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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted a Committee for an appraisal of the damage to infrastructure / habitat in the Similipal Tiger Reserve, Orissa due to recent left wing extremism. The composition of the Committee comprises of the following members:

- (i) Shri Suresh Mishra, Wildlife Expert, Bhubaneswar - Member
- (ii) Dr. M.D. Madhusudan - Member
- (iii) Dr. Bivash Pandav (WWF-International)(currently in India) - Member
- (iv) DIG (NTCA) - Member Convener

2. The terms of reference of the above Committee are as below:

- (i) Appraisal of the damage to infrastructure / habitat due to left wing extremism
- (ii) Present status of tiger, co-predators and prey animals and protection efforts
- (iii) Suggestions for restoring the area and eliciting local support to strengthen protection

3. The Committee would be required to submit its report within 30 days from the issue of the O.M. in this regard.

4. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled of TA/DA as per rules.

(Dr. Rajesh Gopal)
IGF & Member Secretary (NTCA)

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1. All Members of the Committee:

- (i) Dr. Suresh Mishra, Plot 732/28, Sri Vihar, Post Patia, Bhubaneswar-751031.
- (ii) Dr. M.D. Madhusudan, Sr. Scientist and Trustee, Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore.
- (iii) Dr. Bivash Pandav (care of Dr. M.D. Madhusudan).
- (iv) DIG (NTCA)

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- 1. APS to MEF.
- 2. PPS to Secretary (E&F), MoEF.
- 3. PPS to DGF & SS, MoEF.
- 4. PPS to ADG (WL), MoEF.