



भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2023-24/QTR-1/33

Date: 24.07.2023

To,

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

Ref.: Your RTI no. WLIOI/R/E/23/00037 dated: 27.06.2023.

Sir,

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


| Information Sought | Reply of WII |
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| Please provide a copy of the terms of reference for on-going WII study on impact and mitigation for the railway double-tracking project through Mollem in Goa | Information sought by you is attached as Annexure-1. |

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.

Registrar
First Appellate Authority & Registrar
Address: Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun
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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully


[Baljeet Kaur]
CPIO

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Proposed scope of the work and Terms of Reference by RVNL:

Existing gaps were noted in the reports of the Indian Institute of Science, Wildlife Institute of India and other available information provided by the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). These gaps in information precluded for undertaking a comprehensive analysis of likely impact due to doubling of railway track on overall biodiversity (floral and faunal) resources and ecosystem in Protected and non-Protected areas'. Therefore, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directed for undertaking a fresh

- A. Cumulative Impact Analysis of the entire stretch between Castlerock and Kulem,
- B. Incorporate and predict likely impact and threats due to various activities of laying new track such as increased level of noise and vibration, movement of vehicle, the impact of tunneling on soil erosion, muck disposal, and as a barrier for the movement of the animal, etc. and
- C. Doubling of railway track is passing through important tiger corridor of two critical stepping stone wildlife habitat of Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve, Karnataka and Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa for connecting three states of Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra. . Hence, it requires a detailed study on impact and loss of wildlife habitat and extent of connecting through these three states.

Accordingly, RVNL has communicated the scope of the work and Terms of Reference vide their letter no. letter no. RVNL/SBC/HPT-VSG/2021 dated 01.06.22.

They have emphasized undertaking

- (i) cumulative impact assessment due to all the possible activities for laying a new railway track on wildlife resources and ecosystem,
- (ii) prepare a Biodiversity Impact Action Plan of both the Protected Areas and
- (iii) prepare "Environmental Management and Monitoring plan" for all phases of construction and operation to minimize any possible impact and proper compliance of suggested mitigation measures are in place.

INFORMATION PROVIDED
UNDER RTI

ATTESTED

CPIO, Wild Life Institute of India, Dehradun