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Date: 30 November, 2022

To,

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

Ref.: Your Online RTI No. WLIOI/R/E/22/00050 dated 08/11/2022

Sir,

Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, the information sought by you has been collected from concerned authority of the Institute (Annexure-I).

If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(M.M. Uniyal)  
N.O. & CPIO

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Annexure-I



अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह समन्वित विकास निगम लिमिटेड  
(सरकारी उपक्रम)

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS  
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD  
(A Government undertaking)

CIN:UN74999AN1988SGC000028, GSTIN: 35AACCA4070B1ZB

F. No. 1-1552/ANIIDCO/Projects/2020-21/1275

Dated: 9th April, 2021

To

✓ Dr. Dhananjai Mohan,  
Director  
Wildlife Institute of India  
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Uttarakhand

INFORMATION PROVIDED  
UNDER RTI

Sub: **Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island - reg.**

Sir,

NITI Aayog has prepared a Vision Document for Holistic development of Great Nicobar Island including setting up of Transshipment Port, Airport and a Township. The project is of strategic importance and also significant from the point of view of National Security.

NITI Aayog has appointed M/s AECOM India Pvt. Ltd. as Technical Consultant for EIA study and preparation of Master Plan for Environmental, CRZ and Forest Clearance. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO), the public sector undertaking of A&N Administration has been appointed as the project proponent for obtaining various environmental clearances.

ANIIDCO on behalf of A&N Administration has accordingly submitted application for approval of Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EIA study. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF&CC in its meeting held on 06.04.2021 considered the ToR application and a presentation was made to the EAC by Technical Consultant, M/s AECOM. It was submitted to the EAC that Galathea Bay has been found to be the most suitable location from Technical, Financial and Environmental point of view and due consideration for mitigation strategies shall be taken to avoid any impact on the leatherback turtles, during the EIA study. However the EAC was of the opinion that an independent agency may be engaged for working out the environmental sensitivity of the project and suggest most suitable location for the Port.

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Additional Secretary (UT), MHA on 08.04.2021 took a meeting to discuss the issues related to development of Great Nicobar Island and it was decided that Wildlife Institute of India (WII) may be engaged for carrying out the study for working out the environmental sensitivity of the project and suggest most suitable location for the Port. As per the timelines approved by MHA, the EIA study report is to be submitted to MoEF&CC by 31.05.2021 for Environmental Clearances.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly agree to undertake the above study. It is also requested that a team of Officers may please be deputed for site inspection of western side of Galathea Bay and alternate sites for setting up of Transshipment Port in Great Nicobar Island for the study on Environmental Sensitivity of the project and suggest most suitable location for the Port. We will let you know the further details regarding the terms of the study after issue of Minutes of the meeting by MoEF&CC.

You are also requested to let us know the cost and terms & conditions for undertaking the study. We shall await for your kind response with regard to above.

Regards,

Yours faithfully



09.4.2021

(Kulanand Joshi, IAS)  
Managing Director

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