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Wildlife Institute of India

No. A/2-1/2007-WII (Vol. VIII: 2014-15)

Dated 27th April 2015

To,

Sh. Rohit Choudhury
N-71, Lower Ground Floor
Greater Kallash, Part-I
New Delhi-48

Sub.: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005- reg.

Ref.: Your RTI Application No. Nil, dated 23.03.2015.

Sir,

With reference to para 1 to 2 of your above RTI application, the required information as obtained from the concerned officer of the Institute is attached herewith in 73 pages.

In case you are not satisfied with this reply and want to appeal as per the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, the address of Appellate Authority is being given as follows:

Dr. V.B. Mathur, Director & Appellate Authority, Wildlife Institute of India,
Chandrabani, Dehradun - 248 001, Ph.: 0135-2640910.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Aseem Shrivastava)
CPIO

Encl.: As above (73 pages).

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Dated: 10th April, 2015

**Sub: Request for information under Right to Information Act, 2015
by Sh. Rohit Choudhury, New Delhi-reg.**

Ref: Your Note dated 27.3.2015.

The required information pertains to Wildlife Institute of India are furnished as under:

Query under serial (1) – Information provided by Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Scientist-E in her email (**five annexures**) is reproduced and attached to this note:

- Copy of email correspondence and letters sent to CWLW, Assam and internal meeting email with WII members (**Annexure-1**)
- WII Reports sent to CWLW, Govt. of Assam and Field Director, Kaziranga National Park (**Annexure - 2&3**)
- Correspondence with MOEF&CC alongwith suggestions (**Annexure - 4&5**).

Query under serial (2) – copy of the report submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi in the year 2004 on 'Evaluation of barrier effect of National Highway 37 on the wildlife of Kaziranga National Park and suggested strategies and planning for providing passage: a feasibility report by Dr. Sushant Chowdhury, Scientist-G, WII is attached to this note.

P.K. Mathur
(P.K. Mathur) 10/4/2015

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Faculty of Wildlife Sciences

Enc: As above

Shri Aseem ~~Srivastava~~, CPIO

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ANNEXURE-1

From: "Vinod Mathur" <vbm.ddn@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Compliance of the Order dated 13.01.2015 and 05.02.2015 of the National Green Tribunal, Principle Bench in the matter of O.A. No. 174/2013: Rohit Choudhury vs. Union of India and Ors- reg.
Date: Sat, March 7, 2015 09:23
To: "sushant" <sushant@wii.gov.in>,"ghoshsonali" <ghoshsonali@wii.gov.in>,"Qamar Qureshi" <qmq@wii.gov.in>,"Asha Rajvanshi" <ar@wii.gov.in>,"Dr. Bilal Habib" <bh@wii.gov.in>,"Gautamalakudkar" <gautam@wii.gov.in>,"Y V Jhala" <jhalay@wii.gov.in>,"Ramesh.wii" <ramesh@wii.gov.in>,"ssb@wii.gov.in" <ssb@wii.gov.in>,"vinod rishi" <vinodrishi@rediffmail.com>
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Dear All

I am forwarding to you the proposal received from the Government of Assam to deal with animal mortality related issues on NH 37 aligned thru Kaziranga National Park, Assam with the request that you may kindly go through it carefully and provide your comments/suggestions, if any.

We shall discuss this proposal in a meeting on Monday the 9th March, 2105 at 1500h in the Board Room in which you may kindly participate. It is an important NGT matter in the which the direction is that the proposal should be reviewed by WII and the Secretary(E, F and CC) has convened a meeting on this on 11th March, 2015 at MoEFCC.

I am also requesting through this email Dr Sushant and Dr Sonali to pls attend the meeting on 11th March, 2015.

Regards,

VBMathur

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **MK Yadava** <mkyadava@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 6, 2015 at 11:15 PM
Subject: Re: Compliance of the Order dated 13.01.2015 and 05.02.2015 of the National Green Tribunal, Principle Bench in the matter of O.A. No. 174/2013: Rohit Choudhury vs. Union of India and Ors- reg.
To: "Director, WII" <dwii@wii.gov.in>
Cc: dmathur003@gmail.com, "Dr. V.B.Mathur" <vbm@wii.gov.in>,"Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) ASSAM" <pccf.wl.assam@gmail.com>,"dfo.eawl" <dfo.eawl@gmail.com>,"Shantanoo Bhattacharyya" <shantanoo.bhattacharyya@gmail.com>,"dk@hub.nic.in" <pccf.assam@gmail.com>,"pccf.assam@gmail.com", guna das <gunadhar.das121@gmail.com>, Avijit Roy <avijit@clgindia.com>

Dear All,

Here is the draft report on the NH37 measures to be taken for prevention of accident of wild animals on the Nh37 corridors etc. along the Kaziranga National Park. This report is required for the upcoming NGT Case No. MA/142/2012. This report has been compiled by the undersigned with inputs and data from Sri. Shantanoo Bhattacharyya, EE, PWD (NH), Govt of Assam Sri Biplab Pathak, Jt. Comm Transport, Govt. of Assam, Sri Gunadhar Das Asstt Comm Transport as per direction of the Addl CS, Env & Forests Department, Govt. of Assam. Accident data has been compiled by the DFO, Eastern Assam Division from 2010 to 2014.

This is a draft report only. Please do not consider it as final until approved. This is being circulated to stakeholders for quick comments if any in next 12/24 hours.

With kind regards,

Yours,

MK Yadava

On Thu, Mar 5, 2015 at 5:39 PM, Director, WII <dwii@wii.gov.in> wrote:



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No. WI/C2/SG/MISC/04/2015

05 March 2015

To,

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Sub: Compliance of the Order dated 13.01.2015 and 05.02.2015 of the National Green Tribunal, Principle Bench in the matter of O.A. No. 174/2013: Rohit Choudhury vs. Union of India and Ors- reg.

Ref: MOEFF&CC letter no. F.No. L-11013/18/2013-IA, (I) dtd 3.03.2015

Sir,

This is with reference to our telephonic conversation this morning on the above subject. As informed the Secretary, MOEFFCC will take a meeting on the issues stated above on 11th March, 2015.

As you are perhaps already aware that Wildlife Institute of India, in compliance of the order of the Honble National Green Tribunal carried out a detailed study in January 2014 to suggest mitigation measures in the interest of wildlife conservation with respect to National Highway 37. This study was preceded by a feasibility report that was also conducted by WI in 2003. Both the reports are enclosed for your kind perusal and to act as a ready reference.

Since the matter is likely to come up for a hearing again in NGT this month, it is suggested that a review of the WI recommendations is again done by your department. Accordingly, the flyovers suggested in the crucial corridors may be taken up in a Phased manner.

It is suggested that highest priority may be accorded to Borjuri-Paribari corridor to maintain landscape connectivity in the Kaziranga-Karbi-Anglong landscape and initiated in the first phase. Similarly the low-cost Hoolock Gibbon crossing near Kukrakata can also be taken up to demonstrate and test the efficacy of such methods.

The cost estimates as prepared by the Public Works Department (PWD), Assam on above 7 corridor sites/structures amounting to Rs. 2,543.00 crores appear to be very high and we would like to have the details of these estimates.

In addition to the functional connectivity as suggested through flyovers, it is also recommended that a flood-time monitoring protocol (as part of the Time bound action plan) by the Park Authorities is also developed.

We would also like to have a copy of the Government of Assam plan for reinforcing the patrolling, monitoring and surveillance of the stretch of NH from Kaliabor to Bongaon as was agreed in the meeting held in MOEFFCC on 13.01.2015 (Copy enclosed).

I look forward to your response on the above at the earliest

Thanking You

Yours faithfully


(Dr. V.B. Mathur)
Director

Encl: As above

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