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1. I attach a newsitem that had appeared in the Times of India on October 15th, 2010.

2. The newitem is a matter of the greatest concern. I would request you to please review the 49 mining leases for excavating iron ore and bauxite in the Sindhudurg region. There are serious doubts on the credibility and integrity of the environmental impact assessment and it appears to me that if these mining leases are not reviewed, we would be opening the gates to a very severe environmental disaster.

3. I have also asked the MoE&F's Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel chaired by Dr. Madhav Gadgil to also examine this issue and make its recommendations soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jairam Ramesh)

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Encl: as above