

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIOI/R/E/20/00001

Applicant Name gaurav bansal

Text of Application Sir, Applicant has learnt that on the directive of National Board for Wildlife, a committee was constituted by National Tiger Conservation Authority with respect to construction of road at Laldhang Chillarkhal Road, Utarakhand. Applicant has learnt that Wildlife Institute of India was also a part of the said committee. In view of the above mentioned facts and circumstances, applicant request your goodself to kindly provide the following information under section 06 of the Right to Information Act: 1. Whether WII has given any recommendation with respect to issue regarding construction of road in Laldhang Chillarkhal Road. 2. If yes, please provide the certified copy of the recommendations provided by Wildlife Institute of India with respect to issue regarding construction of road in Laldhang Chillarkhal Road. Note: In order to save Public Exchequer, applicant requests you to please provide the soft copy of the Reply on the applicants email id which is advocategauravkumarbansal@gmail.com. Further, the applicant also requests your goodself to kindly use the window available on the RTIONLINE for additional payment, in case it is required.

Reply of Application The requested information available with WII is attached as .pdf file.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	07/01/2020	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	08/01/2020	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Anju Baroth
3	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	29/01/2020	Anju Baroth-(CPIO)	

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Response to the RTI request by Shri Gaurav Bansal, New Delhi (Online RTI No: WLIOL/R/E/20/00001 dated 07.01.2020)

Recommendations made by WII to NTCA for black topping of Laldhang Chillarkhal Road

1. No action is required for the first stretch of the road (from Laldhang check post to Chamaria bend) which has already been black topped by PWD.
2. *Status quo* should be maintained for the second stretch of the road in between Chamaria bend and Sigaddi Sot. Black topping should be avoided for this portion considering the high wildlife usage of the area. However, Forest Department may maintain this portion regularly by using murrum so as to allow passage of vehicles.
3. The last stretch of the road after Sigaddi Sot can be black topped (3.0 m) by Forest Department/PWD. However, since this portion is passing through forested area, therefore speed breakers need to be constructed at an interval of every 250-300 meter.
4. No traffic should be allowed on this road in between sunset and sunrise as vehicular traffic at night (when animal movements are high) might cause collisions and wildlife mortality.
5. Forest Department should take all other statutory clearances (FC) before commencement of any further construction work.
6. Dimensions of the culverts constructed at Chamaria, Maili and Sigaddi Sots are sufficient to permit animal passage (even for elephants) underneath. However, river debris need to be cleared at regular intervals from below the culverts so as to permit unhindered animal movement.
7. No construction work should be permitted within forest at night. Labor camps should be established at least 1 km away from forest. Local Forest Range Officer should monitor that no labor gets involved in extraction of forest products.
8. The materials for road work (including the top soil) should be procured from outside the forest area. The user agency should not use any fire hazardous materials, heavy machinery, polythene bags etc. during the road work.
9. Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand state should constitute a Monitoring Committee comprising of the members from NTCA, Uttarakhand Forest Department and user agency to oversee the compliance of the conditions recommended herein and submit a report after completion of the construction work.
10. Uttarakhand Forest Department should also explore the possibility of a new alignment of this road along the edge of the forest after Chamaria bend. This alignment involves passing of the road for about 1.5 km along the boundary of Rajaji TR connecting the human habitations and agricultural patches after which it enters the forest and gets connected with the existing road beyond Chamaria sot. This will also act as a barrier for the wildlife to enter inside the village for crop damage. The proposed stretch could also have appropriate green passageways for wildlife along Chamaria sot.

ATTESTED

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