



उत्तराखण्ड राज्य

कार्यालय प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी, लैन्सडौन वन प्रभाग, कोटद्वारा।

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सेवा में,

अधिशासी अभियन्ता,  
निर्माण खण्ड, लो0नि0वि0,  
दुगडडा।

**विषय:-** जनपद पौड़ी गढवाल में घराट-मुण्डला मोटर मार्ग (10.00 कि0मी0) निर्माण हेतु नये स्तर से समरेखण कार्य किये जाने के सम्बन्ध में।

**सन्दर्भ:-** इस कार्यालय का पत्रांक 3979/12-1 दिनांक 07.05.2021 तथा भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, उत्तराखण्ड देहरादून की पत्र संख्या WIL/Dean/3/22/2014 दिनांक 21.02.2018.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक मोटर मार्ग निर्माण हेतु भारतीय वन्य जीव संस्थान उत्तराखण्ड, देहरादून का संदर्भित पत्र का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें, जिसमें घराट मुण्डला मोटर मार्ग के विस्तृत सर्वेक्षण के उपरान्त सुझाव दिया गया है कि " Considering the ecological significance of this area in terms of biological connectivity and corridor of wildlife movement, we strongly discourage development of any road network in the above area..... we suggest the Uttarakhand Government to seek further opinion from the National Tiger Conservation Authority before proceeding on the matter."

उक्त के आलोक में आपसे घाट मुण्डला मोटर मार्ग (10.00 कि0मी0) का निर्माण कार्य किये जाने के लिए नये संरेखण में प्रस्ताव निर्मित किये जाने हेतु लिखा गया था। पुनः आपको अवगत कराया जाना है, कि भारतीय वन्य जीव संस्थान उत्तराखण्ड, देहरादून द्वारा आपके स्तर से प्रस्तुत प्रस्ताव पर की गई टिप्पणी के अनुसार विषयगत मार्ग के निर्माण हेतु आवश्यक कार्यवाही शीघ्र सम्पादित कर प्रस्ताव अग्रिम कार्यवाही हेतु इस कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न:- उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय,

(नवीन चन्द्र पन्त)

प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी,  
लैन्सडौन वन प्रभाग, कोटद्वार।

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018

To

Shri S.S. Tolia  
 Joint Secretary  
 Government of Uttarakhand  
 Dehradun

Sub: Wildlife use of proposed Gharat-Mundla Forest road - reg  
 Ref: Your letter no. 765/III(2)/18-01/2018 dated 20.02.2018

Sir,

The forests of Kotdwar and Laidhang Ranges, also known as Rajaji-Corbett corridor serves the last stretch of biological corridor between Rajaji and Corbett Tiger Reserves (TRs). This natural connectivity has ensured long term survival and viability of tiger and elephant populations in the Shivalik landscape of Uttarakhand. Tiger population in this landscape has further shown gradual recovery following relocation of Gujjar camps from Chilla Range in 2003. Maintaining the integrity of this vital connectivity is absolutely critical for the survival of tigers and other wildlife in this landscape.

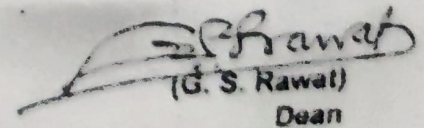
Between 2013 and 2016, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) carried out extensive surveys of forests and wildlife in the above area including the Gharat – Mundla forests. Results of our study indicate the presence of both dispersing tigers as well as resident tigers in this area. Analysis of tiger images captured through camera traps have also revealed the use of this area by tigers dispersing from Kotdi and Dugadda Ranges of Lansdowne Forest Division as well as from Sonanadi Range of Corbett TRs to Rajaji TR. The study also confirms the frequent use of proposed Gharat-Mundla forest road by tigers. One of the tiger cubs camera trapped on the existing forest trail leading to Mundla from Gharat in 2013 has subsequently been photographed in Gohri Range of Rajaji TR in 2014. Over these years we have recorded presence of five individual tigers on this specific trail.

Tiger and elephant being long ranging animals need forest connectivity to move between areas. Any break in these connectivities will adversely affect their movement pattern thereby escalating human-wildlife conflict in the region. Considering the ecological significance of this area in terms of biological connectivity and corridor for wildlife movement, we strongly discourage development of any road network in the above area.

Laidhang and Kotdwar ranges of Lansdowne Forest Division have been notified as parts of Rajaji TR in 2015. Since the proposed road falls within the limits of Rajaji TR, we suggest the Uttarakhand Government to seek further opinion from the National Tiger Conservation Authority before proceeding on the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
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