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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIOI/R/2019/50027**Applicant Name**

Chandrashekhar Pandey

Text of Application

The proposed road site from gairad to deepdiya was to be inspected by the team of scientist of WII as per the minutes of 43 rd meeting of NBWL in 2017. In this regard please provide following information 1. Please inform the date on which the letter of visit was received by you. 2. Please inform the name of the authority from which the letter was received and also provide the certified copy of it. 3. Please inform the date of visit by the team of WII scientist. 4. If the visit has not been conducted, mention the reasons of such a long delay. 5. If the visit has been conducted, has the report been prepared of the visit. 6. If yes, please provide a certified copy of the report. 7. Please mention the date of dispatch and the name of the authority to which the final report has been sent by you. 8. If not dispatched, please provide the reasons for the delay. 9. If the report has been submitted, please provide the certified copy of the forwarding letter. As all the above information is required in the public interest of the villagers, you are requested to provide the information at the earliest. Thanks the point-wise information received from concerned authority of the Institute are attached herewith in five pages in .pdf format.

Reply of Application

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	25/08/2019	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	26/08/2019	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Anju Baroth
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	16/09/2019	Anju Baroth-(CPIO)	

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Details on RTI Reg. No. WLIOI/R/2019/50027 dated 25/08/2019

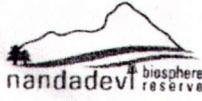
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1. Please inform the date on which the letter of visit was received by you
5 August, 2017
2. Please inform the name of the authority from which the letter was received and also provide the certified copy of it
A letter from CWLW, Uttarakhand is attached (Annexure I)
3. Please inform the date of the visit by the team of WII scientist
17-18 March, 2019
4. If the visit has not been conducted, mention the reasons of such a long delay
Visit was conducted
5. If the visit has been conducted, has the report been prepared of the visit
Yes
6. If Yes, please provide a certified copy of the report
Attached (Annexure II)
7. Please mention the date of dispatch and the name of the authority to which the final report has been sent by you
A recommendation letter from Director, WII has been sent to Dr. R. Gopinath, Joint Director (WL), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Wildlife Division, 6th Floor, Vayu Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj New Delhi 110 003 on 5 August, 2019 via mail as well as by post
8. If not dispatched, please provide the reasons for the delay
A recommendation letter has been sent as mentioned in response to Point 7
9. If the report has been submitted, please provide the certified copy of the forwarding letter
The recommendation letter is attached (Annexure III)



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**INFORMATION PROVIDED
UNDER RTI**

विषय:-

राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव बोर्ड की 43 वी बैठक दिनांक 27.06.2017 का कार्यवृत्त।

संदर्भ:-

वैज्ञानिक सी/उपनिदेशक(वन्यजीव) वन एवं पर्यावरण जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार व पत्रांक एफ० नं० 6-119/2017 डब्लु० एल० (43वी बैठक) दिनांक 26.07.2017

महोदय,

संदर्भ में अंकित पत्र की प्रतिलिपि आपको संलग्न कर इस आशय से प्रेषित की जा रही है कि मा मुख्यमंत्री घोषणा संख्या 885/2014 के अन्तर्गत अल्मोडा में गैराड से दिव्या तक मोटर (ल० 2.750 किमी०) का निर्माण हेतु 1.80 है० वन भूमि का हस्तान्तरण के सम्बन्ध में राष्ट्रीय वन्यजीव बोर्ड की 43 वी बैठक दिनांक 27.06.2017 के कार्यवृत्त के बिन्दु सं० 8 के अनुसार उक्त क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण कर अपनी रिपोर्ट से अवगत कराने का कष्ट करें।

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पत्रांक 361 / तददिनांकित।

प्रतिलिपि:- वैज्ञानिक सी/उपनिदेशक(वन्यजीव) वन एवं पर्यावरण जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार नई दिल्ली को उनके संदर्भित पत्र के क्रम में सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

प्रतिलिपि:- प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी सिविल सोयम वन प्रभाग, अल्मोडा को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

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मुख्य वन्यजीव प्रतिपालक,
उत्तराखण्ड

Report on the assessment of Gairad to Divya motor road**INFORMATION PROVIDED
UNDER RTI****Description of the site:**

The site is mainly dominated by Chir pine (*Pinus roxburghii*) forest and only few individuals of *Rhododendron arboreum* are present (Fig. 1). The map shows the proposed route of Gairad to Divya motor road (Fig. 2). Among shrubs, *Berberis asiatica*, *Rubus ellipticus*, *Desmodium elegans* and *Lantana camara*, and grasses *Arundinella setosa*, *Imperata cylindrica*, *Cymbopogon martinii*, *Chrysopogon montanus*, *Heteropogon contortus* are common. *Viola serpens* and *Eupatorium adenophorum* are found in patches in shady and moist places, while *Bergenia ciliata* is seen on rocky substrates and *Anaphalis busua*, *Bidens pilosa*, and *Cincus argyranthus* are scattered in the forest. The individuals of pine trees are mostly in middle girth class (50-130cm) and also the individuals <50 cm are seen in the forest. The forest can be considered as young Chir pine forest and the ground does not support good floral diversity.

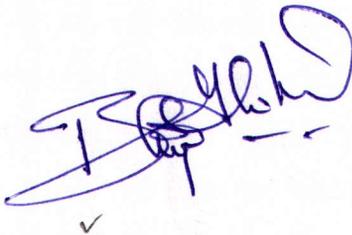
The site is located in the vicinity of Binsar WLS, occasionally wild animals such as Himalayan Goral (*Naemorhedus goral*), Barking deer (*Muntiacus muntjak*), Himalayan Black bear (*Ursus thibetanus laniger*), Himalayan yellow throated martin (*Martes flavigula*), Rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), Gray langur (*Semnopithecus entellus*), Giant flying squirrel (*Petaurista philippensis*) can be seen, as per the discussion with a group of local people (Fig. 3).

Impact on habitat:

Due to road construction, a number of trees will be cut which may trigger soil. During the road cutting, animals such as Jackal, Rhesus macaque and Gray langur may avoid the habitat or may not have any adverse effect. The bird diversity was noticed quite low as compared to Binsar WS, visited at the same time.

Conclusion:

The construction of motor road from Gairad to Divya in district Almora, may be permitted, which would help locals such as medical aid, education and transportation etc. and is also outside the PA (Binsar WS). However, the construction agency may try to minimize any adverse impacts on terrestrial fauna, flora and soil erosion, while constructing the motor road.

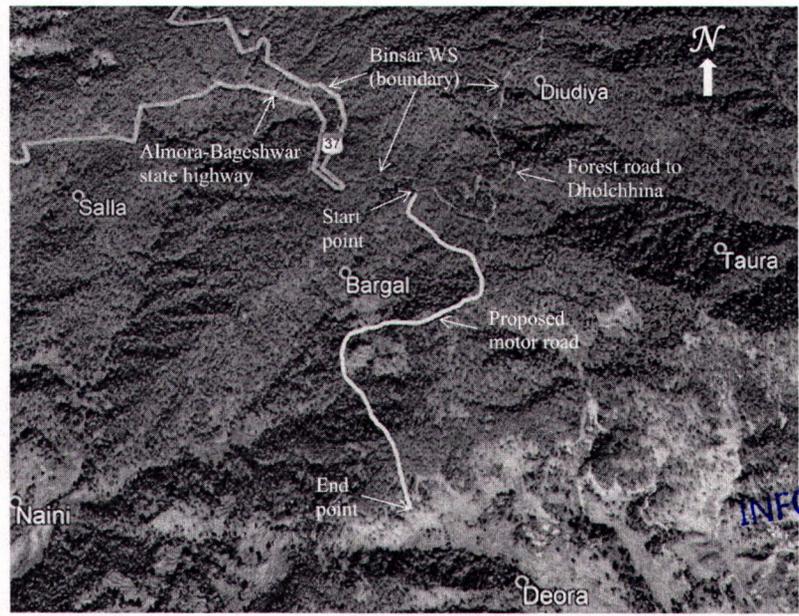


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Fig. 1. Site view of the proposed Gairad to Divya motor road



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Fig. 2. Map showing the proposed area of road construction from Gairad to Divya.



Fig. 3. Discussion on various issues with villagers and officials of Public Works department and State Forest Department

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No. WII/DWII/MISC/2019

5 August, 2019

To,
Dr. R. Gopinath
 Joint Director (WL)
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 Wildlife Division, 6th Floor, Vayu Wing
 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
 Jor Bag Road, Aliganj
 New Delhi 110003

Subject: Grievance of Ms. Priya regarding site visit by Wildlife Institute of India as per the minutes of 43rd Standing Committee of NBWL - reg.

Ref: F. No. 8-23/2019-WL dated 19 July, 2019

**INFORMATION PROVIDED
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Sir,

This is with reference to the proposal of the construction of motor road from Gairad to Divya in Almora district for the better connectivity of villagers for their important needs. A motor road has been proposed through the forest, which is predominated by chir pine (*Pinus roxburghii*). Being in the vicinity of Binsar WS, occasionally wild animals such as Himalayan Goral, Barking deer, Asiatic Black bear, Himalayan yellow throated marten, Rhesus macaque, Gray langur, Giant flying squirrel and common plants e.g. *Berberis*, *Rubus*, *Arundinella*, *Imperata*, *Cymbopogon*, *Viola* and *Bergenia* etc. can be seen in this area. Construction of motor road in the proposed area may not have significant negative impact on the flora and fauna of the region.

Therefore, we recommend the construction of motor road from Gairad to Divya in district Almora as it is outside the PA (Binsar WLS) and would benefit the local communities. However, the user agencies should minimize soil erosion and ancillary effects on the surrounding habitat during the construction of the motor road.

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(Dr. V.B. Mathur)
 Director