



Chief Information Commissioner,

West Bengal

11 A, Mirza Ghalib Street,

Khadya Bhawan,

Kolkata-700087

Subject: Request for obtaining information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Relevant facts : I, Mukut Biswas, son of Amalendu Biswas, resident of 5 A.P.C Avenue Dumdum East Sinthee Kolkata-700030, Contact Number: 9874019450, being the Managing Trustee of Prameya Foundation-an organization aiming to foster environmental sustainability through community empowerment, have gathered this information that a concrete road has been constructed from Manebhanjan to Gairibas (within the district of Darjeeling) for developmental reasons which was earlier a gravel road and further that a tender has been floated. Considering the fact that said road falls under Singalila National Park-a biodiversity hotspot for Himalayan flora and fauna I wish to seek information as under :

1. What are the Environmental clearances/Environment Impact Assessment Report obtained from the Central Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and from the Pollution Control Board, with regards to the said road from Manebhanjan to Gairibas? Kindly provide the details and copies of such Environmental clearances/ Environment Impact Assessment Report, if any.

What are the protective measures taken with regards to the said road pertaining to Wildlife protection and protection of overall environment in the area? Kindly provide the details of such measures taken.

3. Please provide the information as to what are the guidelines prescribing restrictions if any on the number of vehicles entering the National Park via the said road. Kindly provide a copy of such guidelines and/or restrictions.
4. If any tender has been floated and/or schemes sanctioned with regards to the proposed concrete road from Gairibas to Sandakphu, kindly provide me with the details of such tender floated and/or scheme sanctioned for the same.

I state that the information sought does not fall within restrictions contained in Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

A fee of Rs. 10/- in the form of Court-fee is being affixed herein. I further declare that I am willing to pay the requisite cost for obtaining copies of the documents sought.

Requesting you, if the information(s) sought pertains to another department under section 6(4) of the RTI Act, 05 and send an intimation to me. Please send the information(s) within the time specified under section 7(1) of the said Act. If you, at any circumstances, reject this RTI application then do send the mandatory information U/s 7(8)(i),7(8)(ii),7(8)(iii) of the said Act.

Mukund Joshiwala

Signature of the Applicant.

Dated: 30.6.18

Place: *Kolkata*



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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL,
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No.: 1891

Dated: 10/10/18

To,

Mukut Biswas,
5 A.P.C. Avenue,
Dum dum, East Sinthee,
Kolkata-700030.

Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Ref: 1) Memo No. 21/ACE/PLG/PW(R) dated 06.08.2018 of Assistant Chief Engineer (Planning) & SPIO, P.W. (Roads) Directorate.
2) Memo No. 1541/WE dated 05.10.2018 of Superintending Engineer, PWD, North Bengal Construction Circle-II, Jalpaiguri.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your RTI application dated 30.06.18, received by The State Public Information Officer (SPIO)/Officer under the RTI Act, seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 on 02.07.18 the following is stated as under:

1) Regarding your RTI query, as far as the work "Improvement of road surface with cement concrete including other allied works in between 22.00 kmp to 32.00 kmp of Maneybhanjang – Sandakphu – Phallut road, under Darjeeling Division, PWD., during 2016-17" was undertaken by the division and the work order given on 07.12.2016 and the work being completed, no widening, no tree cutting, no breaking of fresh forest land was carried out in the above mentioned work, so no such clearances/environment impact Assessment Reports were obtained.

- 2) All possible protective measures had been taken.
- 3) It does not pertain to this department.
- 4) The applicant is requested to inspect the related paper as sort for in his application at the division office.

Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Darjeeling Division

No.:

Dated:

1. The Superintending Engineer, PWD, N.B.C.C.-II, Jalpaiguri (this has a reference to his memo no 1541/WE dated 05.10.2018).
2. The Assistant Chief Engineer, Planning, P.W.(Roads) Directorate and SPIO, P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Bhabani Bhawan, New Building, 6th Floor, 31/1, Belvedere Road, Alipore, Kolkata-700027.

S. P. Haldar
Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
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