

Rescue Operation of strayed Tiger, West Champaran, Bettiah



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On 15.04.2013, early in the morning an adult Royal Bengal Tiger was reported to be seen straying in wheat fields of village Sirisia Biswas, P.S.- Chanpatia (Sirisia out post), District- West Champaran, Bettiah (Picture-1). The tiger had come out of Valmiki Tiger Reserve and had travelled a distance of about 50 Km from boundary of the Tiger Reserve in search of a new territory (as a common practice adopted by a tiger).



People of Sirisia village and nearby villages along with traditional weapons, (Bamboo sticks and spears etc) gathered around the tiger and started teasing him. This irritated the tiger and by the time the rescue team could arrive there, it had injured a few people from the mob. The injured people were immediately sent for medical aid to Bettiah Sadar hospital.

When forest officers in charge of that area came to know about the sighting of the strayed tiger, they immediately rushed to the spot along with officials of

District/ Police administration and other reinforcements. Conservator –cum-Field Director and Chief Wildlife warden Bihar, Patna was informed about the straying out of Tiger. On the direction of CWLW it was decided to tranquilize the tiger. A rescue team was formed and rest of police & District administration officers were engaged in warding off the incessant crowd



Tiger was very much irritated and gradually he was becoming more & more ferocious. Rescue team involving DFO –cum- Deputy Directors, a Veterinary Doctor and a trained tranquilized expert from Sanjay Gandhi Zoological Park Patna decided to dart the tiger by tranquilizing gun. The tiger was finally tranquilized and captured and was put in a cage, already built for such occasions.



The tranquilized tiger was then carried by a vehicle to Bheriari forest area of Valmiki Nagar Forest Range. Before releasing the tiger his temperature was noted and reversal was administered by the Veterinary doctor and when tiger regained its complete consciousness than he was released in its original territory.

After releasing the tiger in wild it was monitored by camera trap.

Photo of the released tiger was captured by camera trap on 17.04.2013.

