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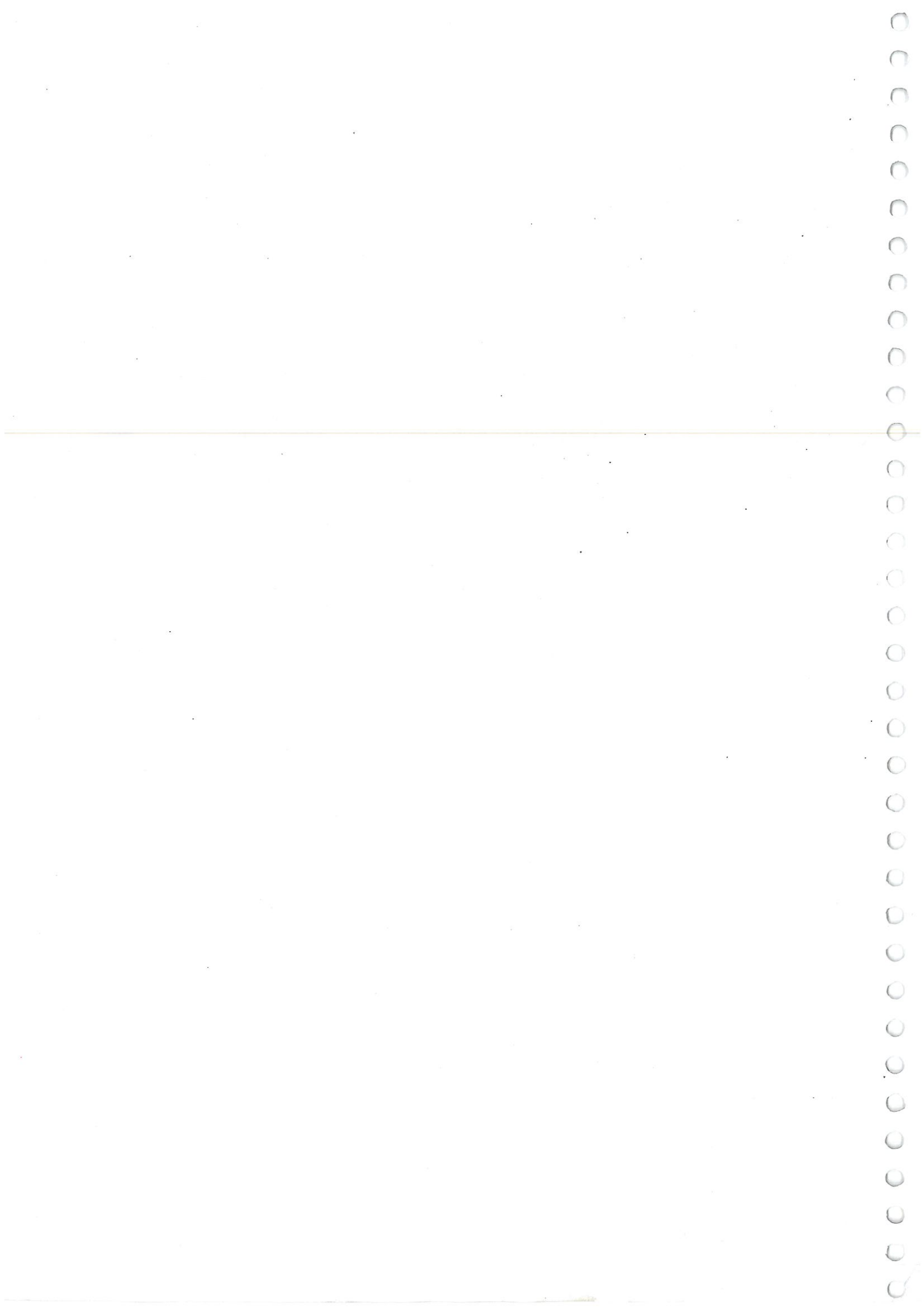
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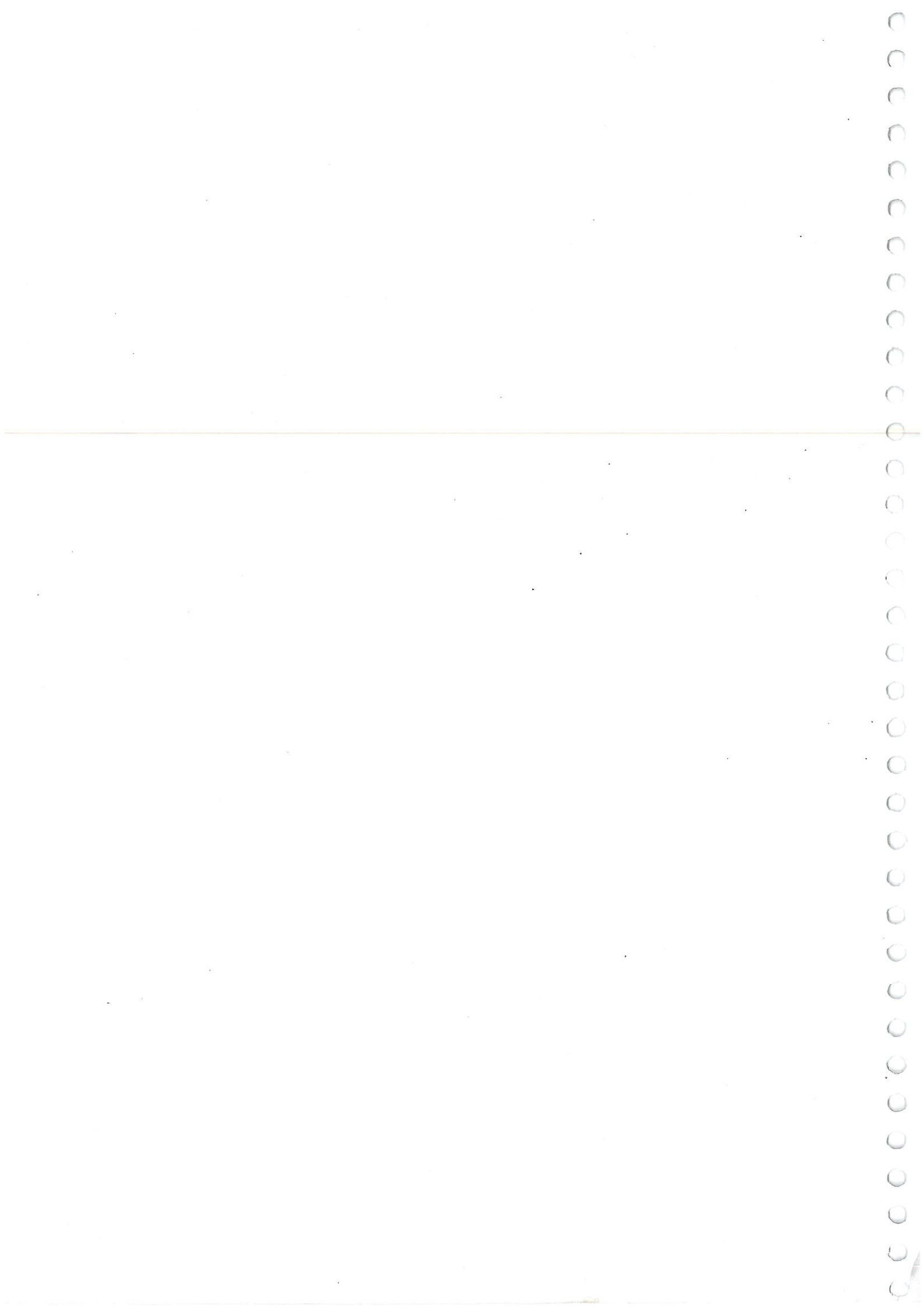
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NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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(Seventh Annual Report of the NTCA after its constitution)

CHAPTER I

Introduction

The National Tiger Conservation Authority is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), constituted under enabling provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it under the said Act.

The National Tiger Conservation Authority has been fulfilling its mandate within the ambit of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for strengthening tiger conservation in the country by retaining an oversight through advisories/normative guidelines, based on appraisal of tiger status, ongoing conservation initiatives and recommendations of specially constituted Committees. 'Project Tiger' is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, providing funding support to tiger range States, for in-situ conservation of tigers in designated tiger reserves, and has put the endangered tiger on an assured path of recovery by saving it from extinction, as revealed by the recent findings of the All India tiger estimation using the refined methodology.

Objectives of tiger conservation:-

To ensure maintenance of a viable population of Tigers in India for scientific, economic aesthetic, cultural and ecological values, and to preserve for all times, areas of biological importance as a national heritage for the benefit, education and enjoyment of the people.

Objectives of The National Tiger Conservation Authority:-

Providing statutory authority to Project Tiger so that compliance of its directives become legal. Fostering accountability of Centre-State in management to Tiger Reserves, by providing a basis for MoU with States within our federal Structure. Providing for an oversight by Parliament. Addressing livelihood interests of local people in areas surrounding Tiger Reserves.

CHAPTER II

Constitution of the National Tiger Conservation Authority including changes therein and its functions

The National Tiger Conservation Authority was constituted with effect from 4.09.2006, for strengthening tiger conservation by, inter alia, ensuring normative standards in tiger reserve management, preparation of reserve specific tiger conservation plan, laying down annual / audit report before Parliament, constituting State level Steering Committees under the Chairmanship of Chief Ministers and establishment of Tiger Conservation Foundation. List of the NTCA members, constituted vide Gazette Notification No. 15-25/09 NTCA dated 21st September, 2012 25th February, 2013 and 13th October, 2014 are as under:

1. The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment and Forests - Chairman
2. The Minister of State for Environment and Forests (Vacant) - Vice-Chairperson
3. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP (Lok Sabha) - Member
4. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP (Lok Sabha) - Member
5. Shri P. Bhattacharya, MP (Rajya Sabha) - Member
6. Shri P.K. Sen, B-II/2275, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070. - Member
7. Dr. K. Ullas Karanth, Centre for Wildlife Studies, 1669, 31st Cross, 16th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka-560070. - Member
8. Shri Brijendra Singh, 28, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110003. - Member
9. Shri H.S. Panwar, 208, Kanchanjanga Tower, GH-18, Sector-56, Gurgaon-122011. - Member
10. Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, Krishnasaar, No. 5, Tiger Lane, W-6, C Lane, Sainik Farm, New Delhi-110062. - Member
11. Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh, 101, Mangolia, Esteem Gardenia, Sahkaar Nagar Bangalore-560092. - Member
12. Shri T. Rajappa, House No. 8, Shetty Hally Punarwasthi Kendra, Post Nayralakuppe, Hunsur Taluk, Dist. Mysore, Karnataka-571105. - Member
13. Shri A.P. Shibu, Kurichiyad House, Chethalayam House, Sulthan Batheri, Wayanad District, Kerala-571105. - Member
14. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests - Member
15. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests - Member
16. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs - Member
17. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment - Member
18. Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Tribes - Member
19. Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Castes - Member
20. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj - Member
21. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment & Forests - Member
22. Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam - Member
23. Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand - Member
24. Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala - Member
25. Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh - Member
26. Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan - Member
27. Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu - Member
28. Joint Secretary and Legislative Counsel, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice - Member
29. Additional Director General (Project Tiger), Ministry of Environment and Forests - Member Secretary

Functions of the NTCA:

Powers and functions of the National Tiger Conservation Authority as prescribed under section 38O of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006 are as under:-

- (a) to approve the tiger conservation plan prepared by the State Government under sub-section (3) of section 38V of this Act;
- (b) evaluate and assess various aspects of sustainable ecology and disallow any ecologically unsustainable land use such as, mining, industry and other projects within the tiger reserves;
- (c) lay down normative standards for tourism activities and guidelines for project tiger from time to time for tiger conservation in the buffer and core area of tiger reserves and ensure their due compliance;
- (d) provide for management focus and measures for addressing conflicts of men and wild animal and to emphasize on co-existence in forest areas outside the National Parks, sanctuaries or tiger reserve, in the working plan code;
- (e) provide information on protection measures including future conservation plan, estimation of population of tiger and its natural prey species, status of habitats, disease surveillance, mortality survey, patrolling, reports on untoward happenings and such other management aspects as it may deem fit including future plan conservation;
- (f) approve, co-ordinate research and monitoring on tiger, co-predators, prey habitat, related ecological and socio-economic parameters and their evaluation;
- (g) ensure that the tiger reserves and areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another protected area or tiger reserve are not diverted for ecologically unsustainable uses, except in public interest and with the approval of the National Board for Wild Life and on the advice of the Tiger Conservation Authority;
- (h) facilitate and support the tiger reserve management in the State for biodiversity conservation initiatives through eco-development and people's participation as per approved management plans and to support similar initiatives in adjoining areas consistent with the Central and State laws;
- (i) ensure critical support including scientific, information technology and legal support for better implementation of the tiger conservation plan;
- (j) facilitate ongoing capacity building programme for skill development of officers and staff of tiger reserves, and
- (k) perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act with regard to conservation of tigers and their habitat.

CHAPTER III

Meetings of the National Tiger Conservation Authority and important decisions taken therein

1. Decisions taken in the tenth meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority held under the Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the 26th August, 2014 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

The tenth meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Chairperson, National Tiger Conservation Authority on 26th August, 2014 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The Hon'ble MEF&CC and Chairperson, NTCA welcomed the members and initiated the discussion. He highlighted the importance of tiger conservation and India's long standing track record under Project Tiger. It was also stated that over the years, the Project Tiger coverage has increased considerably with 47 reserves in 18 States, amounting to almost 2.02% of our country's geographical area. The Government of India is actively collaborating with tiger States to save wild tigers, and due to such ongoing efforts, the country has more than 50% of world's tiger population.

The efforts on national and international fronts for tiger were highlighted. The national efforts involved securing the tiger source areas, with an exclusive tiger agenda, followed by a co-occurrence agenda in the buffer and beyond. Field protection, day to day tiger monitoring and ensuring inviolate space for tiger are given utmost importance, with the state-of-art technology and capacity building of field units. Use of electronic surveillance and unmanned aerial vehicles has also been explored, besides collaboration with the NRSA for an Alert system to forecast flood and fire in susceptible reserves.

The Chairperson stated that the States are provided funding support under Project Tiger for antipoaching operations and other initiatives, in addition to 100% central assistance for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF). The recent in-principle approval in this regard for Melghat and Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserves was highlighted, in addition to efforts for providing adequate funding support towards voluntary relocation of people from core/critical tiger habitats, recommending notification of the Bor Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra, support for addressing human-tiger interface conflicts, issue of Standard Operating Procedures to deal with orphaned tiger cubs, ongoing country level assessment of tigers, co-predators and prey, independent assessment of tiger reserves and study relating to valuation of tiger reserves.

The bilateral understanding with Nepal on wildlife / tiger conservation was articulated, including the forthcoming joint report on tiger status in the Terai Arc Landscape involving areas of both countries. The Chairperson also highlighted

the bilateral with China, Bangladesh and Russian Federation for strengthening tiger conservation.

The Chairperson reiterated the commitment to protect biodiversity / wildlife and forests, while stating that protection of nature and development can go hand in hand and conservation should not be seen as a drag on development.

The Chairperson announced the following decisions vis-à-vis the agenda items:

1. Requesting the State of Karnataka for a proposal to notify Kaveri and MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuaries as a tiger reserve.
2. Annually carrying out 'Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves' by States.
3. Collaboration of National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau for an online tiger / wildlife crime tracking / reporting system in tiger reserves.
4. Institutionalizing an award for successful conservation of endangered species (other than tiger) in tiger reserves.

This was followed by deliberations on agenda items as indicated below:

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of minutes of the ninth meeting, including action taken

The Chairperson solicited comments on the minutes of the ninth meeting of the NTCA. The NTCA confirmed the minutes of its ninth meeting held on 19th June, 2013.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action taken on the minutes of the 9th meeting of the NTCA

1. Notifying the Amangarh area of Uttar Pradesh for tiger conservation

The area of Amangarh has been notified by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh as a buffer of the Corbett Tiger Reserve on 21.07.2012.

The NTCA took note of the action taken.

2. Notifying Pilibhit forest division as a tiger reserve

The Pilibhit Forest Division has been notified as a tiger reserve by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, vide their notification dated 9.6.2014.

Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, Member, NTCA suggested that trans-Sharda river forest habitats like Lagga-Bagga, Shuklaphanta should be considered as tiger corridors. Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh, Member, NTCA endorsed the same.

The NTCA took note of the action taken and suggestions.

3. Naming Mukandra Tiger Reserve as Mukundwara

The NTCA was apprised of the reference in this regard was made to the State. Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh, Member, NTCA justified his proposal for change of name as 'Mukundwara'.

The NTCA took note of the action taken and suggestion.

4. Notification of Rajaji as a tiger reserve, conditional to solving ongoing issues

The NTCA was apprised of the fact that the final recommendation for notification of Rajaji Tiger Reserve has been communicated to the Government of Uttarakhand. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand apprised the ongoing process in this context, within the State.

The NTCA took note of the action taken in this regard as indicated in the Agenda notes.

5. Conserving Surahi range of East Terai Division (Uttarakhand) for rhinos

The NTCA was apprised of the reference made in this regard to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand.

The NTCA took note of the action taken in this regard as indicated in the Agenda notes.

6. Keeping record of sub-adult tigers, cubs including tiger mortality in country level assessment

The NTCA took note of the action taken in this regard as indicated in the Agenda notes.

7. Advisory relating to posting / tenure of Field Directors of Tiger Reserves

The NTCA took note of the action taken in this regard as indicated in the Agenda notes.

8. Providing ration allowance to field staff of tiger reserves

The NTCA was apprised about the notification issued in this regard, which was noted.

9. Eradication of *Opuntia* species from Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu

The Member Secretary (NTCA) informed that interventions relating to weed removal are addressed in Tiger Conservation Plans of respective tiger reserves.

The Authority took note of the same.

10. Appraisal of village relocation in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

The Member Secretary (NTCA) highlighted the appraisal done by officials of NTCA and the Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser of MoEF & CC. Shri Brijendra Singh, Member, NTCA articulated on the need for providing funding support towards voluntary relocation from the CAMPA funds. Dr. K. Ullas Karanth, Member, NTCA emphasized the need for posting efficient and young officers in the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (Karnataka) to expedite voluntary village relocation. He also stated that the process should not be delayed while settling the rights of people. Shri J.T. Rajappa, Member, NTCA stated that the voluntary relocation in Nagarahole had been much delayed; due to lack of coordination between the tiger reserve management and the district level committee. He also urged for providing funding support from CAMPA towards voluntary relocation from protected areas, other than tiger reserves, like the Wayanad in Kerala.

The Chairperson informed that a comprehensive scheme is being devised for supporting proposals relating to afforestation and relocation under CAMPA. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, pointed out that local people were being displaced from the Satpura Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh) without due compensation. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh emphasized the need for enhanced funding support towards voluntary village relocation.

Shri A.P. Shibu, Member, NTCA raised several issues relating to slow progress of village relocation in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu, while denying the same, apprised the Authority of factual status and reviews done at various levels.

11. Posting of veterinary doctors

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

12. Creation of rescue centres

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

13. Involving organizations like ITBP for training of field staff of tiger reserves

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

14. Steps to check change in land use and mushrooming of resorts in the periphery of Corbett Tiger Reserve

Shri H.S. Panwar, Member, NTCA stated that tourism infrastructure has disrupted the Kanha-Pench corridor. The Member Secretary (NTCA) informed about the set of comprehensive guidelines issued by the NTCA, vis-à-vis the directives of the Hon'ble Apex Court for regulating tourism. The Chairperson stated that identified wildlife corridors / pathways should not be disturbed. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP and Member, NTCA, while articulating on the tigers straying from Panna Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh), stated about the possible corridor linkages in the landscape. S/Shri Brijendra Singh, A.J.T. Johnsingh and P.K. Sen, Members, NTCA highlighted

the importance of corridor. Shri P. Bhattacharya, MP and Member, NTCA emphasized the need for regulated tourism and steps to prevent sale of forest areas. The Chairperson, while highlighting the enforcement measures taken in the context of polluting industries, emphasized the need for enforcement. Shri Nagendra Singh, MP and Member, NTCA urged for providing basic development inputs like transport and road in buffer areas of tiger reserves.

15. Prescribing timeline for investigating tiger deaths

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

16. Supporting Gujjar relocation from Corbett

Shri Brijendra Singh, Member, NTCA emphasized the need for funding support in this regard.

The NTCA took note of the action taken and the suggestion.

17. Conserving Chilla-Motichur corridor in Uttarakhand

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

18. Removing the encroachment from Sundarkhal (near Corbett)

The Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand apprised the Authority of the efforts being taken for relocating the Sundarkhal village, close to the Corbett Tiger Reserve.

The Authority took note of the same.

19. Vaccination of cattle around tiger reserves

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

20. Supporting research in Applied Aspects

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

21. Stopping fund flow to tiger reserves in cases of non-compliance of advisories

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

22. Creating interstate coordination

The NTCA took note of the action taken as indicated in the Agenda notes.

Agenda Item No. 3

Update on Recent Initiatives

The Authority took note of the recent initiatives.

Agenda Item No. 4

Approval of budget / expenditure schedules for the year 2013-14

The Authority approved and ratified the following:

1. The forms of financial statements together with balance sheet, income and expenditure account, receipts and payment statements (Annexure-III A of the Agenda notes) for the year 2013-14.
2. Allocation and other receipts of Rs. 17,10,51,736/- to the NTCA for the year 2013-14, and the expenditure of Rs. 13,79,52,054/- incurred, while leaving an unutilized amount of Rs. 3,30,99,682/- (Annexure-III B of the Agenda notes).

Agenda Item No. 5

Agenda items proposed by NTCA Members

Most of the agenda items proposed by NTCA Members were articulated as reflected under Agenda-2 of the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 6

Any other item with the approval of the Chair

Shri P.K. Sen, Member, NTCA expressed his concern on the submergence of Panna Tiger Reserve due to the proposed Ken-Betwa linkage. The Chairperson informed that based on an appraisal done by the Wildlife Institute of India and National Water Development Agency, suitable steps would be taken to ensure the welfare of tiger and local people.

CHAPTER IV ✓ ?

Committees constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority

A. Details of Committees constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority during 2014-15 are as under:-

I. A Committee was constituted for selection of Tiger **Reserves for the NTCA Awards for Excellence based on the work done** in last two financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14. The composition of the Committee is as below:

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| (i) | Addl. Director General (PT) and Member Secretary (NTCA) | - | Chairman |
| (ii) | Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun | - | Member |
| (iii) | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA), Hqrs., New Delhi | - | Member |
| (iv) | Deputy Inspector General of Forests (NTCA), Hqrs., New Delhi | - | Member |
| (v) | Joint Director (Wildlife), MoEF&CC | - | Member |

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

- (i) To screen/examine the nominations.
- (ii) Submit the recommendations for awards.

II. A Committee was constituted **to deal with the issue of stray dogs** are being displaced from cities/ town and are being dumped in and around forest areas, resulting in their killing. The Committee would also deal with the issue of preventing spread of disease to wildlife, especially tigers and their prey. The composition of the team is as under:

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|-------|---|---|-------------|
| (i) | Addl. Director General (PT) and Member Secretary (NTCA)- or a representative thereof | - | Chairperson |
| (ii) | Ms. Gauri Maulekhi, People for Animals, Uttarakhand | - | Member |
| (iii) | Mr. Rahul Sehgal, Humane Society International | - | Member |
| (iv) | Dr. Parag Nigam, Scientist D, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun | - | Member |
| (v) | The Director, Animal Welfare Board | - | Member |
| (vi) | Assistant Inspector General (Enforcement), NTCA Convener | - | Member |

2. The terms of reference of the said team are as below:

- (i) Formulate a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to deal with the problem of stray dogs in and around Tiger Reserves.
- (ii) Plan measures for prophylactic control of diseases which are especially contagious to tigers and their prey.

III. Constitution of a team **for field appraisal to suggest options for retaining the vital tiger corridor- Human River Irrigation Project, Maharashtra.** The composition of the team:

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|-------|---|---|--------|
| (i) | Shri Ravikiran S. Govekar, AIG NTCA Regional office, Nagpur | - | Member |
| | Convener | | |
| (ii) | An Official from the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra. | - | Member |
| (iii) | An official from the Irrigation Department, Maharashtra | - | Member |

CHAPTER V

Monitoring and Evaluation of Tiger Reserves

“Project Tiger” was launched in April, 1973 with the objective “to ensure maintenance of a viable population of tigers in India for scientific, economic, aesthetic, cultural and ecological values, and to preserve for all times, areas of biological importance as a national heritage for the benefit, education and enjoyment of the people”.

The Project has been successfully implemented, and at present there are 47 tiger reserves in 18 States, covering an area of 68676.47sq.km. (core/critical tiger habitat and buffer/peripheral areas).

Project Tiger is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Conservation of endangered species and their habitat, strengthening and enhancing the Protected Area Network, control of poaching, monitoring, research and ensuring people’s participation in wildlife conservation have been accorded high priority in the National Wildlife Action Plan and the Wildlife Conservation Strategy, 2002.

Based on the recommendations of the NBWL, chaired by the Hon’ble Prime Minister, a Task Force was set up in 2005 to look into the problems of tiger conservation in the country and to suggest measures for improvement. In order to implement the recommendations of the said Task Force, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was amended in 2006 to provide a separate chapter for strengthening tiger conservation, interalia, with enabling provisions, for creating the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The said Authority was constituted as a statutory body on 4.9.2006 under the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

During present plan period, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, 100% central assistance is being made available to States for expenditure on all non-recurring items; for recurring items, the central assistance is restricted to 50% of the expenditure, while the matching grant is provided by the Project States. In case of the North Eastern States, the ratio of matching grant is 90:10.

At present, the following activities are supported under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger:

- (a) Some of the major non-recurring activities supported by the project include civil works like patrolling camps, project allowance for the staff deployed in tiger reserves, development and reinforcement of roads and wireless communication network, development of water impounding structures like ponds, anicuts, establishment of barriers, voluntary village relocation, creation of veterinary facilities, compensation to the dependents of staff killed while performing duty and the like.
- (b) The works of recurring nature include antipoaching squads, deployment of fire watchers, fire protection measures, weed eradication and indigenous grass management, compensation to fringe villagers for cattle depredation by carnivores, field research, estimation and monitoring of tigers and other

(iv) An expert from the Wildlife Institute of India - Member

2. The terms of reference of the said team are as below:

- (i) Site appraisal of the proposed Human River Irrigation Project vis-à-vis the identified tiger corridor linkage.
- (ii) Providing suggestions to ensure the non-disruption of the tiger corridor.

IV. Constitution of Rhino Task Force to suggest measures for strengthening rhino conservation in Kaziranga. The composition of the Task Force:

- (i) Shri D.P. Bankhwal, IGF, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati - Member
- (ii) Shri C.Behra, Deputy Director, Regional Office, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Kolkata. - Member
- (iii) Dr. P.C. Bhattachary, Professor, Zoology Department Guwahati University, Guwahati, Assam. - Member
- (iv) Shri Ravikiran S. Govekar, AIG, NTCA Regional office Nagpur - Member Convener

2. The terms of reference of the Rhino Task Force are as below:

- (i) Measuring to strengthen rhino protection in the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve vis-à-vis intelligence based enforcement.
- (ii) Measures to improve field monitoring of rhino with the state-of-art technology.
- (iii) Measures for proactive safeguards to rhino and wild animals to prevent mortality during flood.
- (iv) Measures for special monitoring of rhino and other wild animals in corridors along NH-37.
- (v) Measures for involving local community in rhino protection.

V. Constitution of a Committee in connection with construction of third Railway Track including electrification, signaling and telecommunication between Habibganj km 830.850 Barkheda km 789.430 passing through Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh and within 10 kms from Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary. The composition of the Committee:

- (i) Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur, AIGF (NTCA), New Delhi - Member
- (ii) Dr. Bilal Habib, Scientist, WII, Dehradun - Member
- (iii) Shri Ravikiran S. Govekar, AIG, NTCA Regional office Nagpur - Member Convener

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

- (i) To submit a site inspection report alongwith mitigation measures vis-à-vis tiger and other wildlife occupancy in the said area.

wild animals, deployment of patrolling camp watchers and the like. Each tiger reserve has its own site-specific Tiger Conservation Plan which is a statutory requirement.

Technical and administrative monitoring mechanisms

The following technical and administrative monitoring mechanisms are in place:

- i. The tiger population is estimated once every four years using a refined methodology of double sampling using camera traps in mark-recapture statistical framework at the landscape level. The last such country level assessment was done in the year 2014. The country level tiger population has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 2226, lower and upper limits being 1945 and 2491 respectively in the recent all India tiger estimation (2014), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2010, with an estimate of 1706, lower and upper limits being 1507 and 1896 and country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1675 respectively. The details of tiger estimation are as under:

Details of tiger estimation for the year 2006 , 2010 and 2014

| State | Tiger Population | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2006 | | | 2010 | | | 2014 | | | Increase/ Decrease/ Stable |
| | Estimate | Statistical Lower Limit | Statistical Upper Limit | Estimate | Statistical Lower Limit | Statistical Upper Limit | Estimate | Statistical Lower Limit | Statistical Upper Limit | |
| Shivalik-Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uttarakhand | 178 | 161 | 195 | 227 | 199 | 256 | 340 | 299 | 391 | Increase |
| Uttar Pradesh | 109 | 91 | 127 | 118 | 113 | 124 | 117 | 103 | 131 | Stable |
| Bihar | 10 | 7 | 13 | 8 (-)*** | (-)** | (-)** | 28 | 25 | 31 | Increase |
| Shivalik-Gangetic landscape | 297 | 259 | 335 | 353 | 320 | 388 | 485 | 427 | 543 | Increase |
| Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Andhra Pradesh | 95 | 84 | 107 | 72 | 65 | 79 | 68 | 58 | 78 | Decrease |
| Chhattisgarh | 26 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 27 | 46 | 39 | 53 | Increase |
| Madhya Pradesh | 300 | 236 | 364 | 257 | 213 | 301 | 308 | 264 | 352 | Increase |
| Maharashtra | 103 | 76 | 131 | 169 | 155 | 183 | 190 | 163 | 217 | Increase |
| Odisha | 45 | 37 | 53 | 32 | 20 | 44 | 28 | 24 | 32 | Decrease |
| Rajasthan | 32 | 30 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 37 | 45 | 39 | 51 | Increase |
| Jharkhand | Not assessed | | | 10 | 6 | 14 | 3* | * | * | |
| Central Indian landscape | 601 | 486 | 718 | 601 | 518 | 685 | 688 | 596 | 780 | Increase |
| Western Ghats Landscape Complex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Karnataka | 290 | 241 | 339 | 300 | 280 | 320 | 406 | 360 | 452 | Increase |
| Kerala | 46 | 39 | 53 | 71 | 67 | 75 | 136 | 119 | 150 | Increase |
| Tamil Nadu | 76 | 56 | 95 | 163 | 153 | 173 | 229 | 201 | 253 | Increase |
| Goa | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5* | | | |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Western Ghats landscape | 402 | 336 | 487 | 534 | 500 | 568 | 776 | 685 | 861 | Increase |
| North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra Flood Plains | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assam | 70 | 60 | 80 | 143 | 113 | 173 | 167 | 150 | 184 | Increase |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 14 | 12 | 18 | Not assessed | Not assessed | Not assessed | 28* | | | |
| Mizoram | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 (-)*** | (-)*** | (-)*** | 3* | | | |
| Northern West Bengal | 10 | 8 | 12 | Not assessed | Not assessed | Not assessed | 3* | | | |
| North East Hills, and Brahmaputra landscape | 100 | 84 | 118 | 148 | 118 | 178 | 201 | 174 | 212 | Increase |
| Sundarbans | Not assessed | Not assessed | Not assessed | 70 | 64 | 90 | 76 | 62 | 96 | Increase |
| TOTAL | 1411 | 1165 | 1657 | 1706 | 1520 | 1909 | 2226 | 1945 | 2491 | Increase |

* From camera trap data and scat DNA

*** Statistical lower / upper limits could not be ascertained owing to small size of the population.

- ii. An independent Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of tiger reserves is done once in 4 years. The second round of such assessment based on refined criteria was done in 2014-15 for 43 tiger reserves. Out of 43 tiger reserves, 17 were rated as 'very good', 16 as 'good', and 10 as 'fair'. An abstract copy of the MEE Report 2014-15 is as under:

| Rating | Number of Tiger Reserves | Percentage |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Very Good | 17 | 40 |
| Good | 16 | 37 |
| Fair | 10 | 23 |
| Poor | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 43 | |

Table-1: MEE Score (% age) of Landscape Clusters (2014-15)

| Cluster Number | Cluster Name | States | No. of Tiger Reserves | Mean MEE Score% | MEE Score Range% |
|----------------|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| I | Shivalik- Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex and Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex | Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Maharashtra | 9 | 71.50 | 52-78 |
| II | Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex | Madhya Pradesh | 6 | 79.44 | 70-89 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--|--|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| III | Shivalik-Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex and Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex | Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand | 9 | 57.62 | 45-75 |
| IV | Western Ghats Landscape Complex | Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu | 11 | 76.69 | 61-91 |
| V | North East Hills & Brahmaputra Flood Plains and Sundarbans | Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, West Bengal | 8 | 62.90 | 48-85 |
| TOTAL | | | 43 | 69.63 | 45-91 |

Table-2(a): Category-wise outcome of MEE Process (2014-15)

| S. No. | Category | Name of Tiger Reserve |
|--------|-----------|---|
| 1. | Very Good | Annamalai, Bandipur, Corbett, Kalakad-Mundanthurai, Kanha, Melghat, Mudumalai, Nagarhole, Panna, Parambikulam, Pench (Madhya Pradesh), Pench (Maharashtra), Periyar, Satpura, Sundarbans, Tadoba-Andhari, Valmiki |
| 2. | Good | Bandhavgarh, Bhadra, Biligiri Ranganatha Temple, Buxa, Dampa, Dandeli-Anshi, Dudhwa, Kaziranga, Manas, NagarjunsagarSrisailam, Pakke, Ranthambhore, Sayadari, Sanjay-Dubri, Sariska, Sathyamanglam |
| 3. | Fair | Achanakmar, Indravati, Kawal, Mukundara Hills, Namdapha, Nameri, Palamau, Satkosia, Similipal and Udanti-Sitanadi |
| 4. | Poor | - |

Table-2(b): Category-wise outcome of MEE Process (2014-15) of Tiger Reserves falling in the 'Red Corridor'

| S. No. | Category | Name of Tiger Reserve |
|--------|-----------|--|
| 1. | Very Good | --- |
| 2. | Good | Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam |
| 3. | Fair | Indravati, Palamau, Udanti-Sitanadi, Similipal |
| 4. | Poor | - |

Table-2(c): Category-wise outcome of MEE Process (2014-15) of Tiger Reserves, which had recently lost all tigers

| S. No. | Category | Name of Tiger Reserve |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Very Good | Panna |
| 2. | Good | Sariska |
| 3. | Fair | - |
| 4. | Poor | - |

Table-3: Comparison of MEE Rating of Tiger Reserves in 2005-06, 2010-11 and 2014-15

| Category | 2005-06 | % | 2010-11 | % | 2014-15 | % |
|--------------------|-----------|----|-----------|----|---------|----|
| Very Good | 09 | 32 | 10 | 36 | 17 | 40 |
| Good | 10 | 36 | 11 | 39 | 16 | 37 |
| Satisfactory/ Fair | 07 | 25 | 05 | 18 | 10 | 23 |
| Poor | 02 | 07 | 02 | 07 | - | |
| TOTAL | 28 | | 28 | | 43 | |

The process for the next round of such assessment (2014) has been initiated.

- iii. The 'M-STrIPES' (Monitoring System for Tigers' Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) has been launched in 7 tiger reserves on a pilot basis for effective field patrolling and monitoring. During Field Director Meeting on 18th March 2015, it was decided to bring uniformity in use of such technology as 'M-STrIPES' expanding to all tiger reserves.
- iv. A year round, ongoing tiger reserve level monitoring (Phase-IV) is being implemented in all tiger reserves as per protocol issued in this regard using camera traps and other methods. In areas with low tiger density, and those affected by left wing extremism (where camera trapping is not feasible), DNA analysis from scats is being done for obtaining the minimum tiger number.
- v. With the help of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) process has been initiated for an online website for village relocation monitoring in the Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan).
- vi. A pilot initiative of electronic surveillance ("e-Eye"), using long range, intelligent thermal and infrared cameras, has been implemented in the southern part of the Corbett Tiger Reserve, on a 24x7 basis, to strengthen protection and monitoring. This has been further extended to Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary (MP) and Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam).
- vii. Each tiger mortality to be treated as poaching unless verified and finally proven otherwise.
- viii. Successful initiative of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone in Panna Tiger Reserve has lead to decision to extend the same to other Tiger Reserves too.

CHAPTER VI

Administrative Matters

There are 23 regular / 26 contractual administrative personnel in the establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority to assist the Member Secretary in discharging his duties. Shri B.S. Bonal, IFS from Assam cadre joined the National Tiger Conservation Authority as Member Secretary from February, 2015. The position in respect to the office establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the names of the positions (2014-15), are as follows:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Post | Name of the incumbent | Pay Band/Salary (Rs.) |
|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Permanent basis | | | |
| <u>Headquarter</u> | | | |
| 1. | Member Secretary | Dr. Rajesh Gopal (April -2014 to January 2015) | HAG+ Scale Rs. 75500-80000 |
| 2. | Member Secretary | Shri B.S.Bonal | HAG+ Scale Rs. 75500-80000 |
| 3. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. Himmat Singh Negi | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 4. | Deputy Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Shri S.P. Yadav (April -2014 to January 2015) | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000) |
| 5. | Deputy Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Shri Sanjay Kumar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,900) |
| 6. | Deputy Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,900/-) |
| 7. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. S., Rajesh | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,900/-) |
| 8. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs. 7,600/-) |
| 9. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| 10. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| 11. | Deputy Director (Finance) (NTCA-HQ) | Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs. 6,600/-) |
| 12. | PS/PPS | Shri Ram Mehar Singh ((April -2014 to January 2015) | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs.5,400) |
| 13. | PS | Shri Mangat Ram | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs.5,400) |
| 14. | Section Officer | Vacant | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.4,800) |
| 15. | Assistant | Vacant | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.4,800) |
| 16. | Staff Car Driver | Shri K.S. Bhandari (April -2014 to January 2015) | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.2,800) |
| 17. | Staff Car Driver | Vacant | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.2,800) |

| | | | |
|-----|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 18. | Chowkidar | Shri Madan Singh | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| 19. | Chowkidar | Shri Suresh Pandit | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| 20 | MTS | Mahender Singh | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| 21 | MTS | Maula Ram | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| | <u>Regional Office</u> <u>(Guwahati)</u> | | |
| 22. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Regional Office, Guwahati | Shri D.P. Bankhwal | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 23. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Guwahati | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| | <u>Regional Office (Nagpur)</u> | | |
| 24. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Regional Office, Nagpur | Dr. Debabrata Swain | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 25 | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Nagpur | Shri Ravikiran S. Govekar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| | <u>Regional Office</u> <u>(Bangalore)</u> | | |
| 26. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Bangalore | Shri P.S. Somashekar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 27. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Bangalore | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 7,600/-) |

| Outsourced basis (HQ) | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------|
| 1. | Finance Officer | Shri C.M. Bakshi | Rs. 33396/- |
| 2. | Section Officer | Shri P.C. Mamgain | Rs. 27830/- |
| 3. | Consultant | Shri R.K. Kataria | Rs. 33396/- |
| 4. | Data Analyst | Shri B.K. Mishra | Rs. 30613/- |
| 5. | Accountant | Shri S.N. Dhaulakhandi | Rs.25047 /- |
| 6. | Data Entry Operator | Ms. Sheetal Bisht | Rs. 25047/- |
| 7. | Data Entry Operator | Shri Khushi Ram | Rs. 13915/- |
| 8. | Data Entry Operator | Shri Dheerendra Kumar Pandey | Rs. 12524/- |
| 9. | Office Assistant | Shri Laxman Singh | Rs. 21568/- |
| 10. | Office Assistant | Shri Mukesh Kumar | Rs. 21568/- |
| 11. | Dispatcher | Ms. Radha | Rs. 21568/- |
| 12. | Driver | Shri Akbar | Rs. 15307/- |
| 13. | Messenger | Shri Shiv Singh | Rs. 13915/- |
| 14. | Office Boy | Shri Udal Singh Gond | Rs. 11132/- |
| 15. | Office Boy | Shri Deepak Singh | Rs. 11132/- |
| 16. | Office Boy | Shri Rahul Bhandari | Rs. 9000/- |
| 17. | Safaikaramchari | Shri Rahul | Rs. 9456/- |
| Outsourced basis (Regional Office) | | | |
| 1. | Consultant, NTCA Regional Office, Guwahati | Shri Kamal Azad | Rs. 31625/- |
| 2. | Accountant, Guwahati | Shri P.K. Chaudhary | Rs. 17710/- |
| 3. | Chowkidar, Guwahati | Shri Ganga Choudhry | Rs. 6,600/- |
| 4. | Data Entry Assistant | Shri Dilip R. Dharmik, Nagpur Regional Office | Rs. 10436/- |
| 5. | Peon | Shri Yogesh G. Sakarde, Nagpur Regional Office | Rs. 6958/- |
| 6. | Data Entry Assistant | Mr. Jitumani Mahanta, Guwahati Regional Office | Rs. 10436/- |
| 7. | Peon | Shri Amar Dorjee, Peon, Guwahati RO | Rs. 6958/- |
| 8. | Data Entry Assistant | Shri Rajushetty, K.L, Bengaluru RO | Rs. 12524/- |
| 9. | Night Security Guard | Shri Pasenjit Saikia, Bengaluru RO | Rs 7590/- |

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|-----|------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 10. | Peon | Shri Sanjay Deka, Bengaluru RO | Rs. 7590/- |
|-----|------|-----------------------------------|------------|

Note: Wages of the NTCA Contractual staff has been increased from February, 2015, as indicated above.

Milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection and conservation of tigers and other wild animals

Milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection of tigers in the country

Legal steps

1. Amendment of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in 2006 to provide enabling provisions for constituting the National Tiger Conservation Authority under section 38 IV B and the Tiger and Other Endangered Species Crime Control Bureau under section 38 IV C.

2. Enhancement of punishment for offence in relation to the core area of a tiger reserve or where the offence relate to hunting in the tiger reserves or altering the boundaries of tiger reserves, etc.

Administrative steps

3. Strengthening of antipoaching activities, including special strategy for monsoon patrolling, by providing funding support to tiger reserve States, as proposed by them, for deployment of antipoaching squads involving ex-army personnel or home guards, apart from workforce comprising of local people, in addition to strengthening of communication and wireless facilities.

4. Constitution of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) with effect from the 4th September, 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation by, inter alia, ensuring normative standards in tiger reserve management, preparation of reserve specific tiger conservation plan, laying down annual audit report before Parliament, constituting State level Steering Committees under the Chairmanship of Chief Ministers and establishment of Tiger Conservation Foundation.

5. Constitution of a multidisciplinary Tiger and Other Endangered Species Crime Control Bureau (Wildlife Crime Control Bureau) with effect from the 6th June, 2007 to effectively control illegal trade in wildlife.

6. The in-principle approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for creation of three new tiger reserves, and the sites are: Ratapani (Madhya Pradesh), Sunabeda (Odisha) and Guru Ghasidas (Chhattisgarh). Final approval has been accorded to Kudremukh (Karnataka) and Rajaji (Uttarakhand) for declaring as a tiger reserve by States. The State Governments have been advised to send proposals for declaring the following areas as tiger reserves: (i) Suhelwa (Uttar Pradesh), (ii) Mhadei Sanctuary (Goa), (iii) Srivilliputhur Grizzled Giant Squirrel / Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuaries / Varushanadu Valley (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary (Arunachal Pradesh) and (v) Cauveri-MM Hills (Karnataka).

7. The revised Project Tiger guidelines have been issued to State Governments for strengthening tiger conservation, which apart from ongoing activities, inter alia, include financial support to States for enhanced village relocation or rehabilitation package for people living in core or critical tiger habitats (from Rs. 1 lakh per family to Rs. 10 lakhs per family), rehabilitation or resettlement of communities involved in traditional hunting, mainstreaming

livelihood and wildlife concerns in forests outside tiger reserves and fostering corridor conservation through restorative strategy to arrest habitat fragmentation.

8. A scientific methodology for estimating tiger (including co-predators, prey animals and assessment of habitat status) has been evolved and mainstreamed. The findings of this estimation and assessment are bench marks for future tiger conservation strategy.

9. The 18 tiger States have notified the core/critical tiger habitat (38770.30 sq. km.), and the buffer/peripheral area (29906.17 sq.km.) of all the 47 tiger reserves in the country, under section 38V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006.

10. Regional Offices of the National Tiger Conservation Authority are operational at Nagpur, Bengaluru and Guwahati headed by an Inspector General of Forests.

Financial steps

11. Financial and technical help is provided to the State Governments under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, such as Project Tiger and Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure of the State Governments for providing effective protection to wild animals.

International Cooperation

12. India has a bilateral understanding with Nepal on controlling trans-boundary illegal trade in wildlife and conservation, apart from a protocol on tiger conservation with China.

13. A protocol has been signed in September, 2011 with Bangladesh for conservation of the Royal Bengal Tiger of the Sunderban.

14. A sub-group on tiger and leopard conservation has been constituted for cooperation with the Russian Federation.

15. India is the founder member of the Global Tiger Forum of Tiger Range Countries for addressing international issues related to tiger conservation.

16. During the 14th meeting of the Conference of Parties to CITES, which was held from 3rd to 15th June, 2007 at The Hague, India introduced a resolution along with China, Nepal and the Russian Federation, with direction to Parties with operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale, for restricting such captive populations to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers. The resolution was adopted as a decision with minor amendments. Further, India made an intervention appealing to China to phase out tiger farming and eliminate stockpiles of Asian big cats body parts and derivatives. The importance of continuing the ban on trade of body parts of tigers was emphasized.

17. Based on India's strong intervention during the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at Geneva from 23-27 July, 2012, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora Secretariat has issued a notification No. 2012/054 dated the 3rd September, 2012 to Parties to fully implement Decision 14.69 and report to the Secretariat by 25 September, 2012 (Progress made on restricting captive breeding operations of tigers etc.).

18. As part of the protection of Asian Wildlife Species (PAWS) Operation of the INTERPOL. NTCA has been participating and coordinating with the Operation along with Wildlife Crime Bureau to solve offences involving tigers with alleged international involvements / transboundary illegal trade in tiger skin and body parts.

19. As a part of active management to rebuild Sariska and Panna Tiger Reserves where tigers have become locally extinct, reintroduction of tigers and tigresses have been done. The successful reintroduction of wild tigers in Sariska is a unique exercise and is the first of its kind in the world. The reintroduced tigresses are breeding. The tiger reintroduction initiative at Panna (MP) has also been very successful.

20. Special advisories issued for in-situ build up of prey base and tiger population through active management in tiger reserves having low population status of tiger and its prey.

Creation of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF)

21. The Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) has been made operational in the States of Karnataka (Bandipur), Maharashtra (Pench and Tadoba-Andhari) and Odisha (Similipal), with 100% central assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger. In-principle approval has been accorded for creation of the said force in Nawegoan-Nagzira, Melghat (Maharashtra), Kawal and Amrabad (erstwhile Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve portion) Tiger Reserves (Telangana).

22. In collaboration with TRAFFIC-INDIA, an online tiger crime data base has been launched, and Generic Guidelines for preparation of reserve specific Security Plan has been evolved.

23. Implementing a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with tiger States, linked to fund flows for effective implementation of tiger conservation initiatives.

24. Steps taken for modernizing the infrastructure and field protection, besides launching 'Monitoring system for Tigers' Intensive Protection and Ecological Status (M-STriPES)' for effective field patrolling and monitoring.

25. Steps taken for no-cost involvement of Non-Governmental Experts in the all India tiger estimation.

26. Initiatives taken for improving the field delivery through capacity building of field officials, apart from providing incentives.

27. The third round of country level tiger status assessment completed in 2014, with the findings indicating an increase with a tiger population estimate of 2226, lower and upper limits being 1945 and 2491 respectively, as compared to the last country level estimation of 2010, with an estimate of 1706 (lower and upper limits being 1520-1909 tigers), and 2006 estimation, with an estimate of 1411 (lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657). At present, India has around 70% of tiger population and its source areas amongst the 13 tiger range countries in the world, owing to its long history of conserving the species through Project Tiger (2.06% of country's geographical area spread out in 47 tiger reserves in 18 States).

28. A report on Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of Tiger Reserves was released on January, 2015, containing the third round of independent assessment based on refined criteria done in 2013-14 for 43 tiger reserves. Out of 43 tiger reserves, 17 were rated as 'very good', 16 as 'good' and 10 as 'fair'.

29. Providing special assistance for mitigation of human-tiger conflicts in problematic areas.

30. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for dealing with tiger deaths has been issued, based on advisories of Project Tiger / National Tiger Conservation Authority, with inputs from Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, State officials and experts, fine tuned to meet the present challenges.

31. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for dealing with straying tigers in human dominated landscape has been issued.
32. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for disposing tiger/leopard carcass/body parts has been issued.
33. A Standard Operating Procedure has been issued to deal with orphaned / abandoned tiger cubs and old / injured tigers in the wild.
34. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' has been issued to deal with tiger depredation on livestock.
35. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' has been issued for active management towards rehabilitation of tigers from source areas at landscape level.
36. Launching of Phase-IV tiger reserve level, continuous monitoring of tigers using camera traps and building up data on photo captures of individual tigers.
37. Launching the creation of a national repository of camera trap photo IDs of individual tigers.
38. In-principle approval for use of CAMPA funds towards village relocation from core areas.
39. Completion of e-surveillance project in Corbett Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand). Central assistance (100%) has been provided for installing 24X7 e-surveillance at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam) and fringe of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary (Madhya Pradesh).
40. Comprehensive guidelines under section 38O 1 (c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 issued for Project Tiger and Tourism in Tiger Reserves on 15th October, 2012.
41. Under active management, permission accorded for translocation of wilded / straying tigers / tigresses from high to low density reserves within States.
42. A bilateral arrangement exists on tiger / wildlife conservation with Bangladesh, Nepal, and China. A sub-group on tiger/leopard conservation has been constituted for cooperation with the Russian Federation.
43. Field level workshops for capacity building of field officers to deal with straying tigers.
44. NTCA teams sent for field appraisal of tiger deaths / Project Tiger implementation.
45. Kawal (Telangana), Sathyamangalam (Tamil Nadu), Mukandra Hills (Rajasthan), Nawegaon-Nagzira (Maharashtra), Amrabad (erstwhile Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve portion) (Telangana), Pilibhit (Uttar Pradesh) and Bor (Maharashtra) have been notified by the State Governments as Tiger Reserves.
46. Economic Valuation of six tiger reserves done in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Forest Management.
47. Trial of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for monitoring done in the Panna Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh), in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India.
48. Assessment of Status, Density and Change in Forest Cover in and around tiger reserves of the Shivalik Gangetic Plain Landscape done in collaboration with the Forest Survey of India.

49. A Rhino Task Force has been created for suggesting measures to strengthen rhino protection in the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
50. In-principle approval has been accorded for creation of Rhino Protection Force at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
51. Supporting a health insurance scheme for forest guards in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
52. Fostering a voluntary group "Friends for Rhino" for eliciting public support for rhino conservation with active local participation around Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
53. Ascertaining progress of CBI investigation in rhino poaching cases handed over by the State of Assam.
54. Real Time Monitoring of funds released to Kaziranga Tiger Reserve from the Centre.
55. Initiative taken for collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) towards evolving an alert system in tiger reserves prone to natural disasters.
56. A joint report with Nepal has been brought out on the assessment of tiger status in the terai arc landscape.
57. Initiative taken for collaboration of National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau towards an online tiger / wildlife crime tracking / reporting system in tiger reserves.

6. Section 38Q of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, provides for constitution of a fund for the NTCA, to be called as the Tiger Conservation Authority Fund, for crediting grants / loans etc.
7. Section 63(giv) and (gv) provide for rule relating to Annual Statement of Accounts of the NTCA as well as submission of its Annual Report under Sections 38R and 38S of the said Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, respectively.
8. Proposals relating to contractual services / professional service with funding support from NTCA are approved by the Technical Committee of the NTCA. Director (IFD) is a member of the said Technical Committee. In case due to unavoidable circumstance, if the IFD is not represented in the meeting of the Technical Committee of the NTCA, the proposals would be approved on the basis of majority decision, and the IFD would be apprised of the outcome through the minutes of the meeting of the said Committee.
9. Accounts of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for the year 2014-15 have been compiled. The final audit of the accounts of the NTCA was conducted by the Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department of CAG under Section 19(2) of C&AGs (Duties, powers and conditions of Service) Act, 1972 read with Section 38 E (5) & (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Copy of the Accounts for the year 2014-15 containing receipt and payments accounts, income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet as on 31st March, 2015 with schedule is placed as **Annexure – (iv) to (xix)**. Audit Report submitted by the Principal Director of Audit, Scientific Department of CAG is furnished in **Annexure-(xx to xxi)**.

CHAPTER IX
(As on 31.3.2015)

Compliance Issues

1. Tiger Conservation Plans (as on 31.3.2015):

Under section 380 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, the NTCA is authorized to accord approval to Tiger Conservation Plans prepared by the States. The details of Tiger Conservation Plans received from the States are as below:

| S. No. | Name of Tiger Reserve | State | Status |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam | Andhra Pradesh | Approved |
| 2 | Namdapha | Arunachal Pradesh | Approved |
| 3 | Pakke | Arunachal Pradesh | Approved |
| 4 | Manas | Assam | Final Draft received |
| 5 | Nameri | Assam | Approved |
| 6 | Kaziranga | Assam | Final Draft not received |
| 7 | Valmiki | Bihar | Approved |
| 8 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chhattisgarh | Final Draft received |
| 9 | Achanakmar | Chhattisgarh | Final Draft received |
| 10 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh | Final Draft received |
| 11 | Palamau | Jharkhand | Final Draft received |
| 12 | Bandipur | Karnataka | Approved |
| 13 | Bhadra | Karnataka | Approved |
| 14 | Dandeli-Anshi | Karnataka | Approved |
| 15 | Nagarhole | Karnataka | Approved |
| 16 | BRT | Karnataka | Approved |
| 17 | Periyar | Kerala | Approved |
| 18 | Parambikulam | Kerala | Approved |
| 19 | Kanha | Madhya Pradesh | Approved |
| 20 | Pench | Madhya Pradesh | Final Draft received |
| 21 | Bandhavgarh | Madhya Pradesh | Final Draft not received |
| 22 | Panna | Madhya Pradesh | Final Draft not received |
| 23 | Satpura | Madhya Pradesh | Approved |
| 24 | Sanjay Dubri | Madhya Pradesh | Final Draft not received |
| 25 | Melghat | Maharashtra | Approved |
| 26 | Tadoba-Andhari | Maharashtra | Final Draft received |
| 27 | Pench | Maharashtra | Final Draft not received |
| 28 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra | Approved |
| 29 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra | Draft Indicative Plan received |
| 30 | Bor | Maharashtra | Draft Indicative Plan received |
| 31 | Dampa | Mizoram | Approved |
| 32 | Similipal | Odisha | Approved |
| 33 | Satkosia | Odisha | Draft Plan not received |
| 34 | Ranthambhore | Rajasthan | Final Draft received |

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 35 | Sariska | Rajasthan | Approved |
| 36 | Mukundra Hills | Rajasthan | Final Draft not received |
| 37 | Kalakad Mundanthurai | Tamil Nadu | Approved |
| 38 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu | Approved |
| 39 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu | Draft Indicative Plan received |
| 40 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu | Approved |
| 40 | Kawal | Telangana | Approved |
| 42 | Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam | Telangana | Approved |
| 43 | Dudhwa | Uttar Pradesh | Approved |
| 44 | Pilibhit | Uttar Pradesh | Draft Indicative Plan received |
| 45 | Corbett | Uttarakhand | Approved |
| 46 | Sunderbans | West Bengal | Approved |
| 47 | Buxa | West Bengal | Final Draft not received |

The Tiger Conservation Plans are under examination / scrutiny by experts. Out of 47 Tiger Conservation Plans of tiger reserves, 27 have been approved, 8 tiger reserves Final Draft received, 4 tiger reserves Draft Indicative received and 8 tiger reserves Tiger Conservation Plan is awaited.

2. Steering Committee (as on 31.3.2015):

Under section 38U of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, States are required to constitute a State level Steering Committee headed by the Chief Minister. The details are as below:

| Sl. No. | Tiger Reserve/State | Steering Committee |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Constituted |
| 2. | Chhattisgarh | Constituted |
| 3. | Mizoram | Constituted |
| 4. | Karnataka | Constituted |
| 5. | Madhya Pradesh | Constituted |
| 6. | Maharashtra | Constituted |
| 7. | Uttar Pradesh | Constituted |
| 8. | Tamil Nadu | Constituted |
| 9. | Odisha | Constituted |
| 10. | Kerala | Constituted |
| 11. | Rajasthan | Constituted |
| 12. | West Bengal | Constituted |
| 13. | Bihar | Constituted |
| 14. | Assam | Constituted |
| 15. | Arunachal Pradesh | Constituted |
| 16. | Uttarakhand | Constituted |

* Only the State Governments of Jharkhand and Telangana have not yet constituted the State level Steering Committee.

3. Tiger Conservation Foundation (as on 31.3.2015):

Under section 38X of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the States are required to constitute Tiger Conservation Foundations for tiger reserves to facilitate and support their management. The status of formation of the Tiger Conservation Foundation is as under:

| Sl. No. | Tiger Reserve/State |
|---------|--|
| 1. | Pakke Tiger Conservation Foundation, Arunachal Pradesh |
| 2. | Namdapha Tiger Conservation Foundation, Arunachal Pradesh |
| 3. | Dampa Tiger Conservation Foundation. Tuikhuahtlang, Mizoram |
| 4. | Andhra Pradesh Tiger Conservation Foundation, Andhra Pradesh (for Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam TR) |
| 5. | Bandipur Tiger Conservation Foundation, Karnataka |
| 6. | Bhadra Tiger Conservation Foundation, Karnataka |
| 7. | Dandeli Anshi Tiger Conservation Foundation, Karnataka |
| 8. | Kalakakad Mundanthurai Tiger Conservation Foundation, Tamil Nadu |
| 9. | Mudumalai Tiger Conservation Foundation, Tamil Nadu, Udthagamandlam. |
| 10. | Anamalai Tiger Conservation Foundation, Tamil Nadu |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh (Kanha, Satpura, Pench, Panna, Bandhavgarh & Sanjay-Dubri) |
| 12. | Buxa Tiger Conservation Foundation Trust, West Bengal |
| 13. | Sundarban Tiger Conservation Foundation Trust, West Bengal |
| 14. | Manas Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 15. | Kaziranga Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 16. | Nameri Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 17. | Achanakmar Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 18. | Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 19. | Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 20. | Indravati Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 21. | Ranthambhore Tiger Conservation Foundation, Rajasthan |
| 22. | Sariska Tiger Conservation Foundation, Alwar, Rajasthan |
| 23. | Corbett Tiger Conservation Foundation, Uttarakhand |
| 24. | Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 25. | Melghat Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 26. | Similipal Tiger Conservation Foundation, Odisha |
| 27. | Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha |
| 28. | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka |
| 29. | Periyar Foundation, Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala |
| 30. | Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala |
| 31. | Valmiki Tiger Conservation Foundation, Bihar |
| 32. | BRT Tiger Conservation Foundation, Karnataka |
| 33. | Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Kohlapur, Maharashtra |
| 34. | Palamau Tiger Conservation Foundation, Jharkhand |
| 35. | Bor Tiger Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |

Pending TCF :-

1. Dudhwa TR (UP)
2. Kawal TR (Telangana)
3. Amrabad TR (Telangana)
4. Sathyamangalam TR (Tamil Nadu)
5. Mukandra Hills TR (Rajasthan)
6. Nawegaon-Nagzira TR (Maharashtra)
7. Pilibhit TR (UP)

4. Core and Buffer notification (as on 31.3.2015):

Under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the National Tiger Conservation Authority is vested with the power to recommend the notification of an area as a tiger reserve. The status of core and buffer notification by States are as under:

| Sl. No. | Name of Tiger Reserve | State | Area of the core / critical tiger habitat (In Sq. Kms.) | Area of the buffer / peripheral (In Sq. Kms.) | Total area |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|------------|
| 1 | Bandipur | Karnataka | 872.24 | 584.06 | 1456.3 |
| 2 | Corbett | Uttarakhand | 821.99 | 466.32 | 1288.31 |
| | Amangarh (buffer of Corbett TR) | Uttar Pradesh | - | 80.60 | 80.60 |
| 3 | Kanha | Madhya Pradesh | 917.43 | 1134.361 | 2051.791 |
| 4 | Manas | Assam | 840.04 | 2310.88 | 3150.92 |
| 5 | Melghat | Maharashtra | 1500.49 | 1268.03 | 2768.52 |
| 6 | Palamau | Jharkhand | 414.08 | 715.85 | 1129.93 |
| 7 | Ranthambore | Rajasthan | 1113.364 | 297.9265 | 1411.291 |
| 8 | Similipal | Odisha | 1194.75 | 1555.25 | 2750.00 |
| 9 | Sunderbans | West Bengal | 1699.62 | 885.27 | 2584.89 |
| 10 | Periyar | Kerala | 881.00 | 44.00 | 925.00 |
| 11 | Sariska | Rajasthan | 881.1124 | 332.23 | 1213.342 |
| 12 | Buxa | West Bengal | 390.5813 | 367.3225 | 757.9038 |
| 13 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh | 1258.37 | 1540.70 | 2799.07 |
| 14 | Nagarjunsagar | Andhra Pradesh | 2595.72 | 700.59 | 3296.31 |
| 15 | Namdapha | Arunachal Pradesh | 1807.82 | 245.00 | 2052.82 |
| 16 | Dudhwa | Uttar Pradesh | 1093.79 | 1107.9848 | 2201.7748 |
| 17 | Kalakad-Mundanthurai | Tamil Nadu | 895.00 | 706.542 | 1601.542 |
| 18 | Valmiki | Bihar | 598.45 | 300.93 | 899.38 |
| 19 | Pench | Madhya Pradesh | 411.33 | 768.30225 | 1179.63225 |
| 20 | Tadoba-Andhari | Maharashtra | 625.82 | 1101.7711 | 1727.5911 |
| 21 | Bandhavgarh | Madhya Pradesh | 716.903 | 820.03509 | 1536.938 |
| 22 | Panna | Madhya Pradesh | 576.13 | 1021.97 | 1598.100 |
| 23 | Dampa | Mizoram | 500.00 | 488.00 | 988.00 |
| 24 | Bhadra | Karnataka | 492.46 | 571.83 | 1064.29 |
| 25 | Pench | Maharashtra | 257.26 | 483.96 | 741.22 |
| 26 | Pakke | Arunachal Pradesh | 683.45 | 515.00 | 1198.45 |
| 27 | Nameri | Assam | 200.00 | 144.00 | 344.00 |
| 28 | Satpura | Madhya Pradesh | 1339.264 | 794.04397 | 2133.30797 |
| 29 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu | 958.59 | 521.28 | 1479.87 |
| 30 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chattisgarh | 851.09 | 991.45 | 1842.54 |
| 31 | Satkosia | Odisha | 523.61 | 440.26 | 963.87 |
| 32 | Kaziranga | Assam | 625.58 | 548.00 | 1173.58 |
| 33 | Achanakmar | Chattisgarh | 626.195 | 287.822 | 914.017 |
| 34 | Dandeli-Anshi | Karnataka | 814.884 | 282.63 | 1097.514 |
| 35 | Sanjay-Dubri | Madhya Pradesh | 812.571 | 861.931 | 1674.502 |
| 36 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu | 321.00 | 367.59 | 688.59 |
| 37 | Nagarahole | Karnataka | 643.35 | 562.41 | 1205.76 |
| 38 | Parambikulam | Kerala | 390.89 | 252.772 | 643.662 |
| 39 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra | 600.12 | 565.45 | 1165.57 |
| 40 | Biligiri Ranganatha Temple | Karnataka | 359.10 | 215.72 | 574.82 |
| 41 | Kawal | Telangana | 893.23 | 1125.89 | 2019.12 |
| 42 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu | 793.49 | 614.91 | 1408.40 |
| 43 | Mukundara Hills | Rajasthan | 417.17 | 342.82 | 759.99 |

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 44 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra | 653.674 | - | 653.674 |
| 45 | Nagarjunsagar Srisailam (part) | Telangana | 2166.37 | 445.02 | 2611.39 |
| 46 | Pilibhit | Uttar Pradesh | 602.7980 | 127.4518 | 730.2498 |
| 47 | Bor | Maharashtra | 138.12 | 0 | 138.12 |
| | TOTAL | | 38770.30 | 29906.17 | 68676.47 |

CHAPTER X

ANNEXURES

Annexure (i) to (xx)



List of Tiger Reserves in India

| S.No. | Tiger Reserves | States |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Nagarjunsagar | Andhra Pradesh |
| 2 | Namdhapa | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 3 | Pakke | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 4 | Kaziranga | Assam |
| 5 | Manas | Assam |
| 6 | Nameri | Assam |
| 7 | Valmiki | Bihar |
| 8 | Achanakmar | Chhattisgarh |
| 9 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh |
| 10 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chhattisgarh |
| 11 | Palamau | Jharkhand |
| 12 | Bandipur | Karnataka |
| 13 | Bhadra | Karnataka |
| 14 | Dandeli Anshi | Karnataka |
| 15 | Nagarhole | Karnataka |
| 16 | Biligiri Ranganth Temple | Karnataka |
| 17 | Periyar | Kerala |
| 18 | Parambi Kulam | Kerala |
| 19 | Bandhavgarh | M.P |
| 20 | Kanha | M.P |
| 21 | Panna | M.P |
| 22 | Pench | M.P |
| 23 | Sanjay Dubri | M.P |
| 24 | Satpura | M.P |
| 25 | Melghat | Maharashtra |
| 26 | Pench | Maharashtra |
| 27 | Tadoba-Andheri | Maharashtra |
| 28 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra |
| 29 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra |
| 30 | Bor | Maharashtra |
| 31 | Dampa | Mizoram |
| 32 | Satkosia | Odisha |
| 33 | Similipal | Odisha |
| 34 | Ranthambhore | Rajasthan |
| 35 | Sariska | Rajasthan |
| 36 | Mukandara | Rajasthan |
| 37 | KMTR | Tamil Nadu |
| 38 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu |
| 39 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu |
| 40 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu |
| 41 | Kawal | Telangana |
| 42 | Nagarjunsagar Srisailam (Part) | Telangana |
| 43 | Corbett | Uttaranchal |
| 44 | Buxa | West Bengal |
| 45 | Sunderbans | West Bengal |
| 46 | Dudhwa | U.P |
| 47 | Pilibhit | U.P |

**Tiger Mortality (Natural & Other Causes) inside Tiger Reserve
(April 2014 to March, 2015)
(As reported by States)**

| S.No. | Date of death of tiger (as reported by the State) | Name of Place/ Tiger Reserve | State | Total |
|-------|---|---|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 09.04.2014 | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 2 | 16.04.2014 | Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar (Division-II) | Bihar | 1 |
| 3 | 03.05.2014 | Kalagarh Division, Corbett TR | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 4 | 11.05.2014 | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 5 | 22.05.2014 | Valmiki Tiger Reserve | Bihar | 1 |
| 6 | 26.05.2014 | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 7 | 10.06.2014 | Bornoloni Bel, Western Range, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve | Assam | 1 |
| 8 | 28.06.2014 | Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Corbett Tiger Reserve | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 9 | 09.06.2014 | Nuru Wildlife Sanctuary, near Bandipur TR | Karnataka | 1 |
| 10 | 24.06.2014 | Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 11 | 14.07.2014 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 12 | 16.07.2014 | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 13 | 17.07.2014 | Parambikulam Tiger Reserve | Kerala | 1 |
| 14 | 03.08.2014 | Omkara Range, Bandipur Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 15 | 06.08.2014 | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 16 | 06.08.2014 | Kanha Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 17 | 08.09.2014 | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 2 |
| 18 | 24.08.2014 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 19 | 19.09.2014 | Panna Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 20 | 24.09.2014 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |

| | | | | |
|----|-------------|--|----------------|-----------|
| 21 | 28.09.2014 | Biligiri Ranganathan Temple Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 22 | 07.10.2014 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 23 | 16.10.2014 | Pilibhit Tiger Reserve | Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| 24 | 10.11.2014 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 25 | 30.11.2014 | Pench Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 26 | 04.12.2014 | Sathyamanglama Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 27 | 08.12.2014 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 28 | 16.12.2014 | Shivni Range of Tadoba-Andhari TR (Buffer) | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 29 | 31.12.2014 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 30 | 31.12.2014 | Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 31 | 06.01.2015 | BRT Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 32 | 07.01.2015 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 33 | 10.01.2015 | Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 34 | 15.01.2015 | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 35 | 15.01.2015 | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 36 | 16.01.2015 | Periya Tiger Reserve | Kerala | 1 |
| 37 | 21.01.2015 | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 38 | 27.01.2015 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 2 |
| 39 | 27.01.2015 | Pilibhit Tiger Reserve | Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| 40 | 30.01.2015 | BRT Tiger Reserve | Karnataka | 1 |
| 41 | 19.02.20.15 | Kanha Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 42 | 01.03.2015 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Nugu WLS) | Karnataka | 1 |
| 43 | 06.03.2015 | Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Bolguda Range) | Karnataka | 1 |
| 44 | 09.03.2015 | Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve (Kundal area) | Rajasthan | 1 |
| 45 | 09.03.2015 | Sundarban Tiger Reserve | West Bengal | 1 |
| | | TOTAL | | 47 |

Outside Tiger Reserve (from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015)

| S.No. | Date of death of tiger (as reported by the State) | Location | State | Total |
|-------|---|---|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 15.04.2014 | Gebaua Terai West Forest Division | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 2 | 18.04.2014 | Wayanad | Kerala | 1 |
| 3 | 19.04.2014 | Orang National Park | Assam | 1 |
| 4 | 01.05.2014 | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 5 | 09.05.2014 | Attapady Range, Mannarkad Division | Kerala | 1 |
| 6 | 23.05.2014 | NES Range, Nilgiris North Division, | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 7 | 29.05.2014 | South Balaghat, MP | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 8 | 14.06.2014 | Coimbatore | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 9 | 27.07.2014 | Bhandara | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 10 | 30.07.2014 | Near Phanto in Terai West Division, Ramnagar | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 11 | 19.07.2014 | Chandrapur | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 12 | 25.08.2014 | NSTR | Andhra Pradesh | 2 |
| 13 | 04.09.2014 | Ramnagar, Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 14 | 19.10.2014 | Balaghat, M.P. | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 15 | 26.10.2014 | Umraid WLS | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 16 | 12.11.2014 | Chamorshi Range, Allapalli Div, Gadchiroli | Maharashtra | 1 |
| 17 | 28.11.2014 | Terai West Division | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 18 | 03.12.2014 | Chattisgarh | Chattisgarh | 2 |
| 19 | 07.12.2014 | Orang National Park | Assam | 1 |
| 20 | 09.12.2014 | Sharda Canal near Gola Tehsil, Lakhimpur Distt. | Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| 21 | 17.12.2014 | Wayanad WLS | Kerala | 1 |
| 22 | 19.12.2014 | Nilgiri North Division | Tamil Nadu | 2 |

| | | | | |
|----|------------|---|----------------|-----------|
| 23 | 22.12.2014 | Mencherial, | Telangana | 1 |
| 24 | 28.12.2014 | Dechori Range, Ramnagar Forest Division | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 25 | 29.12.2014 | Bhimgarh Wildlife Sanctuary | Karnataka | 1 |
| 26 | 18.02.2015 | Gudalur Forest Division | Tamil Nadu | 1 |
| 27 | 25.02.2015 | Terai East Forest Division | Uttarakhand | 1 |
| 28 | 06.03.2015 | North Shahdol Division | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 29 | 29.03.2015 | Private property adjoining to Core area of Tala Range | Madhya Pradesh | 1 |
| 30 | 06.03.2015 | Jalgaon | Maharashtra | 1 |
| | | TOTAL | | 33 |

National Tiger Conservation Authority
(Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger: Tiger Reserve-wise sanction)
(as on 31.3.2015)

(Rs. In Lakh)

| S.No. | Tiger Reserves | States | Total Released during 2014-15 |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Nagarjunsagar | Andhra Pradesh | 131.661 |
| 2 | Kawal | Telangana | 52.48 |
| 3 | Namdhapa | Arunachal Pradesh | 289.209 |
| 4 | Pakke | Arunachal Pradesh | 369.217 |
| 5 | Kaziranga | Assam | 1136.656 |
| 6 | Manas | Assam | 328.199 |
| 7 | Nameri | Assam | 44.534 |
| 8 | Valmiki | Bihar | 317.096 |
| 9 | Achanakmar | Chhattisgarh | 297.267 |
| 10 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh | 97.781 |
| 11 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chhattisgarh | 214.779 |
| 12 | Palamau | Jharkhand | 199.08 |
| 13 | Bandipur | Karnataka | 676.753 |
| 14 | Bhadra | Karnataka | 221.995 |
| 15 | Dandeli Anshi | Karnataka | 239.29 |
| 16 | Nagarhole | Karnataka | 279.506 |
| 17 | Biligiri Ranganth Temple | Karnataka | 148.2286 |
| 18 | Periyar | Kerala | 286.584 |
| 19 | Parambi Kulam | Kerala | 230.9511 |
| 20 | Bandhavgarh | M.P | 282.481 |
| 21 | Kanha | M.P | 2792.154 |
| 22 | Panna | M.P | 348.477 |
| 23 | Pench | M.P | 314.4614 |
| 24 | Sanjay Dubri | M.P | 263.291 |
| 25 | Satpura | M.P | 334.2538 |
| 26 | Melghat | Maharashtra | 2371.551 |
| 27 | Pench | Maharashtra | 346.5453 |
| 28 | Tadoba-Andheri | Maharashtra | 414.5646 |
| 29 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra | 124.1026 |
| 30 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra | 105.6 |
| 31 | Bor | Maharashtra | 63.1604 |
| 32 | Dampa | Mizoram | 232.1896 |
| 33 | Satkosia | Odisha | 192.0869 |
| 34 | Similipal | Odisha | 515.3016 |
| 35 | Ranthambhore | Rajasthan | 260.22 |
| 36 | Sariska | Rajasthan | 274.35 |
| 37 | Mukandara | Rajasthan | 92.622 |
| 38 | KMTR | Tamil Nadu | 195.35 |
| 39 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu | 243.786 |
| 40 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu | 272.639 |
| 41 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu | 152.541 |
| 42 | Corbett | Uttaranchal | 391.1941 |
| 43 | Buxa | West Bengal | 205.71 |
| 44 | Sunderbans | West Bengal | 391.1725 |
| 45 | Dudhwa | U.P | 484.4133 |
| 46 | Pilibhit | U.P | 276.515 |
| Total | | | 17502.00 |

National Tiger Conservation Authority
(Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger fund release to State during 2014-15)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

| S. No. | State | Amount Release |
|--------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 184.14100 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 658.42600 |
| 3 | Assam | 1509.38900 |
| 4 | Bihar | 317.09600 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 609.82700 |
| 6 | Jharkhand | 199.08000 |
| 7 | Karnataka | 1565.77260 |
| 8 | Kerala | 517.53510 |
| 9 | Madhya Pradesh | 4335.11820 |
| 10 | Maharashtra | 3425.52410 |
| 11 | Mizoram | 232.18960 |
| 12 | Odisha | 707.38850 |
| 13 | Rajasthan | 627.19200 |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu | 864.31600 |
| 15 | Uttarakhand | 391.19410 |
| 16 | U.P | 760.92830 |
| 17 | West Bengal | 596.88250 |
| 18 | NTCA (HQ) | 1000.00000 |
| | Total | 18502.00000 |

Plan expenditure for 2014-15 (as on 31.03.2015)

(Rs. in crores)

| S. No. | Budget Head | BE 2014-15 | RE 2014-15 | Expenditure | Percentage expenditure w.r.t. BE |
|--------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| | Project Tiger Scheme | | | | |
| 1. | 3601 (assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Grants-in-aid General | 135.02 | 130.62 | 130.62 | 100 |
| 2. | 3601 (assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 100 |
| 3. | 3601 (assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Scheduled Castes Sub Plan | 6.00 | 10.40 | 10.40 | 100 |
| 4. | 2552 (assistance to North Eastern Region) | 24.00 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 100 |
| | <u>OBJECT-WISE DETAIL</u> | | | | |
| 5. | 2406.01.04 (National Tiger Conservation Authority) (Detailed Head) Grants-in-aid General | | | | |
| | (a) 01.04.31 Grants-in-aid General | 8.00 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 100 |
| | (b) 01.04.35 Grants for Creation of Capital Assets | 1.00 | 0.00 | - | - |
| | (c) 01.04.36 Grants-in-aid – Salaries | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 100 |
| | Total | 185.02 | 185.02 | 185.02 | 100 |

FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015

(Amount In ₹)

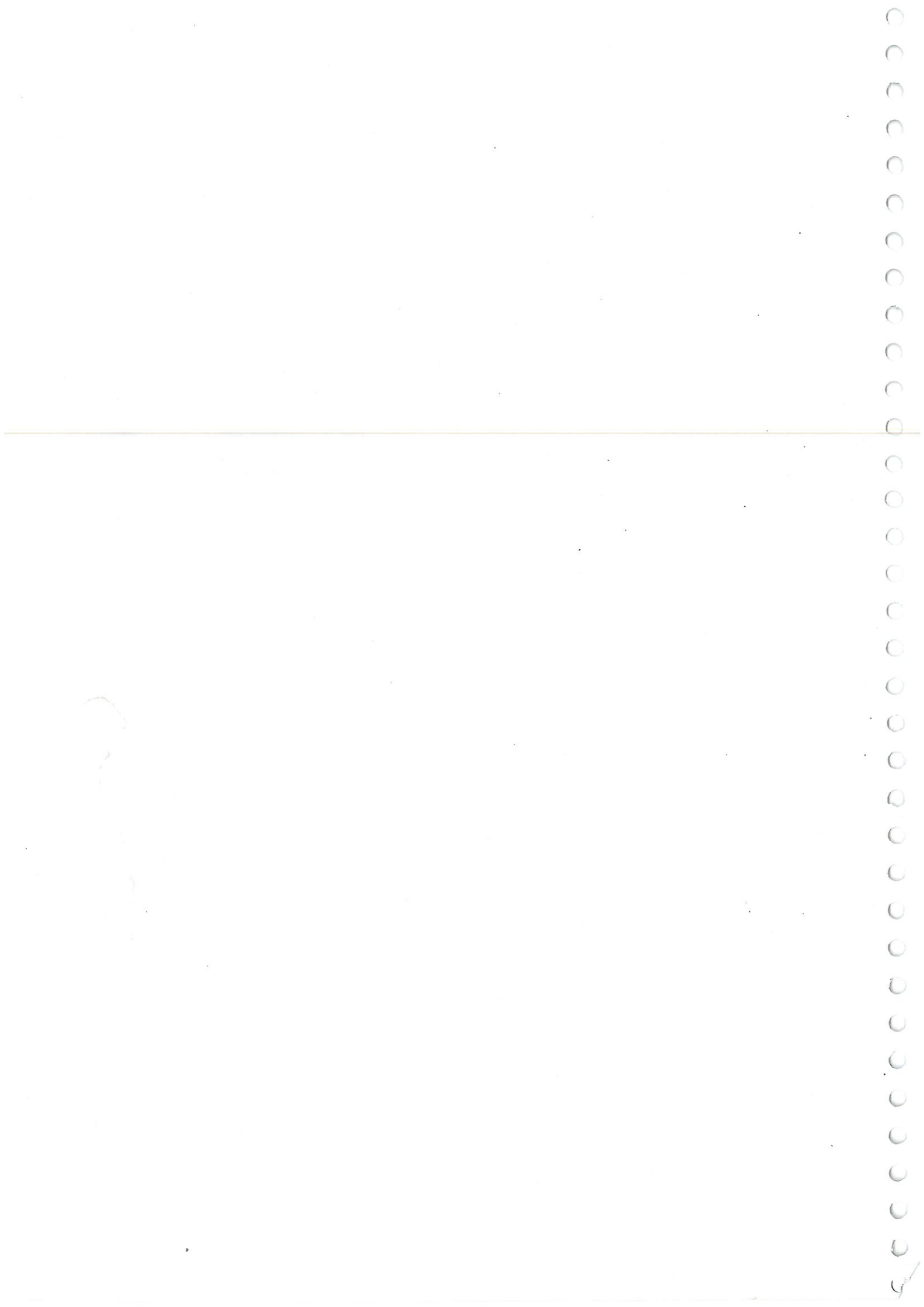
| CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES | Schedule | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Corpus/Capital Fund | 1 | 9,95,14,924 | 10,23,62,688 |
| Reserves and Surplus | 2 | | |
| Earmarked/Endowment Funds | 3 | | |
| Secured Loans and Borrowings | 4 | | |
| Unsecured Loans and Borrowings | 5 | | |
| Deferred Credit Liabilities | 6 | | |
| Current Liabilities and Provisions | 7 | 1,22,983 | 5,83,581 |
| TOTAL | | 9,96,37,907 | 10,29,46,269 |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 8 | 5,64,53,146 | 3,88,07,625 |
| Investments- From Earmarked/Endowment Funds | 9 | | |
| Investments-Others | 10 | 1,37,75,760 | 2,52,42,783 |
| Current Assets, Loans, advances Etc. | 11 | 2,94,09,001 | 3,88,95,861 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditure(to the extent not written off or adjusted) | | | |
| TOTAL | | 9,96,37,907 | 10,29,46,269 |
| Significant Accounting Policies | 24 | | |
| Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts | 25 | | |
| | | | |



FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.3.2015

(Amount In ₹)

| INCOME | Schedule | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Income from Sales/Services | 12 | NIL | NIL |
| Grants/Subsidies | 13 | 10,04,58,185 | 7,00,00,000 |
| Fees/Subscriptions | 14 | - | NIL |
| Income from Investments (Income on Investment | 15 | - | NIL |
| From Earmarked/Endow.) Funds transferred to Funds | | - | NIL |
| Income from Royalty, publication etc. | 16 | - | NIL |
| Interest Earned | 17 | - | 79,519 |
| Other Income | 18 | 5,103 | 700 |
| TOTAL (A) | | 10,04,63,288 | 7,00,80,219 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Establishment Expenses | 20 | 1,49,97,444 | 1,06,73,395 |
| Other Administrative Expenses etc. | 21 | 8,49,48,650 | 9,16,00,772 |
| Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc. | 22 | 3,00,000 | 3,49,75,620 |
| Interest (Recoupment of Imprest Amount) | 23 | - | - |
| Depreciation (Net Total at the year-end -Schedule 8) | 8 | 83,67,710 | 49,59,919 |
| TOTAL (B) | | 10,86,13,804 | 14,22,09,706 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B) | | -81,50,516 | -7,21,29,487 |
| Transfer to Special Reserve (Specify each) | | NIL | NIL |
| Transfer to/from General Reserve | | NIL | NIL |
| Balance Being Surplus Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund | | NIL | NIL |
| Balance Being Deficit Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund | | NIL | NIL |
| Significant Accounting Policies | 24 | | |
| Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts | 25 | | |



FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.3.2015

Amount in ₹

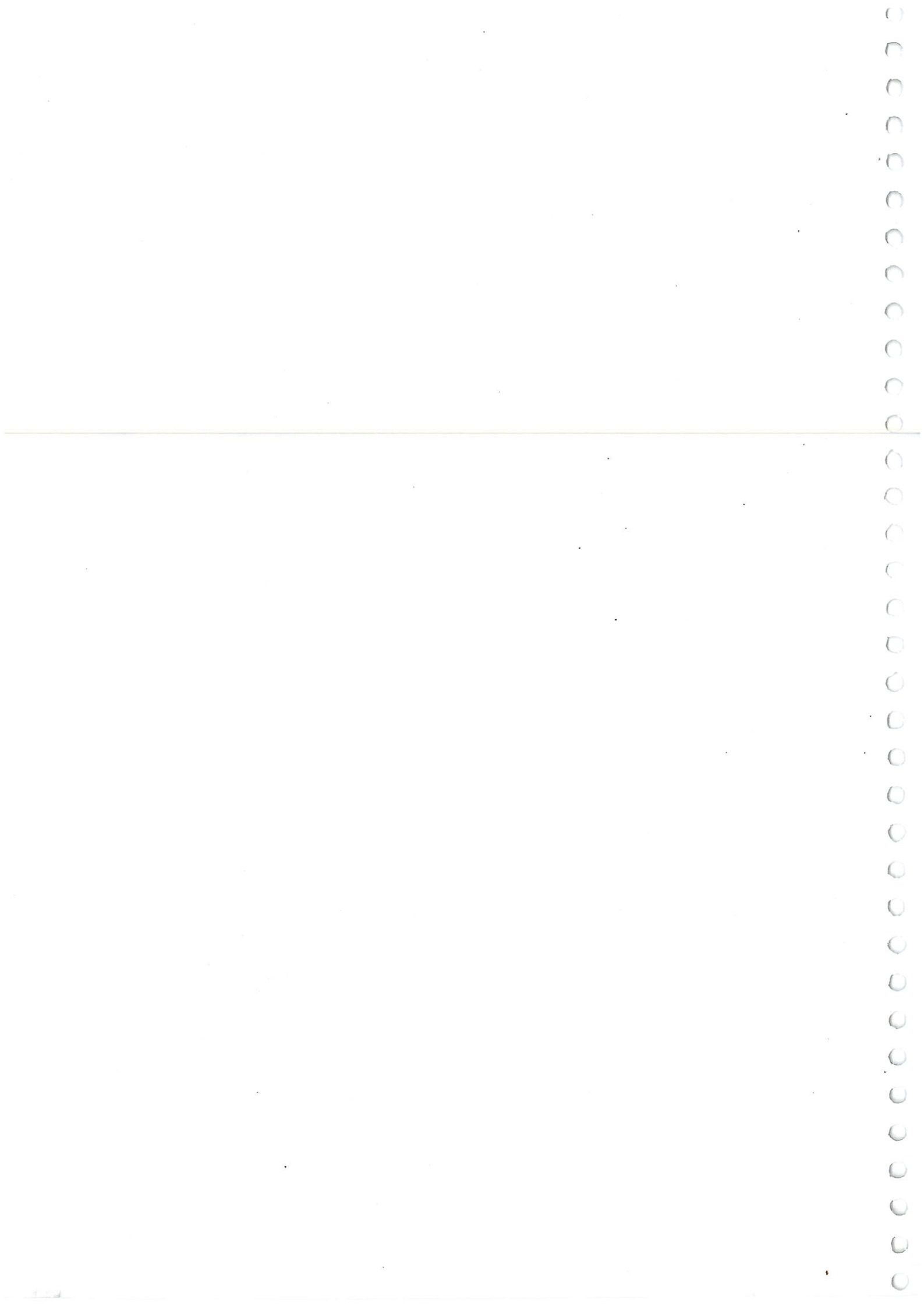
| RECEIPTS | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | PAYMENTS | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|--|--------------|---------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| I. Opening Balances | | | 1. Expenses | | |
| (a) Cash in Hand | | | (a) Establishment Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 20) | 1,49,97,444 | 1,06,73,395 |
| Imprest | 50,000 | 50,000 | | | |
| (b) Bank Balances | | | (b) Administrative Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 21) | 2,80,46,689 | 1,02,89,403 |
| i) In current accounts | 32,02,885 | 9,92,98,428 | (c) Grant in aid to Tiger Foundation | 3,00,000 | 3,47,45,620 |
| ii) In deposit accounts | | | | | |
| iii) Savings accounts | 4604014 | | | | |
| II. Grants Received | | | II. Payments made against funds for various projects | | |
| (a) From Government of India | 10,04,58,185 | 7,00,00,000 | (Name of the fund or project should be shown along with the particulars of payments made for each project) | | |
| (b) From State Government | | | | | |
| (c) From other sources (details) | | | | | |
| (Grants for capital & revenue exp. To be shown separately) | | | | | |
| | | | iii) Research Projects | 5,54,64,240 | 4,01,85,466 |
| | | | iv) Training, Workshop Conference | 14,37,721 | 16,18,311 |
| Contd./..... | | | | | |
| III. Income on Investments from | | | III. Investments & deposit made | | |
| (a) Earmarked/Endow Funds | | | (a) Out of Earmarked/Endowment funds | | |



| | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|---|-----------|-------------|
| (b) Own Funds (Oth. Investment) | 16543505 | 1562517 | (b) Out of own funds (Investments- Others) | 5643456 | 26302693 |
| IV. Interest Received | | | IV. Expenditure on fixed Assets & capital work-in-progress | | |
| (a) On bank deposits | | 79519 | (a) Purchase of fixed assets | 13,06,263 | 3,73,31,724 |
| (b) Loans, Advances etc. | | | (b) Expenditure on capital work-in-progress | 316000 | |
| V. Other Income (Specify) | | | V. Refund of surplus money/loans | | |
| Refund of Bank Charges | | | (a) to the Government of India | | |
| Refund of Excess payment made SO(NTCA) previous year | | | (b) to the State Government | | |
| Sale Proceeds of old articles/items | | 700 | (c) to other providers of funds | | |
| VI. Amount Borrowed | | | VI. Finance Charges (Interest) | | |
| VII. Any other receipts (give details) | | | VII Other Payments (Specify) | | |
| (a) Misc. Receipts | | | (a) Payment of TDS | | |
| (i) Unspent balance of Advance refunded by CPWD | | | (b) Security Deposit/ Released | 2748347 | 1904025 |
| (b) Interest on Scooter Adv. | | | (c) Amount adjustable (By other deptt.) | | |
| (c) Security deposit | | | (d) Advances Recoverable in Cash or for Value to be Recovered | 40,97,470 | 1,44,200 |

Contd./.....

| | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| (d) Recovery of Advances | | 60,572 | (d) Staff advances | | |
| (e) Recovery of TDS | | | (e) Payment to other Depatt, (Recoveries from pay bills) | | |
| (f) Staff car recovery | | | (f) Bank Charges | | |
| (g) License fee | | | (g) recoupment of imprest advance | | |
| (h) Recovery from pay bills, adjustable by other Departments | | | | | |
| (i) Sale proceed of assets | 6,859 | | | | |
| (j) GIA refunded | | | | | |



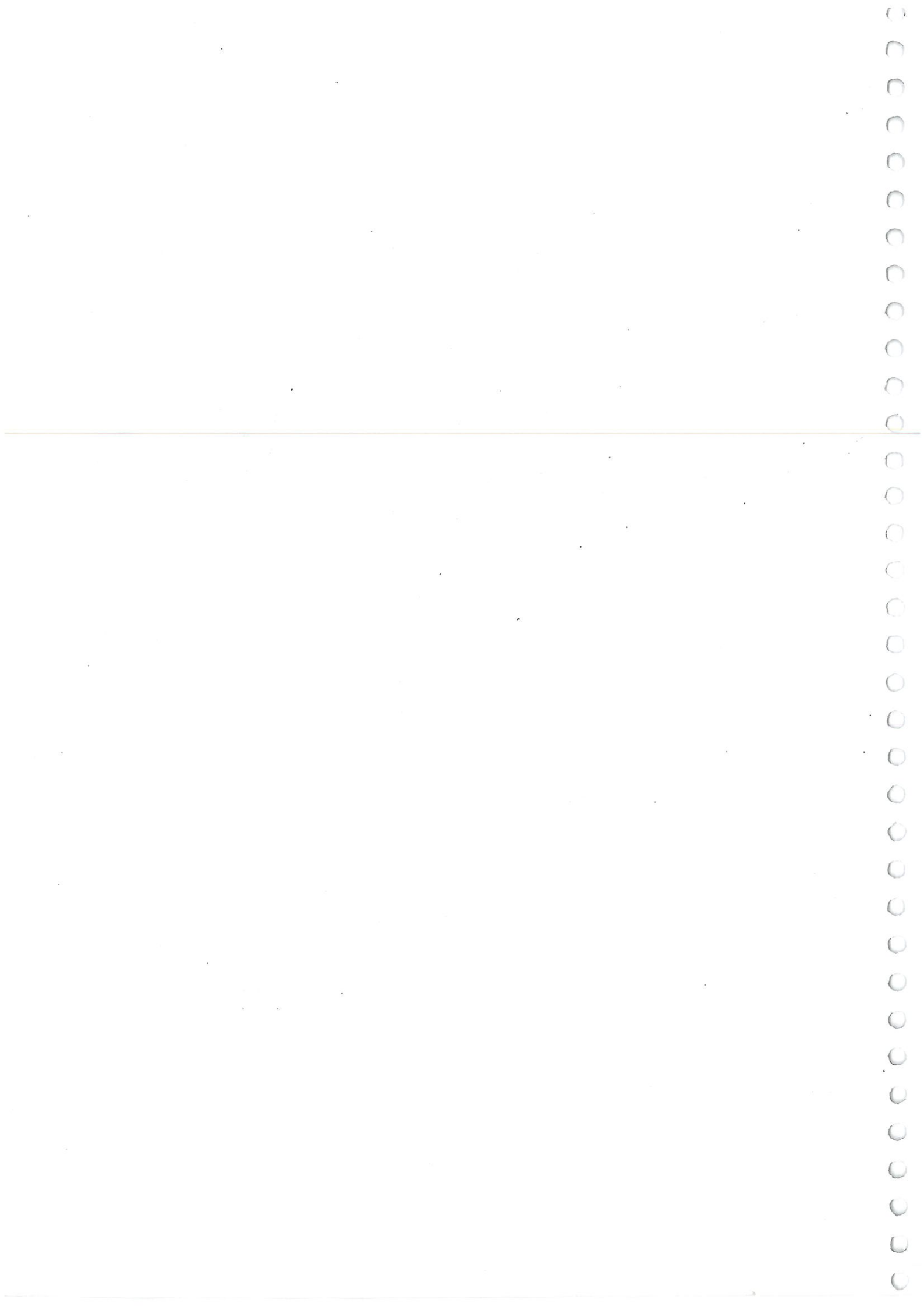
| | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (k) Leave salary & Pension contribution payment made last yer received back | | | VIII. Closing Balances | | |
| | | | (a) Cash in Hand | | |
| | | | Imprest | 55,000 | 50,000 |
| | | | (b) Bank Balances | | |
| | | | (i) In current accounts | 74,78,527 | 32,02,885 |
| | | | (ii) In deposit accounts | | |
| | | | (iii) Savings accounts | 2974291 | 4604014 |
| TOTAL | 12,48,65,448 | 17,10,51,736 | | 12,48,65,448 | 17,10,51,736 |



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Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015
SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND

(Amount in ₹)

| SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND: | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Balance as at the beginning of the year | 10,23,62,688 | 17,44,92,175 |
| Add: Balance of net income | (81,50,516) | (7,21,29,487) |
| Transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account | - | - |
| Deduct: Balance of net expenditure | - | - |
| Transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account | - | - |
| Add: Short and Excess/ Prior Period Items | 53,02,752 | - |
| BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR - END | 9,95,14,924 | 10,23,62,688 |



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Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015
SCHEDULE 7 -CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

(Amount in ₹)

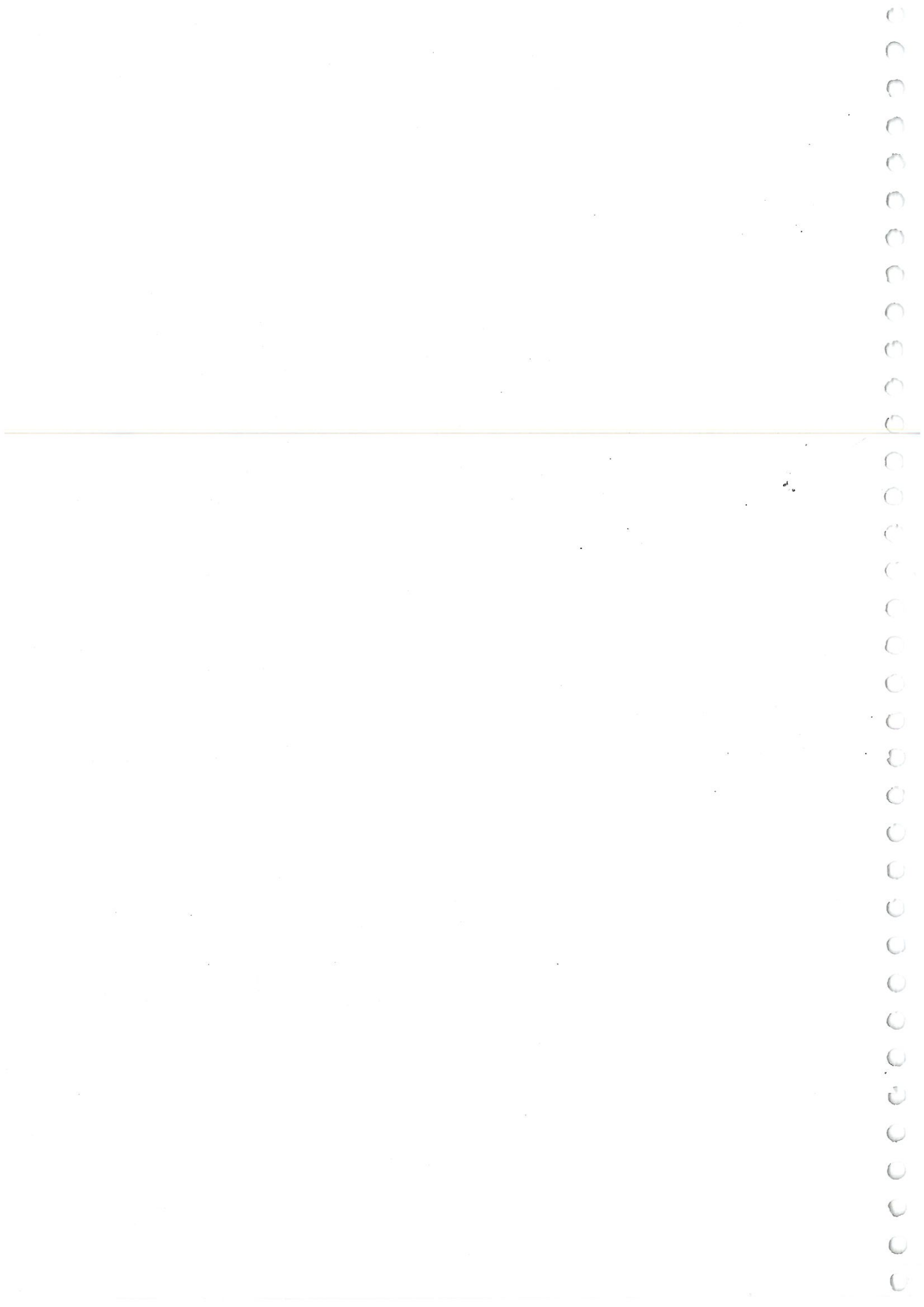
| A. CURRENT LIABILITIES: | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Acceptances | | |
| 2. Sundry Creditors: | NIL | NIL |
| a) For Goods | NIL | NIL |
| b) Others | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Advances Received | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Interest accrued but not due on: | NIL | NIL |
| a) Secured Loans/Borrowings | NIL | NIL |
| b) Unsecured Loans/Borrowings | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Other current Liabilities | NIL | NIL |
| (i) Grant in Aid refundable to Ministry | NIL | NIL |
| (ii) Unspent Grant in Aid refundable to Ministry | 119189 | 5,79,787 |
| (iii) Interest refundable to Ministry | 3794 | 3,794 |
| (iii) Security refundable | 1,22,983 | 5,83,581 |
| TOTAL (A) | | |
| B. PROVISIONS: | | |
| 1. For Taxation | NIL | NIL |
| 2. Gratuity | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Superannuation/Pension | NIL | NIL |
| (i) Contribution to superannuation scheme | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Accumulated Leave Encashment | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Trade Warranties | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Other (Specify) | NIL | NIL |
| | NIL | NIL |
| TOTAL (B) | | |
| TOTAL (A + B) | 1,22,983 | 5,83,581 |



NAME OF ENTITY : NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015

Schedule 8- Fixed Assets

| DESCRIPTION | Amounts in ₹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| | GROSS BLOCK | | | | DEPRECIATION | | | | NET BLOCK | | | | |
| | Cost/value at the beginning of the year (a) | Additions during the year 1.4.2014-30.9.2014 | 1.10.2014-31.3.2015 | Deductions during the year (c) | Cost/value at the year end (d) | Depreciation Rate % (e) | As at the beginning of the year (f) | On additions during the year 1.4.2014-30.9.2014 | 1.10.2014-31.3.2015 | On Deductions during the year (i) | Total Up to the year-end (i) | As at the end of current year (d - f - g) | As at the end of previous year |
| Tangible Assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building | 3,21,44,008 | - | - | - | 3,21,44,008 | 10% | 32,14,401 | - | - | - | 32,14,401 | 2,89,29,607 | 3,21,44,008 |
| Furniture, Fixtures | 14,82,513 | 1,01,143 | 63,603 | - | 16,47,259 | 10% | 1,48,251 | 10,114 | 3,180 | - | 1,61,545 | 14,85,714 | 14,82,513 |
| Vehicle | 3,87,244 | - | - | - | 3,87,244 | 15% | 58,087 | - | - | - | 58,087 | 3,29,157 | 3,87,244 |
| Mobile & Portable Devices | 62,508 | - | 1,78,548 | - | 2,41,056 | 15% | 9,376 | - | 10,098 | - | 19,474 | 2,21,582 | 62,508 |
| Office equipment | 43,79,300 | 75,943 | 1,57,938 | 29,78,685 | 16,34,496 | 15% | 2,10,092 | 11,391 | 11,845 | - | 2,33,328 | 14,01,168 | 43,79,300 |
| Surveillance System | - | 2,68,91,407 | - | - | 2,68,91,407 | 15% | - | 40,33,711 | - | - | 40,33,711 | 2,28,57,696 | - |
| Computer/ peripheral | 3,40,029 | 1,05,465 | 3,76,006 | 1,756 | 8,19,744 | 60% | 2,02,964 | 63,279 | 1,12,802 | - | 3,79,045 | 4,40,699 | 3,40,029 |
| Library Books | 12,023 | - | - | - | 12,023 | 60% | 7,214 | - | - | - | 7,214 | 4,809 | 12,023 |
| Intangible Assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Website | - | 10,43,619 | - | - | 10,43,619 | 25% | - | 2,60,905 | - | - | 2,60,905 | 7,82,714 | - |
| TOTAL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR PREVIOUS YEAR | 3,88,07,625 87,65,705 | 2,82,17,577 3,61,04,382 | 7,76,095 12,27,342 | 29,80,441 - | 6,48,20,856 4,61,01,429 | | 38,50,385 23,33,885 | 43,79,400 48,63,749 | 1,37,925 96,170 | - - | 83,67,710 72,93,804 | 5,64,53,146 3,88,07,625 | 3,88,07,625 64,35,820 |



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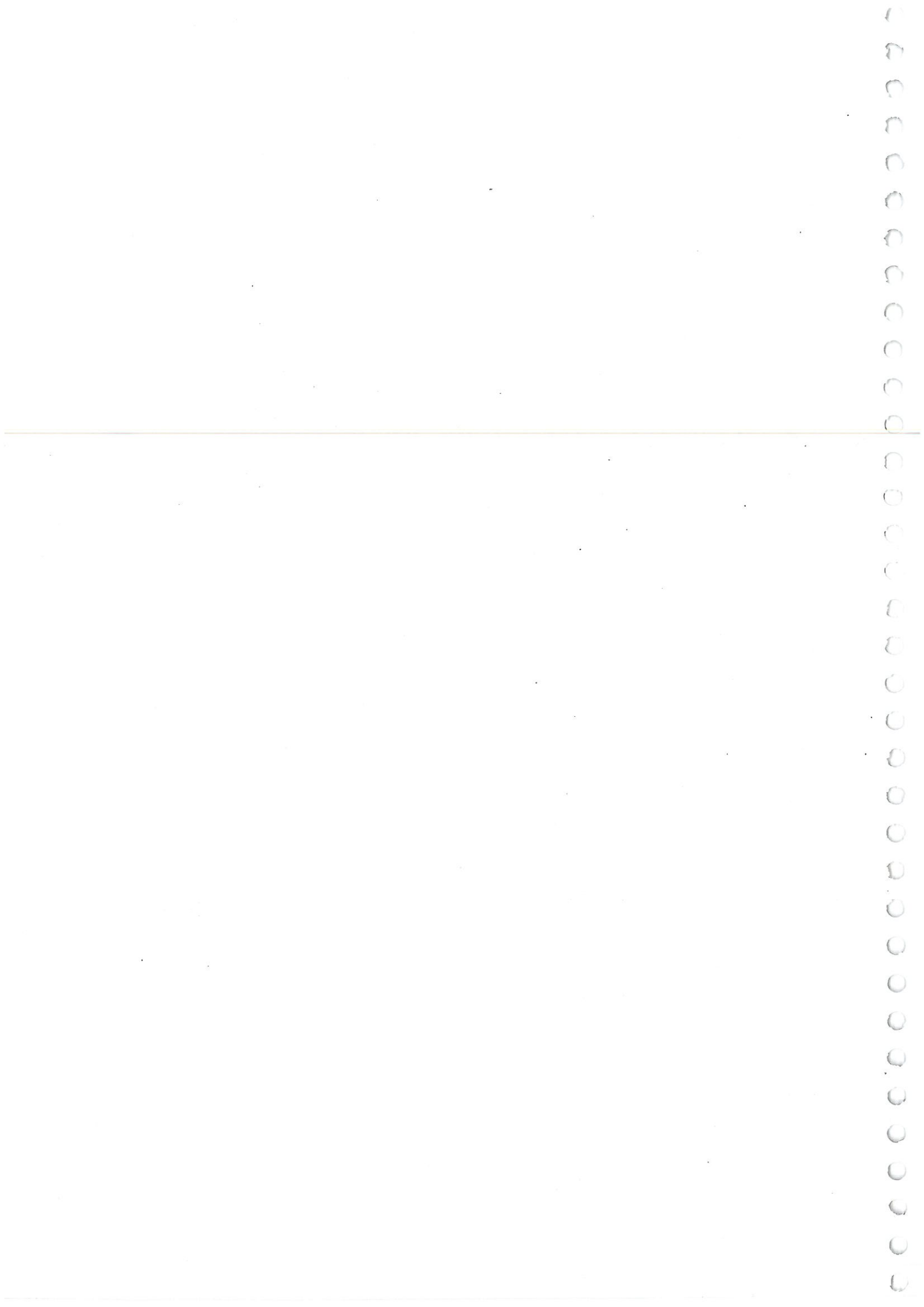
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Name of Entity *NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY*

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015

SCHEDULE 10 - INVESTMENTS OTHERS

| | (Amount in `) | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| INVESTMENTS OTHERS | Current Year | Previous Year |
| 1. In Government Securities | NIL | NIL |
| 2. Other Approved Securities | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Shares | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Debantures and Bonds | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures | NIL | NIL |
| 6. Other (to Be Specified) | 1,37,75,760 | 2,52,42,783 |
| Fixed Deposit With Schedules Banks | | |
| TOTAL | 1,37,75,760 | 2,52,42,783 |



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 Name of Entity *NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY*
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015
SCHEDULE 11 -CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.

(Amount in ₹)

| A. CURRENT ASSETS: | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Inventories: | | |
| a) Stores and Spares | NIL | NIL |
| b) Loose Tools | NIL | NIL |
| c) Stock-in-trade | NIL | NIL |
| Finished Goods | NIL | NIL |
| Work-in-progress | NIL | NIL |
| Raw Materials | NIL | NIL |
| 2. Sundry Debtors: | | |
| a) Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months | NIL | NIL |
| b). Others | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest) | | |
| Cash- In - Hand | NIL | NIL |
| Imprest | 55,000 | 50,000 |
| 4. Bank Balances: | | |
| a) With Scheduled Banks: | | |
| - On Current Accounts | 74,78,527 | 32,02,885 |
| - On Deposit Accounts (includes margin money) | | |
| - On Savings Accounts | 29,74,291 | 46,04,014 |
| b) With non-Schedules Banks: | | |
| -On Current Accounts | NIL | NIL |
| - On Deposit Accounts | NIL | NIL |
| - On Savings Accounts | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Post Office-Savings Accounts | NIL | NIL |
| TOTAL (A) | 1,05,07,818 | 78,56,899 |

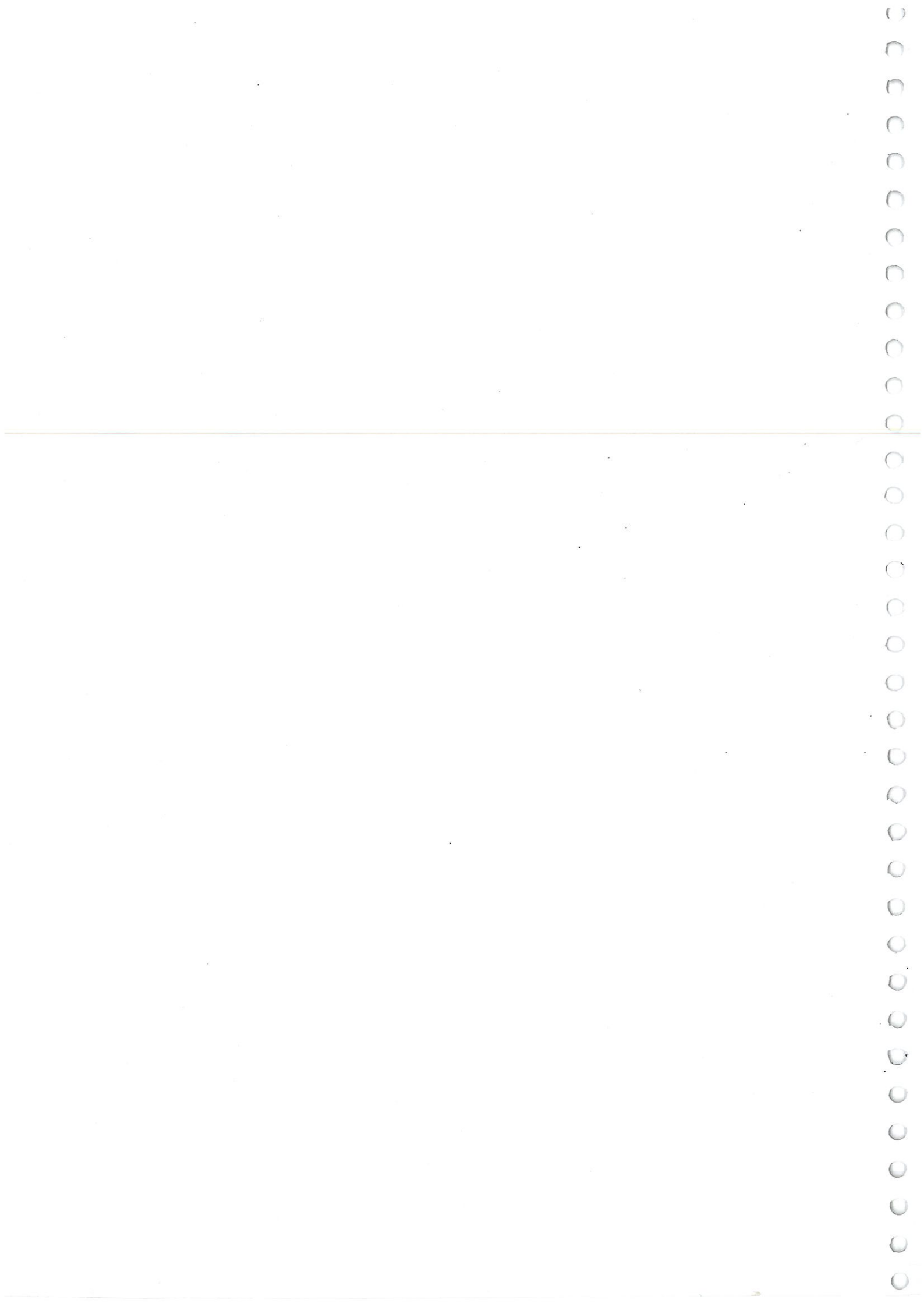


Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2015

SCHEDULE 11 -CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.

(Amount in `)

| B. LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER ASSETS: | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Loans: | | |
| a) Staff | | |
| b) Other Entities engaged in activities/ objectives similar to that of the Entity | | NIL |
| c) Other (specify) | | NIL |
| 2. Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or for value to be received | 91,95,341 | 1,24,35,483 |
| a) On Capital Account | | NIL |
| b) Prepayments | | NIL |
| Expenses Reimbursable by M/O External Affairs | | NIL |
| Advance Payment to CPWD | 65,91,030 | 65,91,030 |
| Advance Payment to PWD | 3,16,000 | NIL |
| Advance Payment to NICSI | - | 7,96,002 |
| Advance Payment to M/s Binomial Solutions | - | 1,11,65,982 |
| c) Others | | |
| Petrol Account | | |
| Security Deposit | 27,98,812 | 50,465 |
| 3. Income Accrued: | | |
| a) On Investments from Earmarked/ Endowment funds | | |
| b) On Investments- Others | | |
| c) On Loans and Advances | | |
| d) Others (includes income due unrealized - Rs.....) | | |
| 4. Claims Receivable | | |
| TOTAL (B) | 1,89,01,183 | 3,10,38,962 |
| TOTAL (A + B) | 2,94,09,001 | 3,88,95,861 |

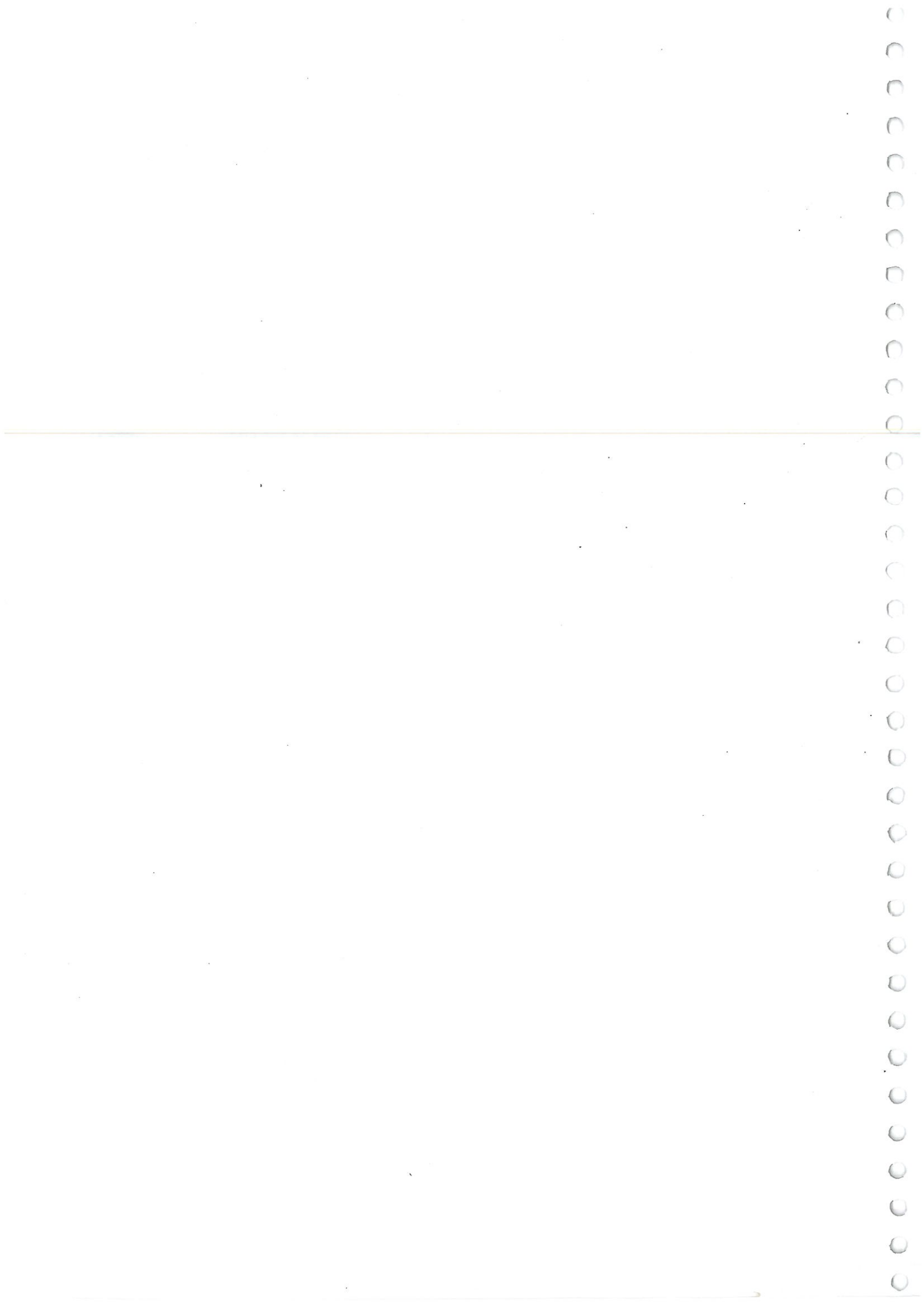


FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2015

SCHEDULE 13 - GRANTS/SUBSIDIES

(Amount in ₹)

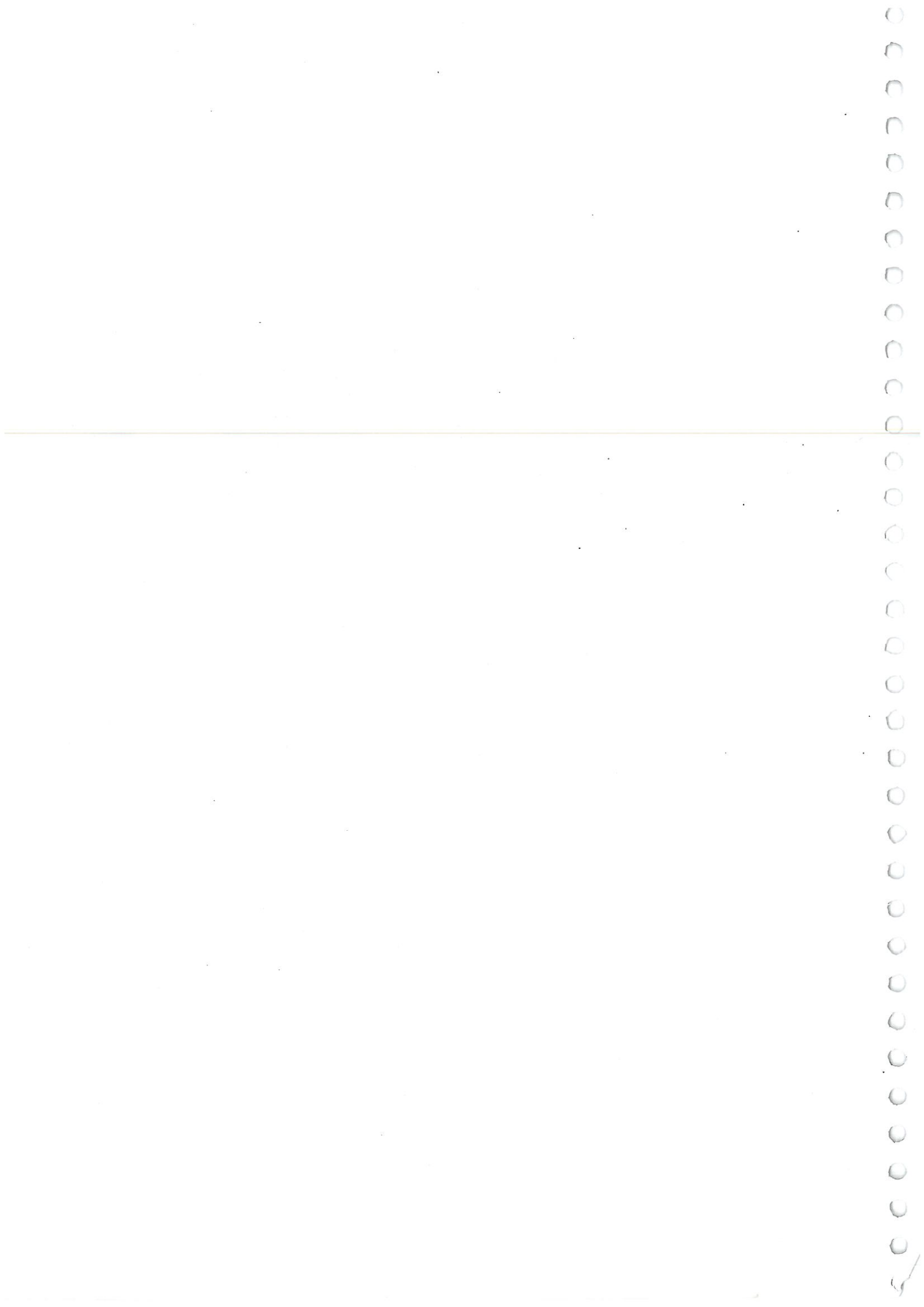
| (Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received) | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Central Government | 9,99,99,940.00 | 7,00,00,000.00 |
| 2. State Government(s) | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Government Agencies | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Institutions/Welfare Bodies | NIL | NIL |
| 5. International Organisations | NIL | NIL |
| 6. Others (Specify) /Bank TRFMisc. | - | - |
| Total | 9,99,99,940.00 | 7,00,00,000.00 |
| Unspent Balance of Grants | 4,58,245.00 | - |
| TOTAL | 10,04,58,185.00 | 7,00,00,000.00 |



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Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2015
SCHEDULE 14 - FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS

(Amount in ₹)

| FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS | Current Year | Previous Year |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Entrance Fees | NIL | NIL |
| 2. Annual Fees/Subscriptions | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Seminar/Program fees | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Consultancy Fees | NIL | NIL |
| 5. Others (Specify) | NIL | NIL |
| TOTAL | NIL | NIL |

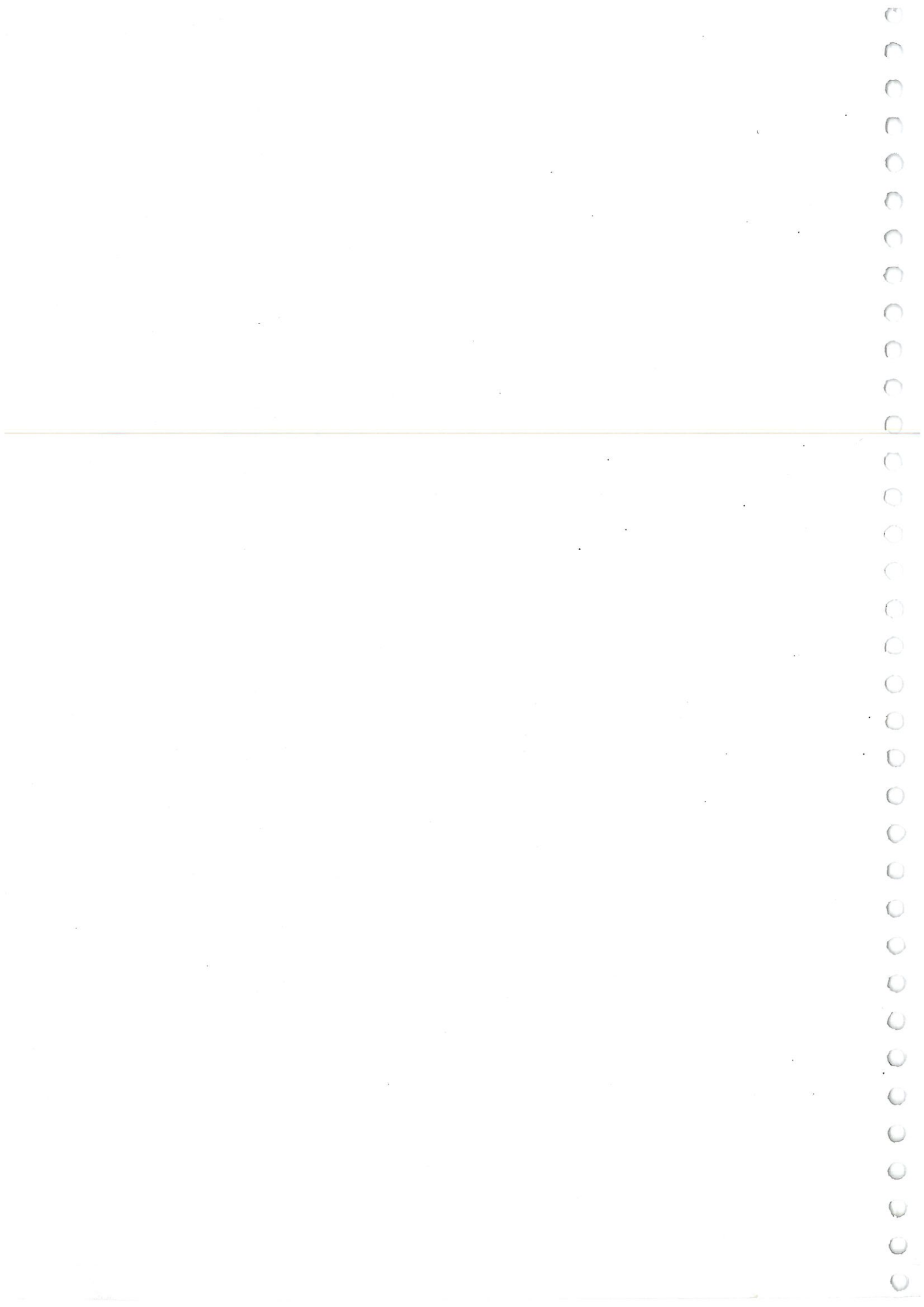


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FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2015
SCHEDULE 18 - OTHER INCOME

(Amount in ₹)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Profit on Sale/disposal of Assets : | NIL | NIL |
| a) Owned Assets | 5,103 | NIL |
| b) Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost | NIL | NIL |
| 2. Export Incentives realized | NIL | NIL |
| 3. Fees for Miscellaneous Services | NIL | NIL |
| 4. Miscellaneous | | |
| (a) Earlier year provisions written off | NIL | NIL |
| (b) GIA earlier issued refunded back | NIL | NIL |
| (c) Interest received on staff advance | NIL | NIL |
| (d) Value of assests received back from the Ministry | NIL | NIL |
| (f) Misc Income | | 700 |
| Total | 5,103 | 700 |



Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.3.2015
SCHEDULE 20 - ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

(Amount in ₹)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| a) Salaries and Wages | 1,44,32,147 | 1,05,04,237 |
| b) Allowances and Bonus | | |
| c) Contribution to Provident Fund | | |
| d) Contribution to Other Fund (CGEIS) Superannuation Scheme | | |
| e) Staff Welfare Expenses | 1,21,297 | 69,158 |
| f) Expenses on Employees' Retirement & Terminal Benefits | | |
| g) Others (specify) Honorarium | 44,000 | |
| Ex Gratia payment | 4,00,000 | 1,00,000 |
| TOTAL | 1,49,97,444 | 1,06,73,395 |



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD /YEAR ENDED 31.03.2015

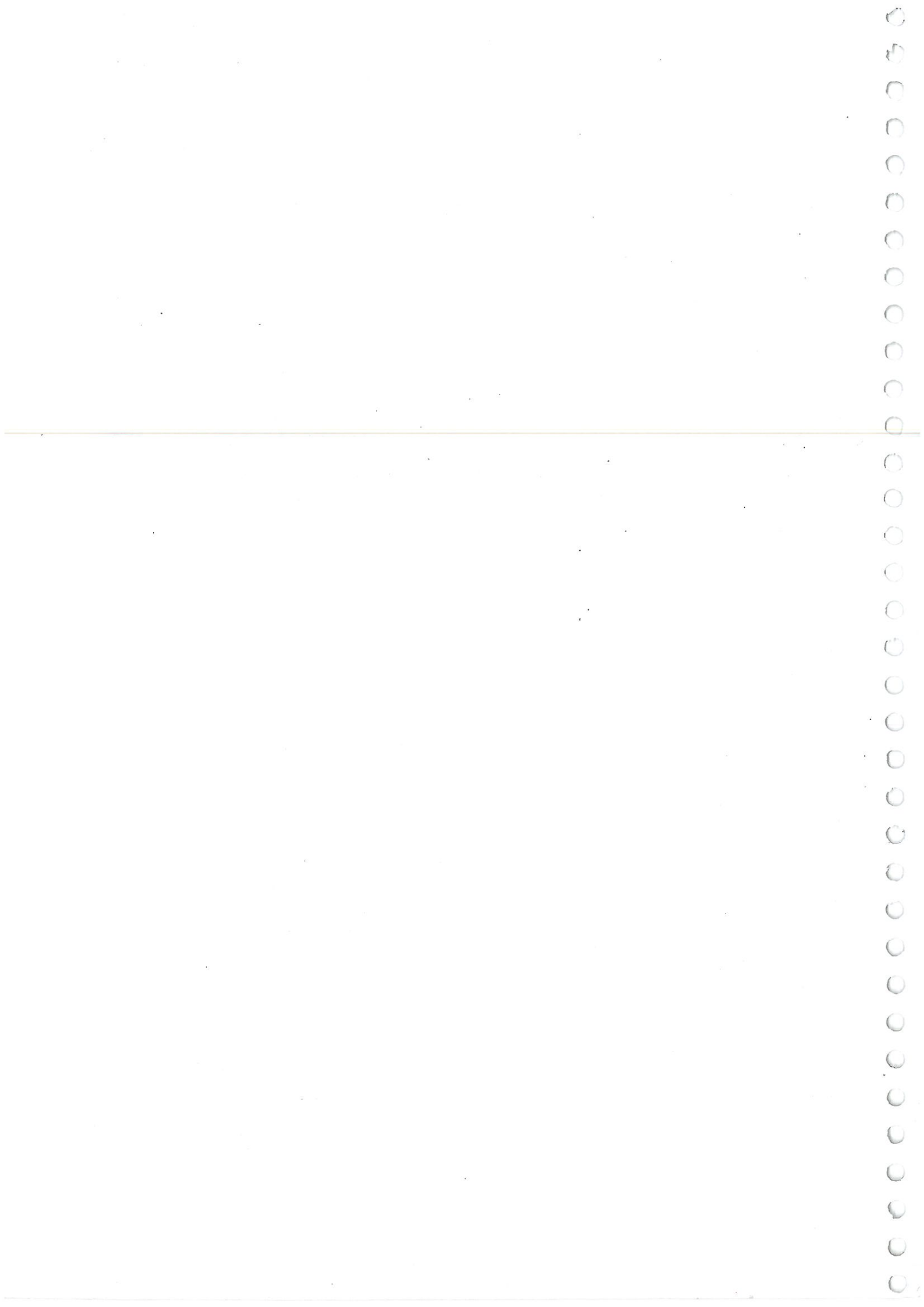
SCHEDULE 21- OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.

(Amount in `)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Purchases | | - |
| b. Conveyance and Cartage | 74,006.00 | 99,069.00 |
| c. Repairs and maintenance | | |
| Machinery** | 40,71,600.00 | 32,32,004.00 |
| Other (Building) | 29,40,810.00 | - |
| d. Vehicles Running Expenses | 2,77,965.00 | 1,90,956.00 |
| e. Vehicles Maintenance | 1,22,450.00 | 95,010.00 |
| f. Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges. | 5,54,666.00 | 4,52,081.00 |
| g. Printing, Publication and Periodicals | 15,48,766.00 | 5,21,894.00 |
| h. Travelling Expenses | 53,52,586.00 | 50,92,900.00 |
| i. Legal & Professional Charges | 59,800.00 | 17,626.00 |
| j. Hospitality Expenses | 45,391.00 | 28,467.00 |
| k. Advertisement and Publicity | 63,816.00 | - |
| l. Professional Charges | | |
| m. Electricity & Water Charges | 3,99,847.00 | 1,36,309.00 |
| n. Distribution Expenses | | - |
| o. TDS | | - |
| p. Printing & Stationery | 5,71,367.00 | 4,71,315.00 |
| q. Imp. Expenses | | 14,965.00 |
| r. Relocation/Moving Expenses## | 97,605.00 | - |
| s. Bank Charges | 1,355.00 | 215.00 |
| t. Other Office expenses | 1,88,794.00 | 1,24,068.00 |
| u. Rent | 1,16,75,865.00 | |
| v. Dificit on sale of unusable assets | | |
| Total (I) | 2,80,46,689.00 | 1,04,76,879.00 |
| II. Payments Against Various Projects | | |
| Expenses on Training, Workshop | 14,37,721.00 | 17,94,427.00 |
| Expenses on Research Projects & Monitoring | 5,54,64,240.00 | 7,93,29,466.00 |
| Total (II) | 5,69,01,961.00 | 8,11,23,893.00 |
| III. Unspent balance of GIA refundable to Ministry. | - | - |
| TOTAL (I+II+III) | 8,49,48,650.00 | 9,16,00,772.00 |

** Amount included paid for AMC of surveillance System

Amount paid to the shifting of office



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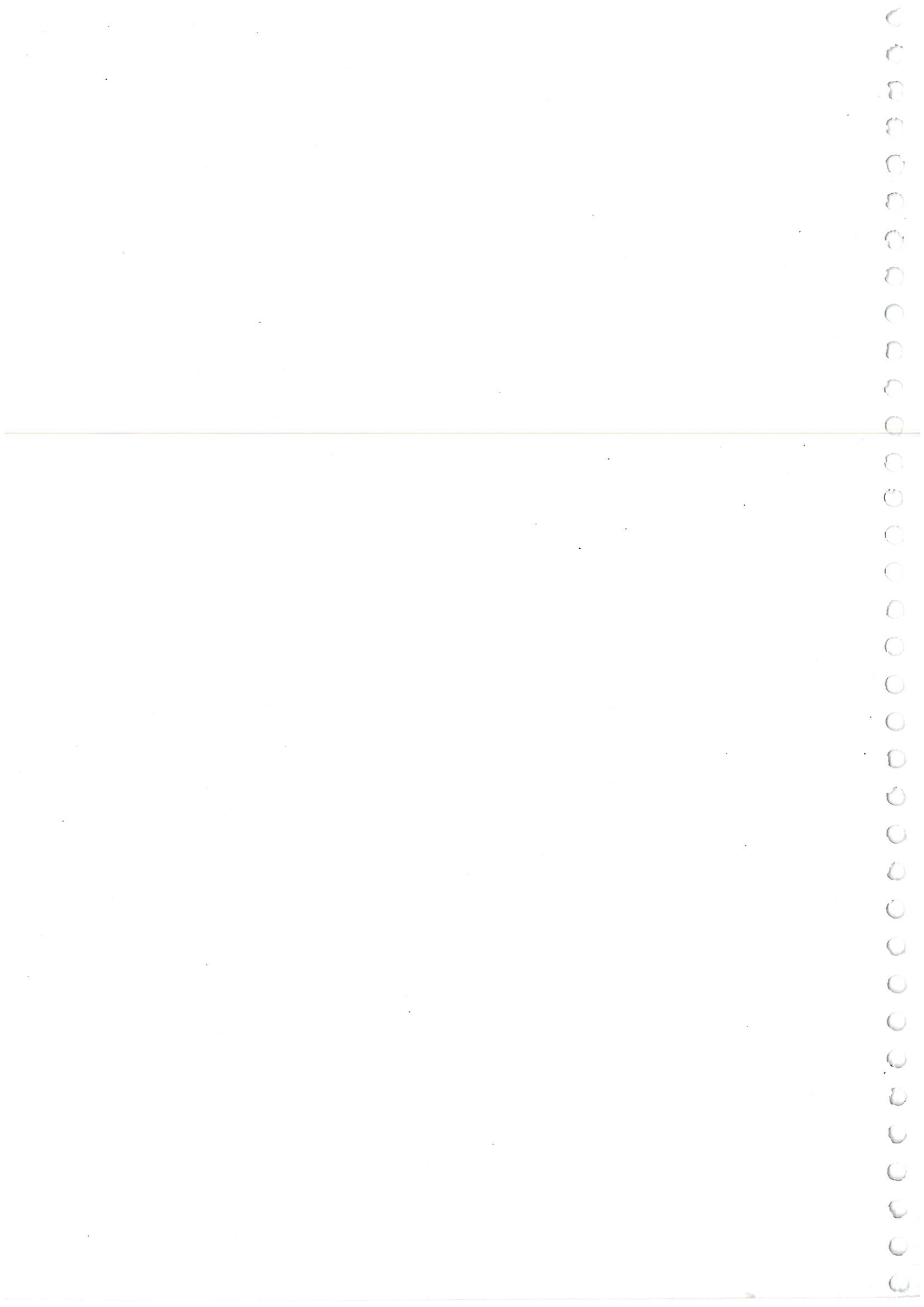
SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2015

SCHEDULE 22-GRANTS

(Amount in ₹)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| a. Grants given to Tiger Conservation Foundations | 3,00,000 | 3,49,75,620 |
| Unspent grants-in aid refundable to ministry | NIL | NIL |
| b. Subsidies given to Institutions/ Organisations | NIL | NIL |
| Total | 3,00,000 | 3,49,75,620 |



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS)
NAME OF ENTITY: NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES 24 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated and on the accrual method of accounting.

2. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition inclusive of inward freight, duties and taxes and incidental and direct expenses related to acquisition.

In respect of projects involving construction, related pre-Operational expenses (including interest on loans for specific project prior to its completion), form part of the value of the assets capitalizes.

Fixed Assets received by way of non-monetary grants, (other than towards the Corpus Fund), are capitalized as values stated, by corresponding credit to Capital Reserve.

3. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on WDV as per rates specified in the Income Tax Act, 1961.

4. GOVERNMENT GRANT/SUBSIDIES

Government grants of the nature of contribution towards capital cost of setting up projects are treated as Capital Reserve.

Grants in respect of specific fixed assets acquired are shown as a deduction from the cost of the related assets.

Government grants/subsidies are accounted on realization basis.

Notes to Accounts

1. Investment account, and Interest on Investment accounts are remain un-reconcile as information regarding the closing balance and accrued interest is not provided by the Bank (Only Certificate regarding given by the bank for interest but statement is not appropriate for reconciliation. For the same, NTCA has intimated to the Bank at HQ level.

2. During the current year, Adjustment of Rs. 1,29,44,324/- has been made through Corpus/Capital fund which identified as prior period items as recommended by the previous auditor basically include the adjustment in Fixed Assets.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961, website (in decided cases) is an intangible asset therefore to be depreciated @ 25%.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS)
NAME OF ENTITY: NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULES 25**

**SCHEDULE 25 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND NOTES ON
ACCOUNTS**

**1. Contingent
Liabilities**

Claims against the Entity not acknowledged as debts - NIL (Previous year NIL)

**2. Capital
Commitments**

Estimated value of contracts remaining to be executed on Capital account and not provided for (net of advances) - NIL (Previous year NIL)

**3. Current assets, Loans and
Advances**

In the opinion of the Management, the Current Assets, Loans and Advances have a value on realisation in the ordinary course of business, equal at least to the aggregate amount shown in the Balance Sheet.

4. Corresponding figures for the previous year have been regrouped / rearranged

5. Schedule 1 to 25 annexed form an integral part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2015 and the Income and expenditure Account the year ended on that date.



कार्यालय प्रधान निदेशक लेखापरीक्षा
वैज्ञानिक विभाग,
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Annexure (xx)

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दिनांक: 10/11/2015

सेवा में,

Member Secretary,
National Tiger Conservation Authority,
Annexe-V, Shahjahan Road, Bikaner House,
New Delhi-110011

विषय: वर्ष 2014-15 के लिए National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi का पृथक
लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन

महोदय,

मुझे वर्ष 2014-15 के लिए National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi का पृथक
लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन अग्रेषित करने का निर्देश हुआ है।

संसद के दोनों सदनों में प्रस्तुत करने से पहले वर्ष 2014-15 के वार्षिक लेखों को संस्थान के शासी
निकाय द्वारा अनुमोदित किया/अपनाया जाए तथा इस संबंध में शासी निकाय द्वारा जारी किया गया
रेजोल्यूशन ऑडिट को भेजा जाए। प्रत्येक दस्तावेज जो संसद में प्रस्तुत किया जाए उसकी तीन प्रतियाँ इस
कार्यालय तथा दो प्रतियाँ भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक को अग्रेषित की जाए। संसद के दोनों सदनों में
प्रस्तुत करने की तिथियाँ भी इस कार्यालय को सूचित की जाए।

संलग्नक:- पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन

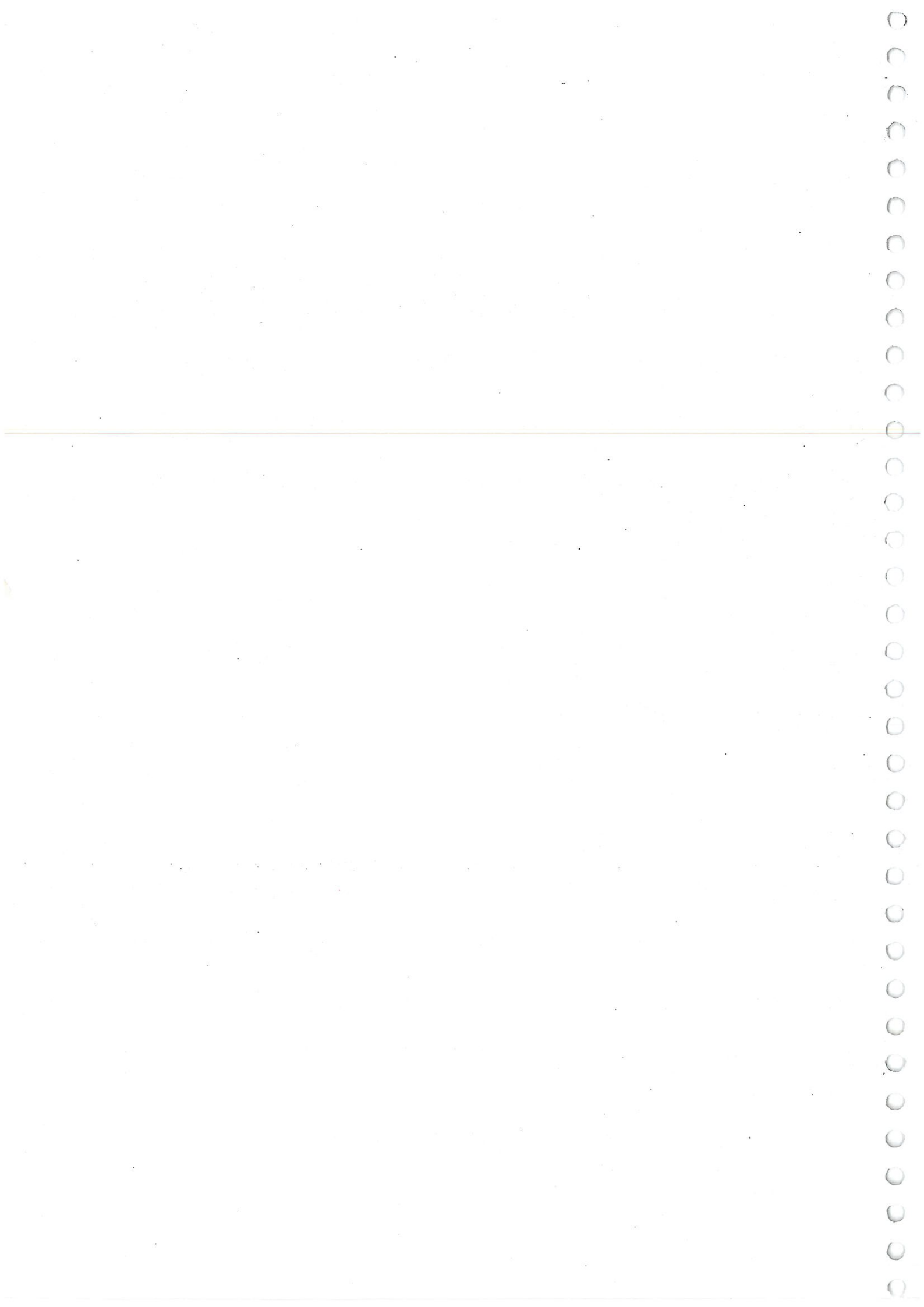
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Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi for the year ended 31st March 2015

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi (NTCA) as on 31st March 2015, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 38E (5) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the NTCA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/ CAG's Audit Reports separately.

3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

4. Based on our audit, we report that:

(i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

(ii) The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipt & Payment Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format approved by the Ministry of Finance.

(iii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by the NTCA as required under Section 38R of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended, in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.

(iv) We further report that:

A. Revision of Annual Accounts

The annual accounts were revised by NTCA based on the audit comments. The impact of revision of accounts is that Assets/Liabilities were increased by ₹ 1.21 crore and Excess of Expenditure over Income increased by ₹ 61.93 lakh.

B. General

1. Non depiction of Fixed Deposit amount (Schedule 10- Investment)

The amount of ₹ 252.43 lakh shown as Closing Balance of Fixed Deposit as on 31st March 2014 under schedule 10 was not depicted in the Opening Balance under the head "I. (ii) Deposit Accounts" of the Receipt and Payment Account. Similarly, the amount of ₹ 137.76 lakh shown as Closing Balance of Fixed Deposit with Scheduled Banks as on 31st March 2015 under schedule 10 was not depicted in the Closing Balance under the head "VIII (ii)" of the Receipt and Payment Account.

2. Non depiction of interest received on Saving Bank Account and Fixed Deposits in Annual Accounts

The interest of ₹ 4.34 lakh and ₹ 14.72 lakh earned on Saving Bank Account and Fixed Deposits respectively were not included in the Income and Expenditure Account and also under the Receipt and Payment Account¹ on the plea that the same are reimbursable to the Ministry and were not depicted in the accounts. However, no disclosure of the same has been made in the Notes to Accounts.

C. Grants-in-aid

As per the Utilisation Certificate furnished by NTCA to MOEF&CC, NTCA had unutilised grant of ₹ 324.68 lakh² (₹ 45.25 lakh under "Grant-in-Aid salaries" and ₹ 279.43 lakh under Grant-in Aid for Capital Assets) as on 31-03-2014. During the year

¹ IV. (a) Interest received on Bank Deposits

² This amount excludes balance of interest accrued on deposited amount lying in SB account and imprest issued of the regional offices and headquarters.

2014-15, NTCA received grants-in-aid of ₹ 1,000.00 lakh (₹ 950.00 lakh under Grant-in-Aid General, ₹ 50.00 lakh under Grant-in- Aid Salaries). Total grants-in-aid of ₹ 1324.68 lakh was available for expenditure. Out of this amount, NTCA utilised ₹1089.31 lakh and ₹ 235.37 lakh remained as unutilised grant as on 31st March 2015.

D. Management letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in the Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority through a management letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

(v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipt & Payment Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

(vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Account, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this report give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India.

a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi as at 31 March 2015 and

b. In so far as it relates to Income & Expenditure Account of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

For and on behalf of the C&AG of India


Principal Director of Audit (SD)

Place: New Delhi

Date:



Annexure – I

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System: Internal audit of the NTCA has been conducted up to 2011-12.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System:

(a) Accession register of library books were not maintained properly (Govt. rule books and Annual Reports of NTCA also entered and book not numbered properly.) in the absence of which the number of library books shown in the Annual Accounts could not be verified by audit.

(b) The issue of stock items and balance stock were not indicated in the stock register and entries in the stock register were not attested. A physical verification of all the consumable goods and materials should be undertaken at least once in a year. However, the same had not been conducted till 31st March 2015.

3. Statutory dues: No Statutory dues were pending as on 31st March 2015.

4. System of Physical Verification of Assets:

The physical verification of assets had not been carried out since inception. In the absence of physical verification of assets, the availability of fixed assets amounting to ₹ 564.53 lakh as shown in the balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015, could not be verified in Audit.

5. Maintenance of Asset Register: The Asset/ Stock register were not maintained by NTCA in formats prescribed in the General Financial Rules, 2005.

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Director (EA)

