the answers have been numbered correctly from 1-12 and all the questions are included in the response file.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	29/01/2017	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	30/01/2017	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Aseem Shrivastava
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	22/02/2017	Anju Baroth-(CPIO)	

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Response to RTI Application of Mr. Avinash Vinayak Prabhune

1. Collar id number deployed to said tiger

Response: 18855 and 19867

2. Copy of the communication between WII and Maharashtra Forest Department regarding the failure of the radio collars for said tiger, date of failure detected and informed and replaced.

Response: There was no failure of the radio collars but there was a technical snag in the satellite communication of the collar on 25th Nov. 2015. However, all the GPS details were stored in the collar and VHF was working properly till the collar was replaced with a new collar (19867).

Collar No. 19867 -The animal went missing since 19-April-2016 post which the collar could not be located hence the failure is overruled. The last location of collar was received on 19th April 2016.

3. Copy of the communication with manufacture for replacement of failed radio-collars within the warranty period.

Response: Radio collars were procured by Maharashtra Forest Department (MFD) hence the communication with the manufacturer for replacements and warranty are done through them. MFD should be contacted for these details.

4. Copy of failure analysis and corrective actions for failed collars.

Response: Collar No. 18855 had a satellite link failure which is a technical defect. The manufacturing company is looking into the same for further analysis and improvements.

5. Details about free replacement of collar received from manufacture, if not the reason there for.

Response: Radio collars were procured by MFD hence the communication with the manufacturer for replacements and warranty are done through them. MFD should be contacted for these details.

6. Expenditure incurred in Rs. For deployment of these radio-collars by indicating data cost of receiver and antenna separately.

Response: The collars have been purchased by MFD, the cost details can be obtained from the Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.

7. Copy of the record maintained for monitoring tracking of said tiger after deploying radio collar. Last date available on record regarding monitoring of tracking of said tiger after deploying radio-collar

Response: The tracking data of the collars cannot be shared owing to its sensitivity. The collared tiger used fragmented human dominated landscape. There are 8-10 areas in the landscape which were frequented by collared tiger and are being used by other tigers in the landscape. Giving locations about such areas may compromise the security and safety of many other tigers in the landscape and hence these cannot be publicly shared.

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The last date when animal was actually tracked and seen by research team is 18th April 2016. The tracking is still on as we have other collared tigers in the landscape which are being monitored continuously.

8. Communication with Maharashtra Forest Department regarding monitoring of said tiger after deploying radio-collar.

Response: This was a joint effort by WII and MFD. The details of tracking were verbally discussed and finalized in the field.

9. Soft copy of complete datasheets of VHF monitoring data collected for all collars deployed on tiger Jai in Maharashtra.

Response: The VHF monitoring data of the collars cannot be shared owing to its sensitivity. The collared tiger used fragmented human dominated landscape. There are 8-10 areas in the landscape which were frequented by collared tiger and are being used by other tigers in the landscape. Giving locations about such areas may compromise the security and safety of many other tigers in the landscape and hence these cannot be publicly shared.

10. Soft copy of complete .csv files of data for all collars deployed on tiger Jai in Maharashtra

Response: The satellite tracking data of the collars cannot be shared owing to its sensitivity. The collared tiger used fragmented human dominated landscape. There are 8-10 areas in the landscape which were frequented by collared tiger and are being used by other tigers in the landscape. Giving locations about such areas will compromise the security and safety of many other tigers in the landscape.

11. Name and designation of the official responsible for above actions:

Response: Research team from WII and officers of Maharashtra Forest Department were involved in tracking and monitoring of tigers.

12. Details of Actions taken against responsible official for failure.

Response: As mentioned in the answer to earlier question, the collar did not fail. In the first case (18855) collar was working till it was replaced to know the reason for technical defect in the satellite link. No officer is responsible for development of electronic snags in the satellite link. Collar No. 19867 is missing.

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