

To the Board of Directors of the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust.

Although I have sent some pictures of the construction going on to Les and Yurek, this is the first real update with the amount of money spent until 31-3-2016.

Karuna received Rs.10 lakh compensation for buildings from the owner of the existing wildlife centre. With that amount we started immediately with the compound wall.



The supervisor Akkulappa is doing a small puja and a prayer on 3-9-2015 to start the work. At that time we were not sure if the grant from Marchig Trust would come through but we had to shift; and we jumped!



At present, 2-4-2016 the compound wall built with rough stones and cement is almost finished, 1.2 km long.



With all the construction at Karuna Society, we followed the same course of action: we always purchased all material ourselves and appointed a mason, Akkulappa, as builder and overseer instead of giving a contract to a building company. This saved lots of money. We also prefer local material like stones, rock slabs, etc. which saves on transport on material from faraway places. Our own bulls are involved with transporting sand from our own land to the construction site and our animal truck, including the strong boys from the clinic, helped with transport of cement and stone slabs.

We make a picture of every tractor with material, every delivery of cement and any new activity, for record purposes.



At present the foundation for the bear rooms is complete including the digging of the moat around the bear compound. It is 7ft deep and with the black stone slabs to cover the side and an additional wall of 5 ft, high the 12 ft straight wall will prevent the bears to escape.



I asked about the time the construction will take; total six months. Within two months the bear rooms and enclosure will be ready. A different group of people will come for the construction of the buildings and another for the iron work. In the meantime electricity lines have to shift, water pipes relocated, roads defined and cleared, trees planted and a hundred other small things to make the infrastructure work. I propose to send the next report in about two months when we can show the finished buildings.

As of 31st March 2016 we have spent 16.6 Lakh on construction including the compound wall.

Warm Regards,
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