

**ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIOI/R/E/22/00005****Applicant Name**

Raka Sinha Bal

**Text of Application**

1) On what scientific basis does Wildlife Institute of India feel that the heavily mined areas of Banshi Paharpur in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan has suffered ecological loss and the severity of the damage does not appear to be restorable by any regular forestry activities? 2) How many acres of the forest land has been degraded? 3) How many acres is going to be mined to remove the red sand stones. Are both areas the same size? 4) What will be the impact of the sandstone mining on the Band Baretha Wild life sanctuary? 5) What all flora and fauna will be affected due to such mining? 6) In March 2021, the Rajasthan State Government had requested for the Banshi Paharpur Forest area to be denotified as a Wildlife Sanctuary. Why has the same not been done? 7) On what basis has the expert forest panel of the Central governments Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given the go- ahead for diverting protected forest area for mining in Band Baretha sanctuary and Banshi Paharpur? How Many acres is going to be diverted for the sandstone mining.

**Reply of Application**

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	17/02/2022	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	18/02/2022	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Monali Sen
3	REQUEST REJECTED	02/03/2022	Monali Sen- (CPIO)	RTI Application rejected as no information has been sought, only questions asked

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

To,

Ms. Raka Sinha Bal  
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New Delhi, Pin:110024  
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Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005—reg.

Ref.: Your Online RTI No. WLIOI/R/E/22/00005 dated 17/02/2022

Madam,

Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, point-wise response to your queries is given below:

Information Sought under RTI	Reply
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On what scientific basis does Wildlife Institute of India feel that the heavily mined areas of Banshi Paharpur in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan has suffered ecological loss and the severity of the damage does not appear to be restorable by any regular forestry activities?</li> <li>How many acres of the forest land has been degraded?</li> <li>How many acres is going to be mined to remove the red sand stones. Are both areas the same size?</li> <li>What will be the impact of the sandstone mining on the Band Baretha Wild life sanctuary?</li> <li>What all flora and fauna will be affected due to such mining?</li> <li>In March 2021, the Rajasthan State Government had requested for the Banshi Paharpur Forest area to be denotified as a Wildlife Sanctuary. Why has the same not been done?</li> <li>On what basis has the expert forest panel of the Central Governments Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given the go- ahead for diverting protected forest area for mining in Band Baretha sanctuary and Banshi Paharpur? How Many acres is going to be diverted for the sandstone mining.</li> </ol>	<p>RTI Application rejected as no information has been sought, only questions asked.</p>

If you are not satisfied with the aforesaid reply, you may appeal to the Dr. Dhananjai Mohan, Director & Appellate Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, Post Box 18, Chandrabani, Dehradun – 248 001, Ph. 0135-2640910.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Monali Sen, IFS)  
N.O. & CPIO (RTI)

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