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Dear Prime Chidambaramji -

You had written to me on March 18th, 2011 on the construction of border fencing and roads along Indo-Bangladesh border inside the Dampa Tiger Reserve in Mizoram.

A two-member team constituted by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife that I chair made a site visit from April 7-9, 2011. I am enclosing a copy of the site inspection report submitted by this team.

Keeping in mind national security considerations, the proposed construction of a 62-km fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border outpost has been recommended by the team subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The area needs to be reworked since the total loss from Dampa Tiger Reserve amounts to almost 1500 ha instead of 69.26 ha as originally estimated. Hence, a detailed survey needs to be done by the BSF along the 62 km stretch, involving the representatives of the State Government/Dampa Tiger Reserve;
- 2) The requisite forest clearance under the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 should be obtained only after the exact area is worked out;
- 3) The patrol road and the border outpost should be on the Bangladesh side of the three line fencing to ensure that the habitat of Dampa Tiger Reserve inside the fencing remains sacrosanct and free of disturbance;
- 4) The diverted forest land from Dampa Tiger Reserve should be compensated by adding an equivalent amount of land to the said tiger reserve elsewhere or to another Park or Sanctuary in Mizoram;
- 5) Other mitigative measure and conditions (including no stone quarrying and dumping of debris) laid down by the State Government/Chief Wildlife Warden/CWC would have to be complied with.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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