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My dear Ashok -

As you may be aware, the process is on for reviving the tiger population at Sariska, where they became locally extinct in the recent past. Based on a recovery strategy suggested by the Wildlife Institute of India, tigers have been translocated from Ranthambore which falls within the same state (Rajasthan).

Since the tiger population at Ranthambore has evolved from a small founder group, there is considerable similarity in the genetic make-up of individual tigers in the area. Hence, to bring in genetic vigour, we need a few wild-caught tigers (males as well as females) for Sariska from other adjoining states.

In this context, I would very much appreciate if two straying males are provided at the outset to Rajasthan from the tiger reserves of Maharashtra. Tigers do not recognize state boundaries. A positive gesture from your end in this regard could go a long way in ensuring a viable gene pool for our wild tigers, which are becoming isolated due to habitat fragmentation.

I look forward to a favourable response from your end.

Warm personal
With regards

Yours sincerely,

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