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Wildlife Institute of India

SPEED POST

No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2018-19(Qtr-III)/46

Dated 05.11.2018

To,

Shri Bimal Gogoi,
Chandmari, Majar Ali,
PO: Golaghat,
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Sub.: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005- reg.

Ref.: RTI Request No. Nil dated 26.09.2018, received in this office on 12.10.2018.


Sir,

Please refer to your RTI Request on the above cited subject and reference. In this context, the point-wise replies of your queries received from concerned authority of the Institute are enclosed herewith in 4 (four) pages.

If you are not satisfied with the aforesaid reply, you may file an appeal before the First Appellate Authority i.e. "Dr. V.B.Mathur, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, P.B.18, Chandrabani, Dehradun - 248 001, Ph. 0135-2646102, 2640910" within a period of one month.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


CPIO, RTI

Encl: 4 pages.

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5/11/18

Response to Mr. Bimal Gogoi's RTI dated 26.09.2018

1. Sir, the 48th meeting of SC of NBWL recommended a comprehensive study on Hydrology and Ecology of Lower Demwe HEP by a reputed and neutral scientific / technical organization. WII was named to conduct the survey. Have MoEF&CC issued order to WII to conduct the study? If, yes please issue to me a copy of the order and the terms of Reference (ToR) for the study.

MoEF&CC has not issued any order separately to WII to conduct the study. The NBWL Standing Committee decided that the WII, Dehradun to carry out hydrology / ecology study and submit the report to the Ministry in three months. Please refer to the minutes of 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife held on 27 March 2018.

2. Sir, have study team visited Dibru Saikhowa National Park in Assam? If visited, have WII was granted permission by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam to conduct study in DNSP? Please issue to me a copy the permission issued by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam and the copy of application submitted by WII to have the permission. Have WII applied for such permission from Chief Wildlife Warden, Arunachal Pradesh? If, yes Please issue me the copy of WII's letter and copy of permission from Chief Wildlife Warden, Arunachal Pradesh.

Yes, the survey team visited Dibru Saikhowa National Park in Assam. After submitting permission request letters (Documents attached), Director, WII spoke with CWLW of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on phone. Survey team met and discussed with DFO Tezu and DFO, Dibru Saikhowa.

INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER RTI

3. Sir, please issue to me a list of the members of the team who have conducted the above survey in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Please issue to me the detail individual Bio Data / Resume with list of previous experiences of each member of the team. The members were permanent staff of WII? or they were recruited for a period or on contract for the survey?

WII sent researchers with knowledge/understanding of the ecology of the Bengal Florican and the Gangetic dolphin - the two species that were likely to be impacted by the damming activities. All survey team members are contractual project staff. *Biodata/resume of team members contain personal information and personal information are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Act.* However, their names and designations are given below:

1. Dr. Sujit Narwade, Project Scientist, Project – Endangered Species Recovery Programme, Habitat Improvement and Conservation Breeding of Great Indian Bustard, CAMPA – GIB
2. Dr. Abdul Wakid, Project Scientist, Endangered Species Recovery Programme River Dolphin Project (He has requested not to disclose his name anywhere in context of Demwe).
3. Mr. Ashwin Warudkar, Project Fellow, Endangered Species Recovery Programme River Dolphin Project (He has requested that RTI person should not mention his name in open forum)
4. Mr. Devendradutta Pandey, Project - Habitat Improvement and Conservation Breeding of Great Indian Bustard, CAMPA – GIB

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In view of the above, disclosure of the above names in public forum may be done only after the consent of the respective individual.

4. Sir, what was the total budget for the above study? Who have approved and who have paid for the study conducted? Please issue budget with all the head of expenditure and mode of transaction.

WII is a MoEFCC's autonomous institute funded primarily from Grant-in-Aid. Often tasks given by ministry are addressed under ongoing activities and subsequently compensated as required by the MoEFCC. There was no specific budget/project assigned for this study. There was also no separate engagement of technical manpower for the study given the urgency of initiating the study. The study was undertaken under the supervision of WII faculty and researchers having experiences of conducting wildlife surveys, especially in grassland and river island areas were deployed for the study for short period(s). WII met the travel and field expenses from its existing resources.

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No. WII/YVJ/DEMWE PROJ-ASSESSMENT/2018

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21 April 2018

Subject – DEMWE HE project assessment survey - Reg

Sir,

In pursuance of the decision of 48th meeting of standing committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL), regarding proposed DEMWE lower HE project and its influence zone downstream of the dam, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFF&CC), Govt has mandated WII, Dehradun to carry out hydrology/ecology study and submit the report to the Ministry in three months.

As per the direction of standing committee of NBWL and MoEFF&CC, a team of scientists from WII will be conducting surveys in Brahmaputra River (for Ganges Dolphin), its chaporis (for Bengal Florican) and adjoining forest areas for biodiversity and habitat corridors. WII team will intensively survey areas of Kamlang Tiger Reserve, Sadiya Ghat, Parshuram kund to downstream up to Dibru Saikhowa NP, during 1st May to 1st August 2018.

Necessary permission to conduct above mentioned field surveys may please be granted to the Wildlife Institute of India at the earliest.

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