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RTI Matter

No. A-49012/8/2020/RTI/231

Government of India

Central Water Commission

RTI Cell

4th Floor (S), CWC

Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram

New Delhi-110066

Date: 6.10.2020

Sub :- RTI Application Under RTI Act 2005 of Shri Vibhor Maheshwari (Advocate), 1st floor, Chamber No.83, Opposite Bar Library, Civil Court Compound, District Court, Dehradun Uttarakhand – 248001.

A copy of above RTI application Regd. No. Nil dated 16.9.2020 (received on 5.10.2020) is transferred to you for taking necessary action under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

You are requested to kindly furnish the desired information directly to the applicant within the stipulated period under the RTI Act, 2005. In case the information asked for by the applicant also pertains to some other CPIO(s) or to some other Ministry (ies)/ Department(s), the same may also be transferred to him/them under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.



(Rajesh Sharma)

Under Secretary & Nodal Officer

Tel: 011-2958 3317

Encl:-As above.

To

1. Director (RMCD) & CPIO, CWC, 2nd Floor, Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Director (WP&PC) & CPIO, 3th Floor, CWC, Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Director (D&R-C) & CPIO, CWC, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to,

Shri Vibhor Maheshwari (Advocate), 1st floor, Chamber No.83, Opposite Bar Library, Civil Court Compound, District Court, Dehradun Uttarakhand – 248001.

Date: 16/09/20

To,

The Public Information Officer,

Central Water Commission

3rd Floor (South), Sewa Bhawan,

R.K. Puram, Sector-1,

New Delhi - 110066

Subject: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Dear Sir,

With respect to the river Ganga, you are requested to kindly furnish the following information:

1. Is the river Ganga specifically defined and identified? Please provide details of the same as per relevant enactment/legislation/regulation/notification/etc.
2. Survey maps, digital data and aerial photographs of the river for each year from the year 2005 to 2020 from Devprayag, Uttarakhand via Chandighat to Shri Shyam Baikunth Dham-close to the resort 'Amatra by the Ganges' (or the place closest to the same as per records), Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
3. Complete Data with respect to the volume, width, depth, course and other mandated parameters of the river for each year from 2005 to 2020 from Devprayag, Uttarakhand via Chandighat to Shri Shyam Baikunth Dham-close to the resort 'Amatra by the Ganges' (or the place closest to the same as per records), Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
4. Information with respect to change in the course of the river and river-bank erosion caused by the river across various States, including for the State of Uttarakhand, and specifically for the region from Devprayag, Uttarakhand via Chandighat to Shri Shyam Baikunth Dham-close to the resort 'Amatra by the Ganges' (or the place closest to the same as per records), Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
5. Information with respect to changes and alterations caused in the various parameters and measurements of the river due to natural as well as human activities including building of ghats, dams, river-bank embankments, dredging, river mining, etc., and their impact on the river across various States including that of Uttarakhand.



Details of of all requisite compliances, regulatory norms, permissions to be sought, benefits and permissible reasons for activities of:

- a. Dredging.
- b. Ghats construction.

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- c. River mining.
 - d. Construction of dams.
 - e. Building embankments to prevent erosion as well as change of course by the rivers.
 - f. All such measures taken and applicable for preventing change of course by the river and river-bank erosion caused by the rivers.
7. Information and complete details of all the measures adopted to prevent and combat the issue of river-bank erosion, including the compensation mechanism and quantum available to the aggrieved land owners across various States, including that of Uttarakhand.
 8. Information and complete details of all the measures adopted to prevent and combat the issue of flooding, including the compensation mechanism and quantum available to the aggrieved land owners.
 9. What were the measures taken for land rehabilitation eroded by and the land threatened to be eroded by the river during the 2013 floods across all the affected States, including that of Uttarakhand?
 10. What were the measures taken for compensation to land owners whose land was washed away by the river during the 2013 floods across the various affected States, including that of Uttarakhand?
 11. Which departments are involved in dealing with and combating the issue of river-bank erosion as well as floods, including rehabilitation and compensation to the affected people?
 12. What is the legally mandated ecological flow of the river? Kindly share information if the ecological flow of the river has been defined under any law/ public regulation/ statutes for the purpose of policy making. Please provide the requested information with respect to all States including that of Uttarakhand.
 13. What are the limits of the river? Please provide notifications/circulars/orders with respect to the same for all such identification points. Please provide the requested information with respect to all States including that of Uttarakhand.
 14. What are the government orders/ directives/ court decisions on the river changing its course over a period of time, the entailing impact of the same and action that is to be taken to deal with the same?
 15. What are the basis for construction of Ghats on the river? Please provide complete details with respect to the studies carried out, reports compiled and government/court orders/circulars/notifications issued with respect to and for the construction of all the Ghats on the river.
 16. What are the recognized benefits and effects of construction of Ghats that include aversion of bank/land erosion by the river?
 17. What are the recognized benefits, basis for and effects of dredging that include aversion of bank/land erosion by the river? Please provide complete details with respect to the studies
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carried out, reports compiled and government/court orders/circulars/notifications issued with respect to dredging on the river.

18. What are the remedies, if due to the changed flow of the river, Fauna/ Fish in the river ecosystem starts decreasing?
19. What are the parameters on the basis of which the river entering a private land of an individual can be regarded as disaster under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and/or of similar identification under any other applicable law?
20. Please provide details of all the permissions required to be sought for commercial ventures next to the river Ganga for all States, including that of Uttarakhand.
21. Complete information up to the present date on the fund allocation and the work undertaken by the Ganga Flood Control Commission in combating the issue of:
 - a. Flooding.
 - b. River-bank erosion and washing away of land generally by the river.
 - c. With respect to point a and b, measures taken by the Ganga Flood Control Commission for river-bank land resurrection and rehabilitation damaged and eroded by the river.
 - d. With respect to the aforementioned points 19 (a,b and c), the compensatory mechanism available and the compensatory grants provided to the affected land owners of the damaged and eroded land.

Requested information, if voluminous, be kindly provided to the Applicant in a Compact Disk.

Information unavailable in your records may kindly be made available to the Applicant by exercise of powers under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. Requisite fee is attached herewith. *Partial Order No -867826*

Yours faithfully,



Vibhor Maheshwari
(Advocate)

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