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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIOI/R/2019/50023

Applicant Name Nripen Teron
Text of Application Furnish the following information under RTI Act 2005 A copy of letter No. WII/DWII/Misc./03/2018 Dated 16/01/2019.
Reply of Application the information sought by you received from concerned authority of the Institute are attached herewith in soft copy (one page)

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	17/08/2019	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	20/08/2019	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Anju Baroth
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	28/08/2019	Anju Baroth- (CPIO)	

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**Government of India
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
Wildlife Institute of India
Chandrabani, Dehradun, Uttarakhand**

Dated: 28/08/2019

To

Shri Nripen Teron
Vill- Chakardo
District- Kamrup(M) Assam
PO- Azara
781017

Registration Number : WLIOI/R/2019/50023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am to refer to your Request for Information under RTI Act 2005, received vide letter dated 17/08/2019 and to say that *the information sought by you received from concerned authority of the Institute are attached herewith in soft copy (one page).*

In case, you want to go for an appeal in connection with the information provided, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority indicated below within *thirty days* from the date of receipt of this letter.

Dr. V. B. Mathur
FAA & Director
Address: Wildlife Institute of India Chandrabani Dehradun
Phone No.: 01352646101

Yours faithfully

**(Anju Baroth)
CPIO & Scientist-C
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भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

No. WII/DWII/Misc./03/2018

16 January 2019

To,

Shri S. N. Singh
Chief Administrative Officer/Con-I
Northeast Frontier Railway
Maligaon, Guwahati, Assam
Email: nmbrahma@gmail.com

Sub: Movement path of elephants *vis a vis* railway track along Deepor Beel- reg.

Ref: I. Your letter No. W/362/CON/N-K/Misc/NGT/statu dated 10.12.2018.
II. Our letter of even no. dated 28.08.2018 to PCCF and CWLW, Govt. of Assam.
III. Letter No. WL/FG/OA No.19/2014/EZ dated 10.01.2019 of PCCF(WL) and the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Assam

**INFORMATION PROVIDED
UNDER RTI**

Sir,

We have gone through your letter under reference and are of the opinion that the structure proposed by you will not be beneficial for elephants to gain access to Deepor Beel. Upon receipt of your letter and further discussion with the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Assam, Dr. Bivash Pandav, Scientist F of Wildlife Institute of India visited Deepor Beel on 12 January 2019 and held detailed discussions with forest and railway officials on the site. During the meeting Dr. Pandav explained the fault in the design proposed by your office and stressed upon the recommendation made by the WII to explore the possibility of digging a tunnel through the hill between Gate No. 273 and 274. The team of forest and railway officials present in the meeting had detailed deliberation with Dr. Pandav at Deepor Beel. Based on the deliberations held during the meeting, we propose the following options in order to mitigate the negative impacts of rail traffic on elephant movements along Deepor Beel:

- I. We strongly recommend you to explore the possibility of a new alignment of railway track from Azara station near Pillar no. 163/4 to the level crossing near Assam Engineering college (behind Radison Blue Hotel) at Pillar no. 172/0. Possibility of a straight alignment between these two pillars along the northern boundary of Deepor Beel through *via duct* (only) should be explored. This will greatly reduce the distance between Azara to Kamakshya stations by 10 to 11 kilometer as well as avoid the present circuitous route that cuts through elephant movement paths along southern boundary of Deepor Beel.
- II. Alternatively, as proposed in our letter of even no. dated 28.08.2018, possibility of a tunnel under the hilly stretch between gate no. 273 and 274 should be explored.

We suggest you to carry out feasibility assessment of both these options quickly and convene a meeting to discuss further course of action.

ATTESTED

CPIO, Wild Life Institute of India, Dehradun

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. V. B. Mathur)
Director

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, State Secretariat, Dispur. Email: cs-assam@nic.in. For kind information please.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati 781037, Email: pccf.wl.assam@gmail.com

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