

No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2022-23 (Qtr-IV)/93

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

To,

Baby Viyana Berwal  
Matruchaya, B- 901, Pinecrest,  
Godrej Garden City, Jagatpur,  
AHMEDABAD, Pin:382474

Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005-reg.

Ref.: Your RTI no. WLIOI/R/T/23/00001 dated: 23.02.2023.

Dear Madam,

Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, the required information under RTI has been received from concerned person/department and is being furnished below:

Information Sought	Reply of WII
<p>IRULA SNAKE CATCHERS INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVE SOCIETY (ISCICS:Snakebite in India, and discovered that thousands of lives were lost because of the inadequate production and distribution of antivenom serum. Irula snake catchers in the Chinglepet area were mobilized to form a Snake-Catchers Cooperative where, under licenses from the Wildlife Department, they supply snakes, extract and freeze-dry venom, and sell this to antivenom producing laboratories such as Haffkine Institute. The snakes are released back into the wild after three extractions. This is a pioneer project in the area of sustainable resource use, and funding and awards enabled expansion and development. It continues to function till today, within the campus of the Crocodile Bank.</p> <p>Commercial use of biological resources, never paid to BMC, as per the Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014. The Brand Ambassador of Scouts and Guides for Animals and Birds with OIPA: Indian People for Animals, wants to supply complete details, list and recognition - affiliation, a community of snake catchers, is exempted or legal under frame, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AWBI, WCCB, CZA communications, as stated above.</li> <li>2. Snake catches with their species.</li> <li>3. Snake venom recovery with mechanisms of costing.</li> <li>4. Guidelines and circulars, issued.</li> <li>5. Offences lodged on the snake catchers, with present status.</li> <li>6. Activities of Padam Shri awardee 2023, Shri Vadivel Gopal and Masi Sadaiyan from, along with complete details of their activities and list of these people recommenders.</li> </ol>	<p>No information regarding the above RTI is available with the Wildlife Institute of India. CZA may be contacted for the same. (Attached Annexure-1)</p>

In case, you are not satisfied with the aforesaid reply, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority as per details given below within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Dean, FWS  
First Appellate Authority & Dean  
Address: Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun  
Phone No.: 01352646202

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully



[Dr. Manoj Kumar Agarwal]  
CPIO

(क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :

निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :

Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):

subject matter pertains to the WCCB

Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ):

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Right to Information Act, 2005

Apl. No. 93 Qtr. 4 Year 2022-2023  
Fee NIL Inward Date 23-02-2023

Submitted for your kind info and n/a please.

Dean, WIS

CPIO 23/2/2023

Dr. Abhijit Singh  
24/2/2023

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13/3/2023

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