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To,

Shri Naveen Patnaik,
Hon'ble Chief Minister Orissa
& Minister for Environment and Forests
Bhubaneswar

Sub: expediting notification of Elephant Reserves in Orissa, regarding

Respected Sir,

This issue is regarding the delay in notification of 2 (two) Elephant Reserves namely South Orissa Elephant Reserve and Baitarani Elephant Reserve by the government of Orissa. Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Jena today in the Lok Sabha stated that Orissa has lost 698 elephants since 1990-2009 due to unnatural reasons including poaching. This indeed is a matter for grave concern for the state. Orissa is home to substantial wild elephant population. However habitat loss and fragmentation coupled with illegal trafficking of tusks are seriously threatening their survival.

Delay in consolidating elephant habitats in Orissa is major concern area. Notification of 2 (two) Elephant Reserves, which were accorded permission for notification by the Government of India during 2005, needs to be expedited. Early actions in this regard will ensure safeguarding some of Orissa's major elephant population.

We will be grateful for necessary interventions at your end.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

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