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**Dated: 06/06/2020**

To,

The Chief Secretary  
Government of Assam  
Janata Bhawan  
Dispur, Guwahati-06  
Assam.

**Sub: Contempt of Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 12.04.2019 for allowing new construction works within animal corridors of the Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve.**

Sir,

This is to bring to your notice the continuous **brazen** violation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12.04.2019 which had categorically **prohibited** new construction in private lands in any of the nine identified animal corridors of Kaziranga National park / Tiger Reserve. The operational part of the order is reproduced below:

*“No new construction shall be permitted on private lands which form part of the nine identified animal corridors’ of Kaziranga National Park (KNP), Assam.”*

A copy of Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 12.04.2019 is enclosed as Annexure I.

I may mention here it was on my application that the Central Empowered Committee had filed a Report dated 01/03/2019 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court which had resulted in passing of the above mentioned order dated 12.4.2019.

It is apparent that the District Administrations of Nagaon, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong districts and the Kaziranga National Park authorities have turned a blind eye to the rampant construction activities taking place in the wild animal corridors of Kaziranga in blatant violation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order. Recently, a huge building has been constructed by clearing tea plants and currently a concrete approach road to the said building is in progress. The photographs given in the following page show construction activities taking place in Kanchanjuri animal corridor.

It is not as if this violation is happening in some remote part of Kaziranga/ Karbi Anglong but it is there right next to National Highway-37 that passes through Kanchanjuri animal corridor and is visible to every passerby. Therefore such brazen violation cannot be without the complicity of the Nagaon District Administration and Kaziranga National Park authorities.

Considering the fact that Kaziranga Tiger Reserve is World heritage Site and considering the fact that wildlife corridors are critical for movement of animals between Kaziranga and the Karbi

Anglong Hills in ensuring long-term conservation of wildlife, I am constrained to bring to your kind notice the construction activities within the corridors in violation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order.

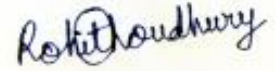
I would therefore urge you to intervene to stop the illegal construction activity and to restore the corridor area by demolishing illegal construction. Further, it is also requested to initiate necessary action **against the erring** Forest, Revenue or Police officers for failing to enforce Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12.4.2019.

**I trust that with** your kind intervention the construction activities being undertaken will be stopped immediately and the illegal structures will be demolished and restore the integrity of the animal corridor.

I would be grateful if intimation regarding the action taken for complying and enforcing the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 12.4.2019 is communicated at my email ([rohitzkaziranga@gmail.com](mailto:rohitzkaziranga@gmail.com)).

Thank You,

Yours faithfully,



(Rohit Choudhury)

Copy for information and necessary action:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment & Forest, Govt. of Assam.
3. The Director General of Police, Govt. of Assam, Assam Police Headquarters, Guwahati.
4. The Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Assam.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam.
7. The Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional office, Guwahati, Assam.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon / Golaghat / Karbi Anglong.
9. The Director, Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve, Bokakhat.
10. The Superintendent of Police, Nagaon / Golaghat / Karbi Anglong.
11. The Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Kaliabor / Bokakhat/Bokajan.
12. The Sub Divisional Police Officer, Kaliabor / Bokakhat/ Bokajan.
13. The Conservator of Forest, Northern Assam Circle, Tezpur.
14. The Circle Officer, Kaliabor / Bokakhat / Silonijan Revenue Circle.
15. The Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Division / Eastern Assam Wildlife Division / Karbi Anglong East Division.

**Photographs of illegal construction activities taking place in Kanchanjuri animal corridor area of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.**



