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*My dear Tarunji*

As you are aware that Manas Wildlife Sanctuary was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1985. Later, due to some conservation concerns, the site was placed by UNESCO on the list of 'World Heritage Sites in Danger' in 1992. Thereafter, I believe the State machinery has been working for the restoration of the status of the Site to its original glory, and I am told that several management initiatives had also been taken by the State Government with this objective in view. I consider this extremely commendable. I may also inform that during the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO held in Brazil during July-August, 2010, the Indian delegation strongly argued for removal of the property from the 'Sites in Danger' list and restore it back to the Status of a 'World Heritage Site'. It was, therefore, agreed that a UNESCO-IUCN Mission comprising Dr. Ram Boojh, UNESCO-India, Dr. Sue Mainka, IUCN and Mr. Remco van Merm, World Heritage Programme, IUCN, would visit Manas National Park for an on-the-spot assessment of the corrective measures taken so far alongwith their positive impact particularly the trends in increase of wildlife population. As per information received by my Ministry, they would be conducting the visit from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

I am writing this letter to personally impress upon you the importance that Government of India accords to the visit of this UNESCO Mission as success of this Mission would restore the lost international glory to the Manas National Park. May I request you to impress upon the State Forest Department, Chief Wildlife Warden, and other departments and officers of your government to make full use of this God sent opportunity to present the improvement effected in Management of Manas National Park and its positive impact specifically on wildlife population before the visiting Mission in a forceful manner with a view to eliciting a favourable recommendation from them.

With regards,

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