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ATHGARH FOREST DIVISION, ATHGARH.**

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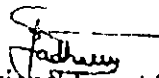
To

**The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife),
& Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.**

Sub: -

Updated Status Report on Death of Injured Tusker in Narsinghpur West Range of Athgarh Division.

With reference to the subject cited above, the updated status report on death of injured tusker in Kaliapada PF of Kholo beat area, Jayapur Section of Narsinghpur West Range is sent herewith for favour of your kind information and necessary action.



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Athgarh Division.

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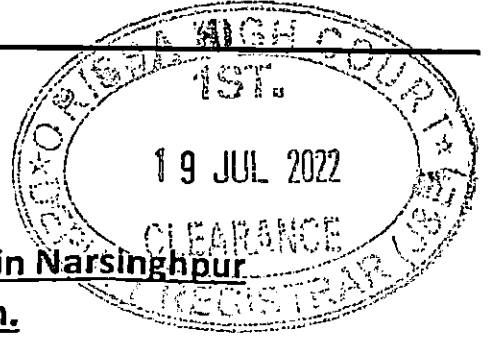
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Copy along with the copy of its enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul, Circle Angul for favour of kind information and necessary action.


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Updated Status Report on Death of Injured Tusker in Narsinghpur
West Range of Athgarh Forest Division.

On dt.06.06.2022 at around 8.30 am while patrolling in Kaliapada PF of Kholo Beat area of Jayapur Section of Narsinghpur west Range of Athgarh Forest Division, the staff of the Range found one injured sub-adult male elephant (tusker) moving slowly in the Beat area. The age of the elephant is approximately 10-12 years. The BVO, Narsinghpur was immediately requisitioned for the assessment of health & further treatment of the elephant. The injury of the elephant appeared because of use of small pallet bullets shot by local made gun. Injuries could be seen on the right leg, right ear point & trunk of the elephant. Veterinary doctors from Nandankanan, OUAT, Bhubaneswar & Satkosia WL Division tried their best to recover the elephant from the injuries. However, on dt- 14.06.2022 at about 11.20 AM while undergoing treatment in presence of BVO, Narsinghpur the elephant succumbed to the injuries.

One UD case No 9NW of 2022-23 converted to OR Case No 2NW of 2022-23 has been registered in Narsinghpur West Range in above Case.

During the investigation of the case, it was found that the elephant was fired upon with the use of small pallet bullets shot by local made gun near Nuagarh RF, Compt No 1, inside a Cashew Field belonging to one Sri. Prabhakar Mishra. However, the cashew trees were auctioned and allotted to one Prakash Dash (Prakash Baba) of Village Atanda in Narsinghpur Tahsil. In this case so far 5 nos of accused persons have been arrested so far. As per their statement,

- A. The incident happened in the last week of May. One evening, the above-mentioned injured elephant (tusker) entered in to the said cashew field. However, while driving out the elephant, he was fired upon by Prakash Dash and his associates with the help of local made pallet gun due to which the elephant suffered grievous injuries to which he succumbed later on.
- B. After getting the information from the arrested persons, the residence of Prakash Dash and his associates were raided. During this, one local made pallet gun was seized from the house of Suryamani Nayak, At-Ramachandrapur, PS-Narsinghpur, Dist-Cuttack.
- C. These arrested persons have also admitted that they are regularly involved in the poaching of smaller wild animals in the Nuagarh RF area in Narsinghpur East Range.

Total 10 persons have been found to be involved in the above-mentioned case. Out of them, following accused namely,

- 1. Suryamani Nayak, Age-42 years. S/o-Late Bansidhara Nayak, At-Ramachandrapur, PS-Narsinghpur Dist-Cuttack
- 2. Gangadhara Nayak, Age-62 years. S/o-Late Bula Nayak, At-Nuabhuin, PS-Narsinghpur Dist-Cuttack.
- 3. Dibakar Sahoo, Age-35 years. S/o-Bhagaban Sahoo, At-Anantaprasad, PS-Narsinghpur Dist-Cuttack.

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4. Jalindara Nayak, Age- 28 years, S/o- late Ghanshyam Nayak, At- Anantaprasad, PS-Narsinghpur, Dist-Cuttack.

5. Budhimana Rout, Age- 53 years, S/o- late Mangulu Rout, At-Kathakhunta, PS-Narsinghpur, Dist-Cuttack

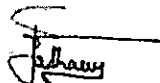
have been arrested and forwarded to the Court of Law. Further, efforts are on to arrest the rest 5 nos of accused.


In the above cases help of Cuttack District Police is being taken to track the mobile nos of the accused persons. So far 7 nos of mobile no are being tracked to get their current locations. Also, the help of police is also taken while arresting the accused persons in various parts of Badamba and Narsinghpur areas.

Material Evidences collected-

1. Statement of Bibhu Ranjan Rai, Dy. RO, Ex- I/C Narsinghpur East Range
2. Statement of Baman Charan Rout, Forester, Nuagarh Section, Narsinghpur East Range
3. Statement of Madhusudan Pradhan, FG, Panchhagocchia Beat, Narsinghpur East Range
4. Statement of Barendra Kumar Behera, Forester, Jaypore Section, Narsinghpur East Range
5. Statement of Nilamadhab Dalel, FG, Kholo beat
6. Statement of Biswajit Prusty, Forester, Deobhuin Section
7. Statement of Bimal Nayak, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur West Range
8. Statement of Laxmidhar Singh, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur West Range
9. Statement of Biranchi Dehury, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur West Range
10. Statement of Manoj Kumar Nayak, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur West Range
11. Statement of Prafulla Maharana, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur East Range
12. Statement of Prakash Sahoo, Elephant Tracker, Narsinghpur East Range.
13. Country made pallet gun seized from the house of Suryamani Nayak, S/o-Late Bansidhara Nayak, At-Ramachandrapur, PS-Narsinghpur, Dist-Cuttack.

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