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Dear Sir,

The monsoons are a few weeks away, and another season of the Lesser Florican is about to begin. It is also time that we started implementing the various conservation measures that were discussed during the workshop last December. Please do refer to the Action Plan that was the outcome of the workshop and initiate those conservation measures in your district. Please do give wide publicity in all local newspapers to the Lesser Florican educating people not to hunt this bird and on the need to use grasslands in a sustainable manner. If funds are available, I hope to visit western India in July and August this year so as to support the conservation endeavours in your district.

The survival of the Lesser Florican is in our hands. An integrated and combined conservation effort is required if this species and its economically important habitat is to be saved. Your wholehearted involvement and support in advocating the conservation of the Lesser Florican is essential if this magnificent species is to survive.

With best wishes for a fruitful monsoon  
Yours sincerely

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