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Dear Sri Narayan Singh,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 9th March (No. 17-47/83- PRY (CO ORD) addressed to Sri Sunder Lal Bahuguna regarding Chipko movement in Western Ghats.

During the visit of Add. Inspector General of Forests to Karnataka he could not meet the representatives of the Chipko movement. He was presented with one sided view by the state Forest Dept. However, the lives of people who live near the forest face a great ecological threat in coming years due to denudation of greenery. Even to this day the Chipko (locally known as Appiko) is going on in Sirsi Forest Division of North Kanara Dt. in Karnataka.

Herewith I am sending a copy of the report submitted by Prof. Gadgil on the excess felling in one of these areas. This report brings out clearly the mistakes in the management of the forests in Karnataka. The Working Plan of Sirsi Division is in operation from 1961-62 and in 23 years this is the first mistake which was detected by people and confirmed by the Scientist. Logically many more mistakes have been committed which went unnoticed. No one has studied its effect on soil, water and on the overall

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ecological conditions affecting the lives. The rationale calls for the review of the total forest management of Sirsi forest Division. And till this kind of study is under taken the felling should be stopped. But this is not given attention by the state forest officials. It is high time that Govt. of India took notice of this fact to ensure the safety of its citizens.

As your letter mentions about the recommendations by ADD. I G of Forests, we as an interested party would like to know about these suggestions for the improvement and Kindly send us these recommendations.

It will be in the overall interest of the people if a detailed on the spot study is made, on the conditions of forests of Western Ghat forest area by a member of the GOI and to suggest necessary practical suggestions.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Pandurang Hegde
For Parisara Sanmrakshana Kendra

encl: A Copy of the report of PROF. Gadgil



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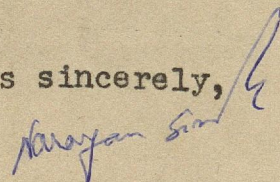
Dear Shri Hegde,

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your d.o. letter dated 28.1.1984 addressed to Shri D.D. Yellurkar, Addl. I.G.F. in this Ministry regarding his visit to Salkani pertaining to 'Appiko' movement and are grateful about mass awareness all along the Western Ghats for protection of forest wealth.

The news letter purported to have^{been} sent has not been received by us. A copy thereof may be sent by name to the undersigned for necessary action.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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