## APPLICATION TO GET DOCUMENTS UNDER SECTION 6 OF RTI ACT 2005

APPLICATION NO:- 14/2022

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To

The Central Public Information Officer
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- (3). Subject of information :- Various reports
- (4) Time Period :- 3/11/2021 to 26/11/2022
- (5) information/documents sought for:-
  - (a) a copy of revised mitigation report submitted to you by group general manager Dr. Tembhurney (MRIDC) to PCCF (Wild) as per TOI Nagpur news(attached a copy of same) (b) a copy of your survey done in Eastern Vidarbha Landscape comprising of six districts. as per TOI Nagpur news(attached a copy of same)
- (6) Information required by post
- (7) Purpose to seek information:- FOR PERSONAL USE AS MY FARM IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF UMRED-KARANDLA FOREST. My farm is in core area. My lake is also being acquired by MRIDC for their broadguage conversion, wild life free movents will be affected.\*

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## Maharail to erect 7 structures for wildlife safety in tiger corridor

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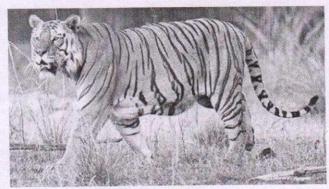


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> Project cost was ₹1,400cr,

between state and the Centre

> Converted broad gauge to boost freight and passenger

> Help decongest Nagpur,

Kalamna, Itwari, Ajni, and

> Speedy coal rake

movement from captive

Wardha railway yards

now escalated to ₹1,700cr

> Project is on a 50:50

cost-sharing basis

train operations

NAGPUR: Finally, in a victory of sorts for tigers, the Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (MRIDC) has submitted a wildlife mitigation structure plan to be implemented in Umred-Karhandla-Bramhapuri-Tadoba corridor while taking up the upgradation of tracks.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE NAGPUR ▶ Itwari ▶ Bhandewadi ▶ Kuhi ▶ Umred ▶ Bhiuwapur ▶ Mangli ▶ NAGBHID

mines of Mahagenco and WCL

> Koradi, Khaperkheda, NTPC

(Mouda), and Adani (Tiroda)

thermal power plants to be big

> 106km narrow gauge closed for traffic from November 24,

2019, after remaining in service

> Work was to be completed in

20 months but even after 3 yrs,

only 45% work completed

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Since 2020, work on the linear project in the tiger corridor stretches has been stalled for want of mitigation structures. HOT DEALS

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The issue of mitigation has come on track now with MRIDC, a joint venture of the state government and ministry of railways, submitting the final plan to the PCCF (wildlife). The structures will be situated between Mangli-Tempa, Bhiwapur-Karegaon, Kotgaon-Nagbhid, and Karegaon-Thana

Talking to TOI, MRIDC group general manager (GGM) DR Tembhurney said, "We have recently submitted the final plan to the PCCF (wildlife) office. It is as per the recommendation of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun."

Tembhurney said there will be seven structures in three corridor segments between Umred and Nagbhid in 3.550km stretch. Each structure will be between 300-900 metres.

"The estimated cost of the project was Rs1,400 crore, but now it may escalate to Rs1,700 crore. We will be spending over Rs100 crore on wildlife mitigation structures. Till now, 45% of work on the project has been completed," said Tembhurnev.

"Apart from the seven mitigation structures, there will be at least 12 existing bridges which will be an integral part of these wildlife mitigation measures and can be used by wild animals," he said.

PCCF (wildlife) Maheep Gupta confirmed that the MRIDC has submitted the mitigation plan. "We will scrutinize it and get it examined from Nagpur and Chandrapur forest circles. The structures are in three corridor patches as suggested by the WII. The proposal will be put before the next state

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schooling/the-future-of-gamific learning and how it will reversition to measures. While preparing the detailed project report (DPR) for the Rs1,400-crore project, no provision was

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> However, after the TOI report, the issue was raised by then environment minister Aaditya Thackeray in the 17th SBWL meeting and it was decided that the work on the project would go ahead only after mitigation measures are announced

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# WILD ANIMALS FACE 'HIGH RISK' OF **ELECTROCUTION IN 1.3K VILLAGES**

WII Survey Finds 37,000km Forest-Agri Land Boundary In Eastern Vid

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Nagpur: The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, has identified 8,538 villages in Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL), comprising six districts, where electrocution poses risk to tigers.

On Tuesday, the WII released a detailed report identify ing 121 villages in 'very high risk zone', 1,184 in 'high risk zone', and 2,404 in 'medium risk zone'. Over 4,829 villages have been identified in 'low' and 'very low' risk category.

"The objective of the report is to identify potential villages for effective mitigation, and raise awareness about the issue. Illegal electric fencing by farmers to protect their crops is widespread, and will have devastating effect on long-term conservation of tigers in India. Based on this report, we will prepare a road map now," said PCCF (wildlife) AK Misra

The EVL encompasses an area of about 50,000 sq km covering Bhandara, Chandra-Gondia. pur, Gadchiroli, Nagpur and Wardha dis-

THE ELECTROCUTION EQUATION » Higher the value of habitat

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> Higher the proportion of forested area in a village, higher the chances of people using electrified fences to protect crops, and higher the chances of animal being

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tions," the WII report states

As reported by TOI, during the last one year, since November 3, 2016, at least 7tlgers have died due to electrocution in EVL landscape.

The state constituted a 4member working group with WII as one of the mem bers. WII was told to publish a detailed report on vulnerable villages for joint monitoring purpose by MSEDCL and the forest department.

policies against crop damage/raiding

» Advanced sensitive circuit breakers should be compulsorily used

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

> Regular checking for

> Reward system may be

introduced for giving info

> Launching mass aware-

> Prosecution as per law

> Developing and pro-

moting crop insurance

ness programmes

» Separate power lines for

agriculture and homes

The 106-page report was released on Tuesday, identifying these villages.

MSEDCL regional direc

tor Bhalchandra Khandait said even before waiting for the report, action has started against erring farmers in the last five days.

I agree that the number of villages is huge but we will try to do our best. First focus is on the most vulnerable villages nears PAs. We are affix-

ing posters for awareness at some places, and also seizing electric wires. Farmers have been warned that if they are electrifying fences next time, power supply will be snapped," Khandait said.

WII tiger scientist Bilal Habib says, "Electrocution will affect gene pool if not stopped. Mostly, our PAs are dominated by old males and young ones tend to move out in search of territories. If they get killed, we will remain with old tigers, which will lead to age skew," said Habib.

Bilal said such mortalities result from criss-crossing linear infrastructure in fo rested areas, like roads, rail-ways and power lines. Risk to wildlife from power lines takes on a different proportion when farmers, desperate to protect their crops from be-ing raided by wild animals, illegally electrify the fences around their fields.

To identify the vulnerab le villages, Wil obtained land use satellite imagery data from National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), and data for village boundaries from the Survey of India.

### gers, and forms the connecting link between the central and southern Indian tiger popula-ISEDCL, forest dept start jt patrolling

## **Concor offers** new facility for refrigerated containers

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Nagpur: The Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) has started a plugin facility at its inland container depot (ICD) at Ajni. With this, both importers and exporters can maintain temperature of containers carrying perishable items while their goods remain at the ICD to complete formalities.

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ed farm fencing in Chandra-Sazhar Ali TNN pur district.

Forest secretary Vikas Kharge held a meeting with regional director Bhaichandra MSEDCL Khandait, after death of a ti-

### TIGER DEATHS

ger due to electrocution at Aambadi in Chimur range. Khandait recently visited Chandrapur and issued sixpoint directives to officers to curb incidents of wildlife deaths due to electrocution.

Complying with Khandait's directives, a team of MSEDCL joined the patrol-

partment during the day as well as night exercise. Subdivision engineer rank officers in Mul. Chandrapur, Chimur, Rajura, Pombhur-na, Bramhapuri, Wrora and Gadchiroli are taking part in the patrolling.

These officers have taken up a separate inspection drive to check farm fences in the fringe forest area.

Sub-divisional offices of MSEDCL here have also take ken up the task of drawing a single line diagram of the low and high tension power supply lines passing through the forest area. These di-

mapping of the supply lines will be provided to local forest officers for patrolling and vigilance

Every sub-division has also been directed to take action against using agriculture connection or hooking the supply line to electrify farm fences under Electricity Act. 2003, immediately repair any broken supply wire in the ferest area and stop supply through such lines. MSEDCL officials have been told to spread awareness among the farmers about taking up solar fencing to prevent cropdamage.

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