

2nd APPEAL BEFORE THE HON'BLE WEST BENGAL
INFORMATION COMMISSION U/S 19 (3) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

1. Name of the Applicant (Appellant): BHOLANATH MONDAL.

2. Address of the Applicant (Appellant):

BHOLANATH MONDAL

S/o: Late Hemchandra Mondal.

Vill+P.O.: Nityanandapur

P.S.: Gangajalghati

District: Bankura

PIN : 722142 (W.B.)

Mobile Number : 7477374342



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3. Date of filing the RTI application for information
U/S 6 of the RTI Act, 2005 (A self attested photo copy
of the RTI application should be attached along with
proof of payment of RTI application fees):

22/11/2022

4. Name of the state public information officer
to whom the application was made and address:

The Divisional Forest officer

Bankura North Division

P.O.+P.S.+Dist.: Bankura

PIN : 722101 (W.B.)

5. Gist of the information sought for:

1. Has a permit letter for cutting trees
in non forest area (plot No. 3174, Mouza:
Srichandrapur, J.L. No. 16, Block: Gangajalghati,
District: Bankura) been issued by the
Gangajalghati Forest Range officer in favour
of GAIL? If yes, explain details.

2. Provide me the photo copy of Form I(B), Form I(C), Form II, Annexure of Form II, Annexure of Form-III and Form IV regarding the permit letter No. 12/66, dated 20/03/20 issued by the Gangajalghati Forest range officer.

6. Have you received any response/information? If so, attach a self-attested photo copy of the same.

No, the Divisional Forest officer, Bankura North Division, Bankura district has not provided me any reply regarding the RTI application till today.

7. Date of filing 1st appeal: 07/01/2023.

(A self attested photo copy of 1st appeal should be attached).

8. Authority to whom the first appeal was made with address: As I have not been provided any reply by the Divisional Forest officer, Bankura North Division, Bankura District, I can not know which circle is the First Appellate Authority of the Divisional Forest officer of Bankura North Division of Bankura District and I have appealed the First Appeal to

The principal chief conservator of Forests & Head of forest force
office of the principal chief conservator
of Forests & Head of forest force, W.B.
Government, Aranga Bawan

Block - LA/10A, sector - III, Salt Lake city
Kolkata - 700106 (W.B.)

9. Decision of the 1st Appellate Authority. If any, including number and date of the order.

The principal chief conservator of Forests & Head of forest force has not provided me any reply till today.

10. grounds of the 2nd appeal and the relief sought (specify):

As the Divisional forest officer, Bankura North Division, Bankura and The principal chief conservator of forests & Head of forest force have not provided me any reply regarding my RTI application and 1st appeal so I am obliged to file the second appeal under section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the West Bengal information commission for pass an order so that I can get the information of my RTI application and the 1st appeal petition and help me to provide the certified copy of the order sheet within stipulated period as per RTI Act, 2005.

Please register my 2nd appeal petition and pass an order so that I can get the above mentioned information and documents as soon as possible.

I, Bholanath Mondal, s/o - Late Hemchandra Mondal, aged 73 (seventy three) years, a citizen of India, do hereby solemnly affirm that the statements made herein are true to my knowledge based on records and the rest are my submission to the Hon'ble West Bengal information commission.

Thanking you,

place: Nityanandapur

Date: 02/04/2023

yours faithfully,

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(Bholanath Mondal)

S/o - Late Hemchandra Mondal

Village: Nityanandapur

P.S: Jangajalohati

Dist: Bankura

PIN: 722142 (W.B.)

Mobile No. 7477374342

Encl: Self attested photo copy.

of, 1. Appeal petition of Bholanath Mondal, dated 07/01/2023

2. postal receipt of 09/01/2023.

3. photocopy of consignment track NO. RW 6149 27 5331 N. dt. 09/01/2023

4. RTI application of Bholanath Mondal dated 22/11/22.

5. postal receipt of 22/11/2022

6. photo copy of consignment track NO. RW 9063 54 3501 N dated 22/11/22

7. Application of dated 12/07/2019

8. photo copy of permit letter no. 12/36, dated 20/03/2020

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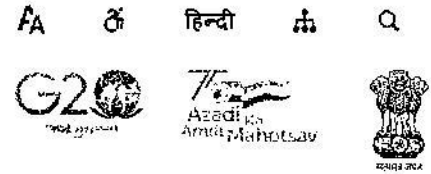
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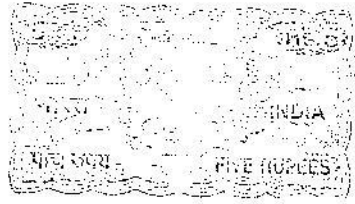
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Nityanandapur
22/11/2022



To The Divisional Forest officer
Bankura North Division
P.O+P.S+Dist: Bankura
PIN: 722101 (W.B.)

Subject: Application filed by the petitioner U/s 6 of the
Right to Information Act 2005 with a request for obtaining
information on the following matter as mentioned below.

Respected Sir/Madam, I, Bholanath Mondal, S/O-Hemchandra
Mondal, Vill+PO: Nityanandapur, Block: Gangajalghati, District:
Bankura, PIN code: 722142 (W.B.), a citizen of India.

1. Has a permit letter for cutting trees in non forest area (plot No.
3174, mouza: Srishchandrapur, T.L.No.16, Block: Gangajalghati, District:
Bankura) been issued by the Gangajalghati Forest Range officer
in favour of GAIL? If yes, explain details.
2. Provide me the photo of Form I(a), Form I(c), Form II, Annexure of Form II,
Annexure of Form III and Form IV regarding the permit letter No.12/66,
dated 20/03/20 issued by the Gangajalghati Forest range officer.

Along with this application I have attached court fees worth
Rs.10/- as RTI application fees. If extra fees will be charged for
providing printed information, I must pay the extra charge.

Please provide me the details of the above mentioned
information within stipulated period as per RTI Act 2005.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(Bholanath Mondal)
S/O-Late Hemchandra Mondal
Vill+PO: Nityanandapur
P.S: Gangajalghati
Dist: Bankura
PIN code: 722142 (W.B.)
mobile NO. 7602427101

RTI No. 10/19/2022

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Change from FRO to GAIL

Form III

Form for Permission for Felling / Disposing of Trees in Non-Forest Areas
[See Rule 5 (2)]

Form No. 12/902

Dated: 20/3/2020

Whereas the applicant, Sr./Smt./Messrs GAIL INDIA LIMITED
Address PFERLESS, MIN. DAN JAYPUR - 713214 has
submitted an application with the prescribed fee on 20/3/2020, for permission for felling /
disposing of trees for the purpose of Development, pump house at the following site:

(a) Location .

(b) Details of Plot(s) of Land Mouza - Sitchundia P.W.P.
Same - report enclosed Report

AND whereas the undersigned is satisfied with regard to the legality of documents towards
the proof of ownership or lease of the land on which such tree stands:

AND Whereas the purpose for which the trees are required to be felled is in conformity
with rule 4 (1) of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas)
Act, 1988

AND Whereas an inquiry in the prescribed manner has been carried out on 20/3/2020
and the undersigned has examined the inquiry report with due care:

AND Whereas the land in question belongs to the Tea Garden and the applicant
has produced a specific scheme framed under the provisions of the Plantations Labour Act,
1948 for utilizing the sale proceeds strictly for the purpose of welfare of the labourers;

AND whereas the applicant is a developer who has already obtained a Certificate of Clearance
No. 208/23-13 dated 10/3/2020 Issued by the undersigned and sanction of the
building - construction plan by the sanctioning authority, viz. 10/3/2020
write his letter No. 208/23-13 Dated 10/3/2020

AND Whereas it is found on inquiry that the proposed felling will not alter nature or character
of mode of use of the land.

OR

The Applicant has produced the requisite permission under section 4C of the West Bengal
Land Reforms Act, 1955

20/3/2020

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AND whereas the applicant has deposited the prescribed security amount for plantation to trees to the undersigned,

OR

The applicant has been exempted by the undersigned from the obligation of plantation of trees under sub-rule (2) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2006.

OR

The applicant has expressed his inability to undertake the plantation to trees by himself and has deposited to the undersigned the amount for the designated agency as prescribed under sub-rule (3) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007.

OR

The applicant is a developer and not required to deposit the security amount.

- Strike off if not applicable
- Strike off the option which is not applicable

Now, therefore, in pursuance to the power conferred under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, the undersigned permits the applicant to undertake the felling of the trees as included in the Annexure.

The undersigned also permits the applicant (not a developer) under the first proviso to section 5 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, to plant only _____ number of trees instead of the number prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) rules 2007. OR permits the applicant to plant _____ number of trees over different plots(s) of land (as indicated in Condition No. 3 below) because (give reasons) _____ which is in conformity with sub-rule (2) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007.

The permission as given above is subject to the following conditions:-

This permit is non-transferable and valid only up to 20/4/2020.

1. The applicant (if a developer) shall take up plantation of trees in accordance with the approved plantation plan and the Certificate of Clearance within 3 months from the date of sanction of the building / construction plan by the sanctioning authority.
2. The applicant (if not a developer) shall take up plantation of _____ number of trees _____ over the Plot(s) No. _____ within _____ months from the date of issue of this permit.

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Permit No. 10607

- 4. As provided in section 10 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, the applicant (if not a developer) shall start preparatory work for plantation within sixty days from the date for permit or the date of receipt of directions from the undersigned, as the case may be, and shall undertake plantation of trees in accordance with such directions;
- 5. The applicant shall inform the undersigned in writing immediately on completion of the plantation of trees.
- 6. The applicant shall, within a week of carrying out felling of trees, submit a report to the undersigned indicating the total number of logs and firewood produced against each species;
- 7. Stumps of the felled trees shall be retained for a least one month from the date of felling.

The cutting and carriage of trees shall not be carried out after the sunset and before the sunrise.

In a permission granted under the provisions of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, used the words "Block" and "The Area of Non-Forest" shall have the same meaning as in section 2(1)(b) of the said Act.

- 8. This permit should be produced for inspection on demand to the undersigned or to the authorities specified in sections 15 and 17 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006.

(Signature of the Competent Authority)

Name: D. Pyne
Designation: FR

Official Seal: Forest Range Officer, Gangajalghat Range

Strike off if not applicable.

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KOLKATA GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY

Email**State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal**

Hearing on 12-08-2025

From : State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal
<scic-wb@nic.in>

Tue, Aug 05, 2025 12:55 PM

 1 attachment**Subject :** Hearing on 12-08-2025**To :** dfo bkn <dfo_bkn@yahoo.com>

Please find the attachment, for further details visit our website

West Bengal Information Commission

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State Chief Information Commissioner West Benga

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Authorization Letter.

From : Debashis M. Pradhan, IFS <dfoban-wb@nic.in>

Fri, Aug 08, 2025 05:36 PM

Subject : Authorization Letter.

3 attachments

To : State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal <scic-wb@nic.in>

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Madam/Sir,

Kindly find the attachment for your kind information & taking necessary action.

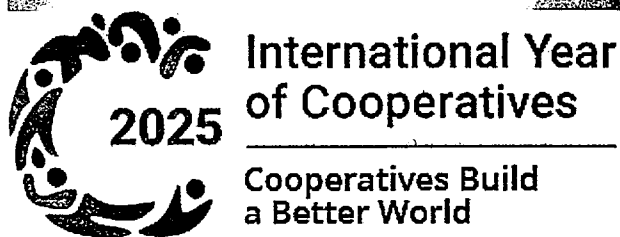
With Regards,

*Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division*

Machantola, Bankura-722101.

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Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Forests

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division

Machantala, Bankura, Pin: 722101

Phone: (03242-250758) – Fax: (03242-256556), e-mail: dfoban-wb@nic.in&dfo_bkn@yahoo.com

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Memo. No 1676 /28-1

Dated, Bankura, the 08/08/2025

From :: The Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division.

To :: The Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner
West Bengal Information Commission.

Sub :: Authorization Letter.

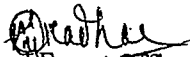
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dated 01/08/2025.
2. Communication received via email from Hon'ble State Chief
Information Commissioner, West Bengal dated 05/08/2025.

Sir,

With reference to the above, this is to inform you that Shri Durgakanta Jha, W.B.F.S., Assistant Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division, is hereby authorized to appear before your honour in connection with the hearing of Appeal No. 104401 of 2025.

The undersigned is required to attend an official event scheduled on 12th August 2025, in observance of World Elephant Day. In light of this, it is respectfully requested that Shri Durgakanta Jha, W.B.F.S. be kindly permitted to represent the office during the said hearing.

We sincerely appreciate your kind consideration.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division.

Dated, Bankura, the 08/08/2025

Memo. No 1676 /28-1

Copy forwarded for kind information to:-

1. Shri Durga Kant Jha, W.B.F.S, Assistant Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division.

Sd/- D.M. PRADHAN, I.F.S.
Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division

Email

State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal

Re: Authorization letter for Appearance in the hearings on 12/08/2025

From : jobguide placements
<jobguide.placements@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 12, 2025 10:25 AM

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Subject : Re: Authorization letter for Appearance in the
hearings on 12/08/2025

To : State Chief Information Commissioner West Bengal
<scic-wb@nic.in>

Please see the attached application

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Thanks & Regards

Achinta Mondal

On Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 7:56 PM Chanchal Singh <jobguide.placements@gmail.com>
wrote:

Please find the attached document

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Thanks & Regards

Bholanath Mondal

Hearing - 12/08/2025
NP (TR)

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Thanks & Regards

Bholanath Mondal



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To
THE Hon'ble State Information commissioner
Mr Naveen Prakash
West Bengal information commission
Khadya Bhaban
11A, Mirza Galib Street Kolkata:700087(W.B.)
Email: scic-wb@nic.in

Subject: Prayer for Appearance in the hearing in virtual mode on 12/08/2025.

Respected Sir,

I, ACHINTA MONDAL,S/O: Late Biswanath Mondal, Village: P.O.: Nityanandapur,P.S:
Gangajalghati ,District: Bankura,Pin code:722142(W.B.) today ie.12/08/2025 attend in the authorised letter
mentioned hearings in virtual mode on behalf of Bholanath Mondal.I am his nephew.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Nityanandapur

Date 12/08/2025

Achinta Mondal

(ACHINTA MONDAL)

S/O: Late Biswanath Mondal

Village+P.O: Nityanandapur

P.S.: Gangajalghati ,District: Bankura

Pin code :722142(W.B.)

Mobile number &:Whatsapp:7477374342

email id: machinta119@gmail.com

Attachment: Photo Copy of

1.Adhaar of Achinta Mondal

2. Authorised letter of Bholanath Mondal dated 11/08/2025.



भारतीय विश्वविद्यालय

भारत सरकार

Unique Identification Authority of India
Government of India

Enrollment No.: 1111771345/38059

To
Achinta Mondal
Niyandapur
Niyandapur
Gangajalghati-Bankura
West Bengal 722177
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आपका क्रमांक / Your No. :

7365 2821 3451

आम आदमी का अधिकार



भारत सरकार
Government of India



Achinta Mondal
Father : Biswanath Mondal
DOB : 14/01/1975
Male



7365 2821 3451

आम आदमी का अधिकार

Achinta Mondal

To The Hon'ble State Information Commissioner

Mr. Naveen Prakash
West Bengal Information Commission
Khadya Bhaban

11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata: 700087(W.B.)
Email - SCIC-WB@nic.in

Subject: Authorization letter for appearance and arguing in

the hearings on 12/08/2025

Ref: Memo No. 4627-WBIC/RTI/A/104401/1132/2025, Dated 01/08/2025
Memo No. 4628-WBIC/RTI/A/104690/1141/2025, Dated 01/08/2025
Memo No. 4629-WBIC/RTI/A/104460/2050/2025, Dated 01/08/2025
Memo No. 4631-WBIC/RTI/A/104204/851/2025, Dated 01/08/2025

Respected Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned Memo Nos, I, Bholanath Mondal, aged 75 years, authorised my nephew ACHINTA MONDAL, S/o: Late Biswanath Mondal, Vill+P.O: Nityanandapur, P.S: Gangajalghati, Dist: Bankura (W.B.) to appear in the above mentioned hearing on 12/08/2025 due to my infirmity. His Aadhaar NO is 7365 2821 3451.

So you are requested to take necessary steps for his appearance and arguing in favour of my RTI applications in virtual mode on behalf of me and issue the orders for the smooth ways of the Right Judgement.

Thank you,

Nityanandapur

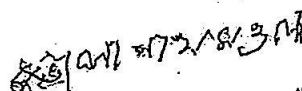
11/08/2025

Note: The hearing notices have been downloaded from www.wbic.wb.gov.in

Attachment Photo copy of

1. Hearing Notices (Four copies)
2. Aadhaar card of Bholanath Mondal
3. Aadhaar card of Achinta Mondal

yours faithfully,


(BHOLANATH MONDAL)
S/o: Late Hemchandra Mondal
Vill+P.O: Nityanandapur
P.S: Gangajalghati, Dist: Bankura
Pincode: 722142 (W.B.)
Mobile No + Whatsapp No. 7477374342
Email id: machinta119@gmail.com



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Visit us at: www.bankuraforest.in



Memo No. _____ / 28-1

Dated, Bankura, the ___ / ___ / 2025

To : Shri Bholanath Mondal,
S/o Late Hemchandra Mondal
Vill & PO Nityanandapur
PS Gangajalghati, Dist Bankura
West Bengal – 722 142

Sub : Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Ref : RTI application received on 22-11-2022 from Shri Bholanath Mondal of Vill & PO Nityanandapur, PS Gangajalghati, Dist Bankura, West Bengal.

With reference to the above, the undersigned is furnishing information as sought from your end which is as follows:

Sl. No.	Information Sought	Reply
1.	Has a permit letter for cutting trees in non forest areas (Plot no. 3174 of Srichandrapur Mouza, JL No. 16 of Gangajalghati Block of Bankura District) been issued by the Gangajalghati Forest Range Officer in favour of GAIL? If yes, explain details.	Yes. Permit was granted vide letter No. 12/GG dated 20-03-2023 (copy enclosed).
2.	Provide me the photo of form Form-I(B) Form-I(C) Form-II Annexure of Form-II Annexure of Form-III Form-IV regarding the permit letter No.12/GG, dated 20/03/2020 issued by the Gangajalghati Forest Range Officer.	These are inputs document which are followed in process which culminates to permit. Hence, no merit to share this, which constraints office procedure for permit and permit letter is being shared herein.

Sd/- D.M. PRADHAN, I.F.S.

S.P.I.O

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division.

Dated, Bankura, the 21 / 08 / 2025

Memo No. 1779 / 28-1

Copy forwarded for information to:-

The Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner, West Bengal Information Commission.

S.P.I.O

&

Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division.

Form III

Form for Permission for Felling / Disposing of Trees in Non-Forest Areas
[See Rule 5 (2)]

Permit No. 12/GG

Dated: 20/3/2020

Whereas the applicant, Sri/Smt./Messrs GAIL INDIA LIMITED
Address : PEERLESS INN, DURGAPUR - 713216 has
submitted an application with the prescribed fee on 20/3/2020 for permission for felling /
disposing of trees for the purpose of Development purpose at the following site :

(a) Location :

(b) Details of Plot(s) of Land : MOUNT SRICHANDRAPUR
MOTW - ASPEN ENHANCE REPORT

AND Whereas the undersigned is satisfied with regard to the legality of documents towards
the proof of ownership or lease of the land on which such tree stands;

AND Whereas the purpose for which the trees are required to be felled is in conformity
with rule 4 (1) of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas)
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AND Whereas an inquiry in the prescribed manner has been carried out on 20/3/2020
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AND Whereas the applicant is a developer who has already obtained a Certificate of Clearance
No. dated Issued by the undersigned and sanction of the
building / construction plan by the sanctioning authority, viz.
868/28-13 Dated 16/3/2020
vide his letter No.

AND Whereas it is found on inquiry that the proposed felling will not alter nature or character
or mode of use of the land.

OR

The Applicant has produced the requisite permission under section 4C of the West Bengal
Land Reforms Act, 1955.

(S)

AND whereas the applicant has deposited the prescribed security amount for plantation of trees to the undersigned;

OR

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OR

The applicant has expressed his inability to undertake the plantation of trees by himself and has deposited to the undersigned the amount for the designated agency as prescribed under sub-rule (3) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007.

OR

The applicant is a developer and not required to deposit the security amount.

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The undersigned also permits the applicant (not a developer) under the first proviso to section 8 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, to plant only _____ number of trees instead of the number prescribed under sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) rules 2007. OR permits the applicant to plant _____ number of trees over different plots(s) of land (as indicated in Condition No. 3 below) because (give reasons) _____, which is in conformity with sub-rule (2) of rule 6 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Rules, 2007;

The permission as given above is subject to the following conditions:-

This permit is non-transferable and valid only up to ...20/4/2020.....

1. the applicant (if a developer) shall take up plantation of trees in accordance with the approved plantation plan and the Certificate of Clearance within ...3..... month(s) from the date of sanction of the building / construction plan by the sanctioning authority;
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3. As provided in section 10 of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas) Act, 2006, the applicant (if not a developer) shall start preparatory work for plantation within sixty days from the date for permit or the date of receipt of directions from the undersigned, as the case may be, and shall undertake plantation for trees in accordance with such directions;
4. The applicant shall inform the undersigned in writing immediately on completion of the plantation of trees;
5. The applicant shall, within a week of carrying out felling of trees, submit a report to the undersigned indicating the total number of logs and firewood produced against each species;
6. Stumps of the felled trees shall be retained for a least one month from the date of felling;
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9. This permit should be produced for inspection on demand to the undersigned or any of the authorities specified in sections 15 and 17 of the West Bengal Trees Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas Act, 2006

(Signature of the Competent Authority)

Name : D. Pyne

Designation FR

Forest Range Officer
Gangajalghati Range

Official Seal :

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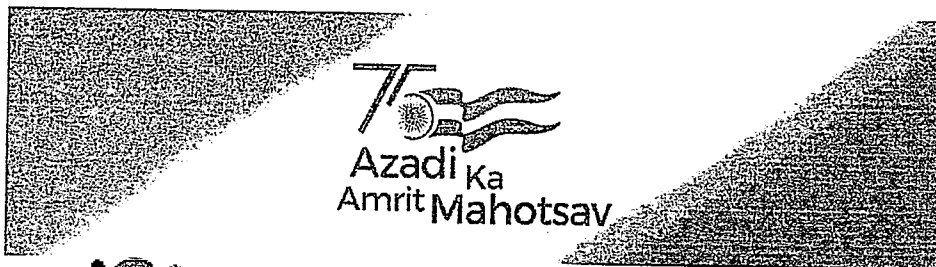
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Madam/Sir,

Kindly find the attachment for your kind information & taking necessary action.

With Regards,

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Memo No. _____ / 28-1

Dated, Bankura, the ___ / ___ / 2025

- To : Shri Bholanath Mondal,
S/o Late Hemchandra Mondal
Vill & PO Nityanandapur
PS Gangajalghati, Dist Bankura
West Bengal – 722 142
- Sub : Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.
- Ref : RTI application received on 22-11-2022 from Shri Bholanath Mondal of Vill & PO Nityanandapur, PS Gangajalghati, Dist Bankura, West Bengal.

With reference to the above, the undersigned is furnishing information as sought from your end which is as follows:

Sl. No.	Information Sought	Reply
1.	Has a permit letter for cutting trees in non forest areas (Plot no. 3174 of Srichandrapur Mouza, JL No. 16 of Gangajalghati Block of Bankura District) been issued by the Gangajalghati Forest Range Officer in favour of GAIL? If yes, explain details.	Yes. Permit was granted vide letter No. 12/GG dated 20-03-2023 (copy enclosed).
2.	Provide me the photo of form Form-I(B) Form-1(C) Form-II Annexure of Form-II Annexure of Form-III Form-IV regarding the permit letter No.12/GG, dated 20/03/2020 issued by the Gangajalghati Forest Range Officer.	These are inputs document which are followed in process which culminates to permit. Hence, no merit to share this, which constraints office procedure for permit and permit letter is being shared herein.

Sd/- D.M. PRADHAN, I.F.S.

S.P.I.O

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Bankura (North) Division.

Dated, Bankura, the 21 / 08 / 2025

Memo No. 1779 / 28-1

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Bankura (North) Division.

Form III

Form for Permission for Felling / Disposing of Trees in Non-Forest Areas
[See Rule 5 (2)]

Permit No. 12/60

Dated : ... 20/3/2020

Whereas the applicant, Sri/Smt./Messrs GAIL INDIA LIMITED
 Address : PEARLESS INN, Durgapur - 713216 has
 submitted an application with the prescribed fee on 20/3/2020 for permission for felling /
 disposing of trees for the purpose of Development purpose at the following site :

(a) Location :

(b) Details of Plot(s) of Land : Mouza - Srichandrapur
Dohar - as per enclosure Report

AND Whereas the undersigned is satisfied with regard to the legality of documents towards
 the proof of ownership or lease of the land on which such tree stands;

AND Whereas the purpose for which the trees are required to be felled is in conformity
 with rule 4 (1) of the West Bengal Trees (Protection and Conservation in Non-Forest Areas)
 Rules, 2006 :

AND Whereas an inquiry in the prescribed manner has been carried out on 20/3/2020
 and the undersigned has examined the inquiry report with due care;

AND Whereas the land in question belongs to the Tea Garden and the applicant
 has produced a specific scheme framed under the provisions of the Plantations Labour Act,
 1951 for utilizing the sale proceeds strictly for the purpose of welfare of the labourers;

AND Whereas the applicant is a developer who has already obtained a Certificate of Clearance
 No. dated Issued by the undersigned and sanction of the
 building / construction plan by the sanctioning authority, viz.
 vide his letter No. 263/23-13 Dated 16/3/2020

AND Whereas it is found on inquiry that the proposed felling will not alter nature or character
 or mode of use of the land.

OR

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(Signature of the Competent Authority)

Name : D. Pyne

Designation : FR

(Official Seal)

Official Seal : Forest Range Officer-
Gangajalghati Range

* Strike off if not applicable.

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RTI Applicant : Shri Bholanath Mondal
Public Authority : Forest Department
Date of RTI Application : 22.11.2022
Date of 1st Appeal : 7.1.2023
Date of 2nd Appeal : 2.4.2023
Date of hearing : 12.8.2025

(Appeal No. 104401 of 2025 under the Right to Information Act, 2005)

Appellant : Shri Bholanath Mondal

SPIO : DFO, Bankura North Division, Bankura

Facts on Record & Findings :

Both the representative of the appellant and the SPIO of the case are present for the hearing in virtual mode.

2. The appellant filed an RTI application on 22.11.2022 seeking a copy of permit issued for tree cutting in plot No. 3174 in Srichandrapur Mouza of Gangajalghati Block in Bankura District by the forest range office in favour of GAIL and seeking various input forms etc. related to the issue of said permit. Not getting any information, the appellant filed 1st appeal before the 1st Appellate Authority on 22.11.2022 and 2nd appeal before the Commission on 2.4.2023.

3. During the hearing, the SPIO informed that several related RTI applications were filed by the appellant and another person namely Biswanath Mondal and replies have been sent from time to time to them, resulting in this RTI application not being replied to.

4. Be that as it may, a reply to the 1st part of the RTI application i.e. copy of the permit letter issued by forest range office of Gangajalghati may be sent to the appellant within next two weeks under intimation to the Commission. However, regarding the 2nd part of the RTI application, seeking copies of various input forms etc. resulting in culmination of issue of permit letter, the said input documents need not be given to the appellant as they may contain 3rd party information barred u/s 8(1)(d) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and furthermore, once final document, in this case permit letter, is furnished to the appellant, it will contain decision of the permit issuing authority with requisite details and sharing all input documents on the basis of which such permit letter was issued, will amount to seeking justification of the executive decision, in this case permit letter, and therefore, the same does not come under the definition of information as contained in Section 2(f) & 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The SPIO may inform the Commission regarding compliance of the order of the Commission i.e. furnishing of copy of the permit letter to the appellant.

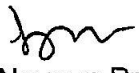
6. In view of the above, there is nothing further to proceed with the 2nd appeal case under consideration and the same is liable to be disposed accordingly.

Decision:

In view of the facts and findings as mentioned hereinabove, the matter is accordingly disposed of and closed.

2. Let authenticated copies of the order be forwarded to all concerned.

Date : 12.8.2025



(Naveen Prakash)
State Information Commissioner
West Bengal

No. 4838 - WBIC/RTI/A/104401/1132/2025

Date: 14.08.2025

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3. BHOLANATH MONDAL, S/o - Lt. Hemchandra Mondal, Vill. + P.O. - Nityanandapur, P.S. - Gangajalghati, Dist. - Bankura, Pin - 722142, West Bengal, BANKURA, 722142


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