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DT. 1-11-1988J. H. SANKHE,
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Dy. Conservator of Forests,To,
Shri. Prakash Gole,
1B, 'Abhimanshree', Society,
Pashan Road, Pune-8.

Ref:- Your letter dt. 28-10-1988.

Dear Sir,

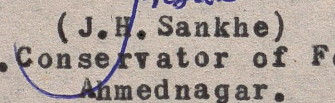
This has a reference to your letter dt. 28-10-88 regarding your proposed visit to Rehekuri Black Buck Sanctuary of this Division.

On 12th & 13th Nov. 1988 due to some urgent work I would be out of headquarters and it would not be possible for me to remain present at Rehekuri for the discussion with you on 12th Nov. 88. However, Shri. R.K. Kedare, Sub-Divisional Forest Officer incharge of this ~~xxx~~ Game Sanctuary has been suitably instructed to participate with in discussion with you during the above period at Rehekuri Black Buck Sanctuary. Rest House at Rehekuri is also reserved for your purpose on the said day.

Thanking you.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,


(J.H. Sankhe)
Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Ahmednagar.

Copy to Shri. R.K. Kedare, Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rehekuri for information & n/a.

Copy to Range Forest Officer, Rehekuri for further necessary action.

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No. 14-8/88-WL-I

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NEW DELHI

पर्यावरण भवन, सी. जी. ओ. कॉम्प्लेक्स,
PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, C.G.O. COMPLEX
लोदी रोड, नई दिल्ली-११०००३
LODI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003

Dated the 3rd November, 1988

To

The Chief Wildlife Wardens and Forest Secretaries
(M.P., Orissa, Bihar, Utter Pradesh and Rajasthan)

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that this Department has sanctioned a research project entitled "Status Survey of Sarus Crane (*Grus antigone*) and an investigation into its ecological requirements" to be taken up by Dr. Prakash Gole of the ecological Society, Pune. The work on the project, which will be shortly initiated, would involve survey of the crane, including the Blacknecked stork and the Greater Adjutant in the low lying areas and the flood-plains of your State.

You are requested kindly to extend all possible help and cooperation to the research investigators in carrying out the survey. Necessary instructions in this regard may also kindly be issued to be concerned field officers.

Yours faithfully,

sds

(B. Majumdar)
Joint Director (WL)

Encl: a copy of the research project.

✓ *with regards*
Copy to Dr. Prakash Gole, Ecological Society, 1 B Abhimanshree Society, Pashan Road, Pune-411008

(Signature)
(B. Majumdar)

P.J. Thosre,
Deputy Conservator of Forests,

D.O.No. CC-1/C.No. / 53 /88.89

-:Office:-
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Akola Division, Akola.
Akola, 444 001 Dated 3/11/1988.

Sub: -Proposed visit to sanctuaries and
National parks of Maharashtra.

Dear Shri Gole,

Katepurna sanctuary is recently declared sanctuary with no infrastructure development so far. The area does not have all weather roads. Hence movement by vehicle will not be possible. The sanctuary area is not very rich in wild life; only a few species of herbivours are seen. There is still quite thick foliage hence sighting of wild life is a remote possibility. There is no staff sanctioned for this sanctuary so far.

In the above circumstances would strongly recommend that you may visit "Dhakna-Kolkas" sanctuary of the project Tiger area ^a in Melghat of Amravati district.

If you still think that you should visit Katepurna sanctuary, Please do not hesitate in writing to me. Near the Katepurna sanctuary area there is a Rest house of Irrigation department at Mahan where I can get the accomodation reserved for you. Please let me know your programme. ~~Though~~ Though I would not be available in the district myself because of prior engagement, I would request my Range Forest Officer to attend to you.

Your's sincerely,
Thosre
(P.J. Thosre)

To,

Mr. Prakash Gole,
1B "Abhimanshree" Society,
Pashan Road,
Pune-411 008

Copy to Range Forest Officer, Akola with a request a reserve two suites for Mr. Gole in Mahan Irrigation Rest House for 14th and 15th November 1988.



*Perhaps
These Common
Cranes are not
wintering in Sind
this year.
Spero*

Sind Wildlife Management Board

KARACHI-I (PAKISTAN)

No: CW-GEN(TV)7(1987)/884 Dated 26 November, 1988

Dr. Steven E. Landfried ✓
The Big House
Rout One , Highway 59 East,
Evansville, WI 53536 USA,

Dear Dr. Landfried,

Thank you for your letter of November 7, 1988. It is very kind of you to have sent me a photograph of the rare albinistic Common Crane. The photograph has been deposited in our photo-library for future reference.

The first flock of Common Crane in Sind was sighted on 14th September, 1988 on the Hab Dam. The flock came from the side of Baluchistan, hovered on the Hab Dam for some time, and made its headway towards South-east, probably towards the Badin area. The migration of the Cranes continued upto the end of October. Reports of sighting of Cranes from other parts of Sind are awaited which will be intimated to you as soon as received in this office.

With best wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

(Khan Muhammad Khan)
Conservator Wildlife
Sind Wildlife Management Board.

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Joint Director (WL)

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PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, C.G.O. COMPLEX

लोदी रोड, नई दिल्ली-110003

LODI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003

Dated the 2nd December, 1988

Subject : Survey of Sarus Cranes.

Dear Dr. Gole,

Please find enclosed extract from minutes for the 15th Annual General Body Meeting of the Assam Valley Wildlife Society held on 28th May, 1988 which relates to Greater & lesser adjutant storks.

I hope that you had received Demand Draft No. 000483 dated 7.11.88 for Rs. 79,300/- sent to you on 17.11.88. Kindly intimate the action initiated regarding the survey.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(B.Majumdar)

Dr. Prakash Gole
Ecological Society,
1 B Abhiman Stree Society,
Pashan Road,
Pune-411008

VI. On the Chairman's request, Mr. D.K. Agha gave a brief talk on the proposed deer park at 'Ahom Pukhri' - Bargang Tea Estate. Mr. Agha reported that the moat dug around the park was frequently damaged by elephants from the reserve when their habitat was disturbed.

The Chairman enquired from the D.F.O. Wildlife, Tezpur on the progress towards recognition of this Park. Sri. Bhattacharjee suggested the matter be pursued with the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam at Guwahati.

Mr. Wazir Khan suggested to ensure there is no carnivore interference in the enclosure and Shri. Bhattacharjee assured that it was cent percent fool proof.

Mr. Wazir Khan suggested that on receipt of approval we obtain Hog, Swamp and Barking Deer with the assistance of the Forest authorities if possible for release in the park.

VII The Chairman informed of the wetlands Inventory undertaken by Mr. A. Wats and Master Vijit Singh in the 'bheel' adjacent to the Mukherghur Division at Pertabghur Tea Estate.

The Chairman brought to the members attention Mr. C. Luthin's (Chairman of the Storks and related Birds Group of the Species Survival Commission of the I.U.C.N) interest in the Greater Adjutant Stork and requested members to write to him as and when these are sighted.

Mrs. Brita Singh informed that enquiries at Orang Sanctuary reveal that this bird has not been sighted at Orang in the past 2/3 years.

Mr. Wazir Khan confirmed having sighted 20/30 birds at Kaziranga and agreed to send photographs to Mr. Luthin. Mrs. M. Bhuyan on enquiry was informed that this bird was locally known as 'Bortokla' and should not be mistaken for the lesser adjutant stork.

VIII Mr. Mandhata Singh enquired at which juncture there was imbalance with over population. Shri. Bhattacharjee replied that although no confirmed data was available, this was naturally controlled when saturation point was reached.

IX. The Chairman informed of his recent meeting with Mr. Asad Rahmani, Project Scientist, Bombay Natural History Society and his efforts to undertake a census of the Bengal Floricans in Assam. Mr. Rahmani had sighted 13 birds at Orang, 4 at Pabitra and none at Bomadi and Lakhowa.

Proposed by Mr. Mandhata Singh the minutes were passed unanimously.

4. The Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1987 were tabled for discussion. These were circulated along with the notice covering the meeting. The financial position was most satisfactory and a comparative improvement over last year was on account of an increase in membership.

Mrs. M. Bhuyan enquired if the Society would give financial assistance to organisation with their projects. She informed members of an organisation in Dibrugarh which is keen on establishing an aquarium and a botanical garden.

The Chairman requested they submit a report for evaluation. The accounts for the year were unanimously passed.

Proposed by Mr. T.K. Barua
Seconded by Mr. D.L. Rikhye.

5. The financial and membership position of the Society were as follows :-

FINANCIAL

	<u>As on 18/4/1987</u>	<u>As on 26/4/1988</u>
Bank (S/B A/c.)	Rs. 25,814.56	Rs. 43,963.06
Cash	Rs. 4,855.00	Rs. 14,915.94
TOTAL :	Rs. 30,669.56	Rs. 58,879.00

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO RECEIVE

Individual	Rs. 1,550.00	Rs. 1,950.00
Corporate	Rs. 8,500.00	Rs. 7,000.00
TOTAL :	Rs. 10,050.00	Rs. 8,950.00

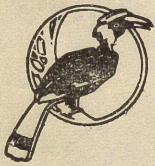
MEMBERSHIP

Individual	194	260
Corporate	58	75
TOTAL :	252	335

A reminder has been sent to members to update their subscriptions. The Chairman wished to place on record with great appreciation the interest taken by Messrs. Mahavir Singh, Managing Director, Doom Dooma (India) Ltd., A. Kaul, Visiting Agent, Dooars, McLeod Russel (I) Ltd., Mr. A.M. Khan, Visiting Agent, Assam, McLeod Russel (I) Ltd., and Mr. B. Dutt, Superintendent, Makum Namdang Group in encouraging membership of the Estates and personel under their respective charges.

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Bombay Natural History Society

HORNBILL HOUSE, SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH ROAD,
BOMBAY 400 023

Ref.No.5110/88

28th December 1988

Mr. Prakash Gole
1 B, Abhimanshree Society
Pashan Road, Pune 411008

Dear Shri Prakash Gole

I have received to-day your handwritten comments on my letter dated 12th November courtesy Mr. Ambedkar. Thank you for the same. I shall initiate further developments on publishing the technical report.

With best wishes for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

Bharat Bhushan

Bharat Bhushan
Conservation Officer

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Bombay Natural History Society
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Conservation Officer

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Your sincerely,
Conservation Officer
Bharat Bhushan



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जिला कोटा (राज०)

क्रमांक/पंचा०/88/

दिनांक..... 29.12.88

Dear Shree Prakash Gole,

I received your letter dated 24 19-12-88 today and hence this delay in reply.

I am sorry to inform you that I will not be able to attend the crane workshop in Pune as I will be busy through January with revenue camps that are being organized in the villages. I was very keen to attend this workshop and was looking forward to attend it from long but its unfortunate that I will not be able to do so.

As for information on Demoiselle cranes and common cranes there were not v. many sightings this season. Common cranes have not been seen at all and Demoiselle cranes were seen in Kota region till end of November. In one particular tank there was a concentration of over 1000 birds but I saw none in the middle of this month. However I had seen a flight of around 125 Demoiselle over my house in Kota early in the morning, about a week back. This indicates that few birds still can be observed if one makes an effort to look for them. I hope your son will be able to see them during his visit to Kota.

I have not seen many Bar-headed Geese. Only on two occasions I saw about a dozen birds. I feel their number is fast reducing.

Your son can contact me in Kota through my brother Deep Singh (Phone 23188) He stays in Kota and his address is HADOTI GAS, GUMANPURA - KOTA. I am at Khandapur and my village is 50 KM from Kota. My brother will be able to help them hire a vehicle and he would also guide them to my village.

Please inform your son that he and his friends
are welcome to Kota and I would make all
necessary arrangements for them.

wishing you a v. happy new year.

Yours sincerely

Blanche [Signature]

My dear Prakash,

Bombay

6 Jan. 1989

Accept my good wishes for the new year. I am very sorry I could not write to you as I am very busy in finishing the final report and I have just completed the Bengal florican annual report. I am really sorry I could not do anything for the sarus crane survey. Once the final report of the bustard is over, and I have written most of the papers, I will again be free to spend most of my time in the field.

I was told that you went to Kazera to see the Siberian crane. I was there in early November. Although there is only $\frac{1}{3}$ water in the ghel, there were thousands of waterbirds. And now your crane is the glory of Dihaila ghel. I was very happy to see it there.

I am very eager to see the latest issue of your journal which carries one article. I hope the reproduction of the bustard picture has come out okay. Kindly send the journal as soon as it comes out.

I may or may not be able to attend the crane conference but my good wishes are always with you.
With regards.

Yours sincerely

Asad Khan

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To

Mr Prakash Gole

1 B Ahimambhree Society

Pashan Road

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Mr. Prakash Gole,
I B Abhimanshree Society,
Off Pashan Road,
Pune 411 008.

Anwarkhan Babi,
Fauzia Bungalow,
Nr. Amrapali Cinema,
Rajkot 360 001.
12th Jan '89.

Dear Prakash,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated the 8th January '89. I shall certainly try my best to attend the Seminar but in case I cannot come I would like to do the survey work with you in Gujarat.

Record gatherings of Saruses are on lakes during the lean or dry seasons. Some of the lakes dry up soon after the monsoon but get canal water for irrigation purposes. There are many such lakes in Gujarat and Kheda is noted for them. However, many lakes are the only places during summer where Saruses congregate in large numbers in Saurashtra. To name a few they are Muli, Sayla, Viramgaum, Dasada, Zainabad, etc. The best places at any time to spot cenci the Saruses are at Narda in ~~Kheda~~ Dist.; Kanehwal and Perij in Ahmedabad Dist. I am familiar with all these places. Junagadh and Amreli have very few Saruses, places which we could cover fast. Jamnagar too has few places for them. That leaves only Surendranagar and Rajkot districts. Surendranagar has the largest number of Saruses in Saurashtra. Next to this would be Kheda, Nalsarovar and Ahmedabad districts. Gujarat, that area minus Saurashtra, is full of small lakes where one could perhaps find a pair of Sarus, certainly at least a pair for every five to ten villages. This would involve a great deal of travelling and making enquiries. Or it necessitate visiting every pond, tank or lake in the hinterland.

In Gujarat, the Saruses breed in around June. The crop in Kheda is Paddy. The other crops here (at Kheda) are grams, millets and vegetables. In Saurashtra the crops are grams in winter, wheat and sugarcane in winter and groundnuts and cotton after the monsoons. The best period to count the Saruses would be at the major lakes in days just prior to the monsoon. That may leave us little time though. Prior to that one could count the birds that get canal water say from March to June. But for that one should cover up the other districts of Gujarat much before that. If you could let me know your itinerary for the survey I could suggest the time and the period.

If you like I could start the spade work and nating the villages supposed to have the Saruses and with you visit them once. Or I could visit areas in Saurashtra. In fact the figures that I sent you for Gujarat and Saurashtra are based on my persobal observations, often in the company of Mr.D.W.Jaffri of Dholka, Mr.Malik of Zainabad and the Orintholidays Group. Muli is reported to have aroups 70 birds in the dry season. We could visit each place, stay with friends (paying them ofcourse !) and gathering good data from these people. For each district one could have a Head quarters at Zainabad, Dasada, Muli, Chuda, Bhavnagar, Dhrangadhra, Salaya, Sevaliya, Goblej, Balasinor etc., where it would be a lot cheaper than guest houses and we would be meeting good naturalists. They would be giving us a lot of priceless information. If you would like me to start the work methodically I would need some money atleast. I'll cover whatever possoble area and then we could cover the densest (Saruswise) area together. Actually I'm looking forward to some work outside Gujarat on Sarus Survey when you begin that! Meanwhile I'll await your reply. I believe you have a jeep as a vehicle? An ambassador would do well. If not, we can hire an Ambassador or a jeep at Rs.I.25 per km and at places use friends' vehicles too. Do let me know when you would like to come.

Enclosed are some Spot cenci figures on the Grus grus and the A.virgo. The lakes and the dams these birds frequent can give us some idea of the Sarus population.

Meanwhile I thank you and wish you the very best for the Seminar. Perhaps fieldwork for me here would be better.

Sincerely yours,

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Anwarkhan. Babi.

Encl: ment.

SPOT CENCI.

SOME FIGURES FOR THE DROUGHT YEARS. 1986-87.

<u>Lakes.</u>	<u>Grus g.</u>	<u>A. virgo</u>	<u>Dists.:</u>
Niari	1000	300	Rajkot.
Khijadia	2000	500	Jamnagar.
Balachadi	6-	-	"
Porbundar	1000	500	Junagadh.
Sankhroli	1000	2000	Junagadh.
Munjiasar	2000	4000	"
Bhadar	2000	2000	Rajkot.

1984.

Sayla	2000	2000	Surendranagar.
Bagodara	2000	2000	Ahmedabad.
Niari	500	2000	Rajkot.
Chhatar	2000	5000	"
Alansagar	1000	11000	"
Lalpari	1000	3000	"

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Narda	100	50x	Kheda.
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Bharuch(Kerwada)	100	-	Bharuch

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Sayla	2000		Suren.	16th Nov
Sayla Environs	2000		"	"
Bagodara	2000	300	A'bad.	23rd Nov
Muli	-	100	Suren.	24th Nov
Niari	200	300	Rajkot	27th Nov



Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh
Addl. Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests
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August 11, 1989

D.O. No. 2 (w) ASHPD/89

Dear Dr. Gole,


Thank you very much indeed of your letter of 4th August and the report on the 1st phase of the Sarus project which I was happy to see. It is indeed a very good effort. I wonder whether it would be possible to take stock of the entire population of the country and not just of the four states where enumeration has been made. I presume the birds found in Bangladesh would be the sharpii.

I would be grateful if you could send me 3 more copies of the report. I have already given away the copy you have sent me!

Do look me when you come to Delhi.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Ranjitsinh)

Shri Prakash Gole,
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