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*My dear Ashokji -*

It is learnt that at present there are 124 sanctioned mining leases on non-forest land, out of which 32 are operational within 1 km. periphery of the core/critical tiger habitat of Sariska Tiger Reserve.

As you are aware, the fringe/peripheral areas of a core/critical tiger habitat need to be notified as a buffer area under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. This is an ecological necessity for ensuring the integrity of the critical tiger habitat to provide habitat for the dispersal of tiger and other wild animals from the core, besides fostering co-existence between wildlife and human activity.

The buffer area is an integral part of a tiger reserve under section 38O of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and ecologically unsustainable land uses such as mining are not permitted in such areas. Since the non-forest areas around the core of a tiger reserve are also ecologically sensitive, I solicit your urgent personal intervention in cancelling the permission accorded for the 124 mining leases under reference, while immediately closing the 32 operational mines. Sariska has been revived at a great cost with the active collaboration between the State and the Centre, and I take this opportunity to once again reiterate the urgent action required from your end to notify its buffer in the interest of the translocated tigers.

*Warm personal*  
With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Jairam Ramesh*  
(Jairam Ramesh)

Shri Ashok Gehlot,  
Chief Minister,  
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*AS: This is my third  
letter to you on this  
subject.*