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My dear Ashokji -

At the outset, I must compliment you for the initiatives taken at Ranthambhore, which has resulted in securing a good number of tigers in the area. The local officers and the frontline staff deserve all praise for this. However, since the original National Park area is considerably small, there is a need to improve the habitat in the remaining part of the core, which can accommodate the spill over tigers.

In this context, there are several issues requiring urgent action at the State level:

- (i) Expediting relocation of villages from the core/critical tiger habitat, especially the remaining families of Padra, Indala, Machanki, besides other villages having an immediate impact on a priority basis. A complete proposal incorporating details of all the villages in the prescribed format is required for providing Central assistance.
- (ii) Stepping up protection by raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force, for which 100% Central assistance amounting to Rs. 93 lakhs has already been provided during the financial year 2008-09.
- (iii) Notifying a buffer zone around the core/critical tiger habitat, for actively managing the area to secure the support of local people, by providing livelihood options with Central assistance.
- (iv) Preparing a consolidated Tiger Conservation Plan for the core and buffer areas in the GIS domain, in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India.
- (v) Creating 'satellite core' areas for tigers 'straying' out of Ranthambhore (Dara and Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuaries).

I solicit your personal intervention on the above.

With regards, *with personal*

Yours sincerely,

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