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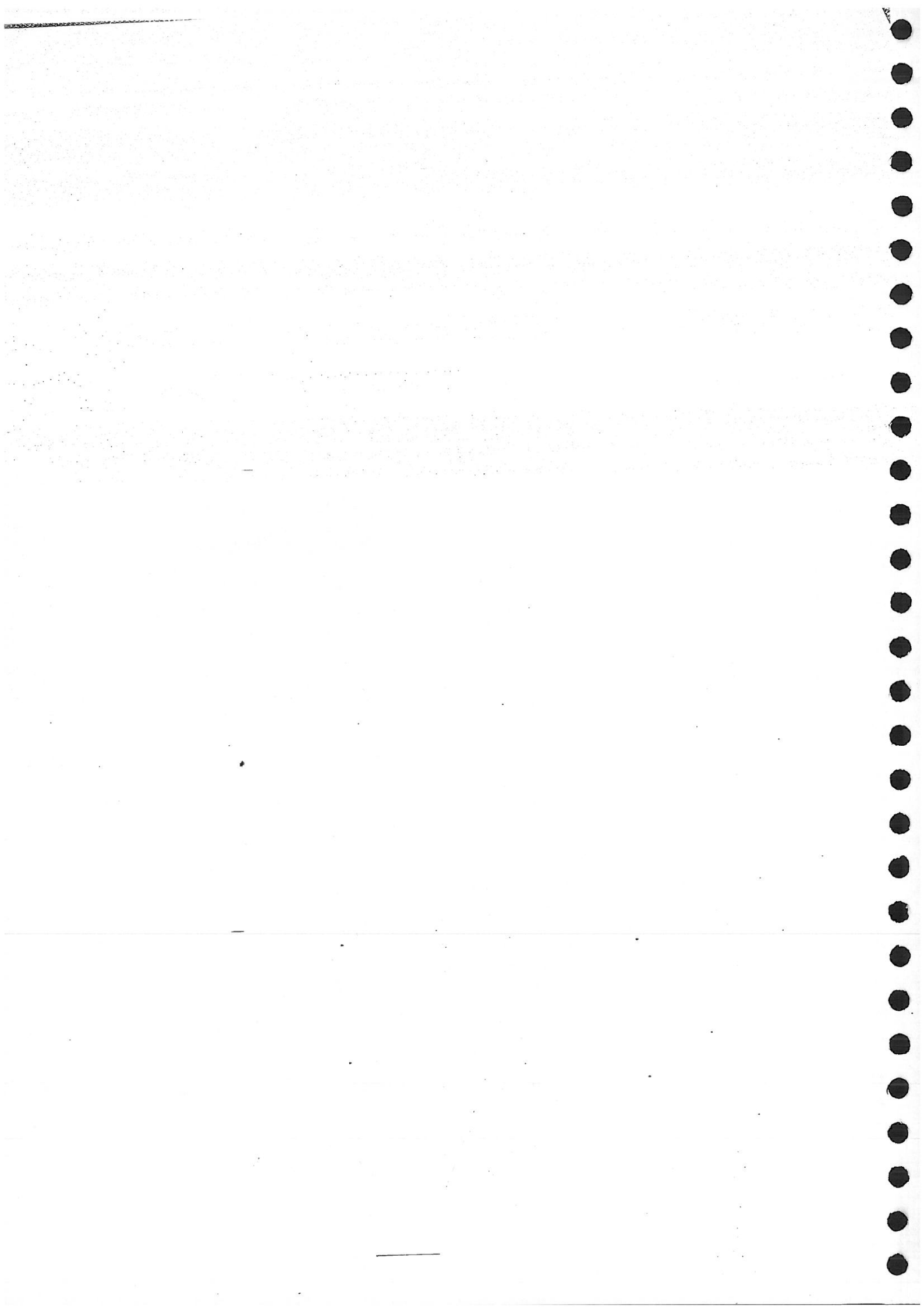
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(Ninth Annual Report of the NTCA after its constitution)

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 becomes 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 04.09.2006, 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 dated 10th September, 2015 are as under:

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| 1. | The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment & Forests | - Chairman |
| 2. | The Minister of State for Environment and Forests (Vacant) | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. | The Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) : Shri Nagendra Singh | - Member |
| 4. | The Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) : Shri Raju Shetti | - Member |
| 5. | The Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) : Shri P. Bhattacharya | - Member |
| 6. | Shri M.C. Malakar, Retd. PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Assam, House No. 33, Sewali Path, P.O. Hatigaon, Guwahati-38. | - Member |
| 7. | Shri B.K. Patnaik, Retd. PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Uttar Pradesh 105, Surekha Villa, Migamananda Nagar, Lane-2, Bomikhal, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751012 | - Member |
| 8. | Dr. Tishyarakshit Chatterjee, Retd. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Indraprastha Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi. | - Member |
| 9. | Shri Hemendra Kothari, Chairman, DSP Black Rock, Mafatlal Centre, 10 th Floor, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021. Maharashtra | - Member |
| 10. | Shri Rajpal Singh Tanwar, Saket, 4 Prem Nagar, Jhotwara, Jaipur-302012, Rajasthan. | - Member |
| 11. | Shri Ravi Singh, Secretary General & CEO, WWF-India, 172 B, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003 | - Member |
| 12. | Dr. Erach Bharucha, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment, Education and Research, Katraj-Dhankawadi Campus, Pune-Satara Road, Pune-411043 | - Member |
| 13. | Dr. Rajan Gurukkal, Visiting Professor, Centre for Contemporary Studies Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore-560012. | - Member |
| 14. | Secretary, Ministry of Environment & 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, Arunachal Pradesh | - Member |
| 23. | Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal | - Member |
| 24. | Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand | - Member |
| 25. | Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra | - Member |
| 26. | Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka | - Member |
| 27. | Chief Wildlife Warden, Bihar | - Member |
| 28. | Joint Secretary and Legislative Counsel Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice | - Member |
| 29. | Additional Director General (Project Tiger) Ministry of Environment & Forests | - Member Secretary |

Functions of the NTCA:

Powers and functions of the National Tiger Conservation Authority as prescribed under section 38 O 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

Decisions taken in the 13th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Chairman, National Tiger Conservation Authority on 19th September, 2016 at the Mahanadi Conference Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi, are as below:

The Hon'ble MEF&CC and Chairperson, NTCA welcomed the members and initiated the discussion. While mentioning about the role India is playing vis-à-vis tiger conservation, he highlighted that India is home to 70% of world's free ranging tigers.

Deliberations on agenda items are as indicated below:

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of minutes of the twelfth meeting

The Chairperson solicited comments on minutes of the twelfth meeting of the NTCA. The NTCA confirmed minutes of its twelfth meeting held on 17.03.2016.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action taken on the minutes of the 12th meeting of the NTCA

1. Finalization of Awards

NTCA took note of the action taken.

2. Deliberations on vacancy position in Tiger Reserves

NTCA took note of the action taken. It was decided that the Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA would send a letter in this regard to all the Chief Ministers of tiger States.

3. Recent tiger part seizures in Uttarakhand

NTCA took note of the action taken. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand intervened and highlighted the problem of providing adequate protection to dispersing tigers in the Corbett landscape especially in context of those dispersing in adjoining areas of the State of Uttar Pradesh. He stressed on the fact that suitable habitat patches in the State of Uttar Pradesh should be brought under aegis of buffer of the Corbett Tiger Reserve and inter-state meeting should take place on regular basis. Shri P. Bhattarcharya, Member, NTCA and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha also highlighted the importance of buffer areas. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka stated, quoting the examples of Kudremukh, Cauvery and MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary that the NTCA should evolve a mechanism to fund 'potential tiger areas' as due to lack of adequate managerial interventions, tigers in such areas are more susceptible to extraneous factors.

4. Habitat management activities to reduce man-animal conflict

The NTCA was apprised of the various measures taken in this regard including provision of funding assistance, ex-gratia payment as well as different provisions / mechanisms cited in the Standard Operating Procedures and Tiger Conservation Plans. The members appreciated that it is one of the major issue which needs to be addressed in the swiftest possible manner. Shri Erach Bharucha, Member, NTCA emphasize the need for capacity building of all stakeholders especially the police. The Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal highlighted initiatives taken by the State in this regard. Shri P. Bhattacharya, Member, NTCA and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha stressed on the need for greater interagency coordination in this context.

It was decided that provisions of the SOP shall be reiterated and tiger range States will be requested to adhere to the same while following the Wildlife (Protection) Act and directions of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court.

5. Evolving innovative methods such as incentivising people for safeguarding corridors

The NTCA was apprised of the provisions as per the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and framing of corridor plan as part of Tiger Conservation Plan and delineation of such corridors at the macro level by the NTCA-WII. Further micro level identification has been carried out for the Eastern Vidharbha landscape in Maharashtra by the NTCA-WII.

NTCA took note of the action taken.

It was underscored that tiger range States should go for identification of corridors at the micro level and make it part of the statutory Tiger Conservation Plan.

6. New funding pattern of CSS-PT

NTCA took note of the action taken. Members requested that Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA should meet Hon'ble Finance Minister in this regard and should try to get village relocation, STPF and antipoaching activities excluded from the ambit of current dispensation.

It was also decided that the matter shall be pursued further at the level of NTCA.

7. Service Tax and Income Tax on Tiger Conservation Foundations

NTCA took note of the action taken so far in this regard. It was decided that matter should be taken up with the CBDT and CBEC with intervention of the Secretary (E,F&CC).

8. Fabrication of technology used for tiger conservation within the country

NTCA took note of the action taken so far in this regard. Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA stressed that development of technology for fabrication of equipments should be done in a time bound manner indigenously involving organizations like ISRO, CSIR, Department of Science and Technology, such that India is in a position to provide the same to the world at a cheaper rate and to fulfill our mission of Digital India and Make in India.

Agenda Item No. 3

Updates

A presentation was made by the Additional Director General of Forests (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA) deliberating all the technological advancements made by India vis-à-vis tiger conservation, besides other progresses / initiatives made during the year.

The Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA underscored the need to sub-classify causes for tiger mortality, vis-à-vis the current format of reporting tiger mortality. The Member Secretary (NTCA) clarified that the same is followed and shall be presented accordingly in future.

Agenda Item No. 4

Approval of budget / expenditure schedules for the year 2016-17

The NTCA unanimously ratified the budget of the NTCA with the Secretary (E,F&CC) stressing the need for getting the budget approved alongwith the Audit Report by the Chairman, NTCA before laying down the Annual Report on Table of both the Houses of Parliament.

Agenda Item No. 5

Agenda items proposed by NTCA Members

(i) **Dr. Ravi Singh, Member, NTCA**

While lauding the Chairman, NTCA for his remarks in context of fabrication of technology indigenously, he mentioned willingness of the Indian Space Research Organisation to provide a dedicated bandwidth for wildlife research. He also expressed the need to leverage improved Indo-Myanmar ties for tiger conservation. Shri Ravi Singh, Member, NTCA highlighted the challenge posed by Canine Distemper Virus to India's tiger population and the need to address the same, besides other diseases transmissible from livestock to wildlife.

(ii) **Shri Rajan Gurukkal, Member, NTCA raised the issue pertaining to: relocation of non-tribal enclosures from Tiger reserves and tiger landscapes; detailed enclave management studies inside TRs; implementation of Sabarimala Master Plan and Parking space at Thekkady in PTR**

NTCA took note of the matter.

Agenda Item No. 6

Any other item with the approval of the Chair

(i) Shri Rajpal Singh, Member, NTCA raised the issue of revision of package available for voluntary village relocation. This was seconded by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Karnataka who emphasized the need to revise the existing package for relocation / rehabilitation of villagers from core/critical tiger habitat of tiger reserves in light of the developments in the last preceding years. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra was also in favour of this. These members were of the view that a committee should be formed consisting of members from NTCA, some retired experienced officials and other experts. In this context, the Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA opined that the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions needs to be recognized in this process and they should necessarily be a part of such a committee.

The ADG (PT) & Member Secretary (NTCA) made it clear that the rehabilitation package is based on the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007 of the Ministry of Rural Development and it shall be prudent to effect any change in the current package on revision of this policy by the said Ministry.

(ii) The Chief Wildlife Warden, Bihar requested the NTCA to facilitate use of drones/ UAVs in Valmiki Tiger Reserve due to paucity of staff. The Hon'ble Chairman, NTCA cautioned to the use of such technology in bordering areas of the country to avoid untoward diplomatic consequences.

(iii) Shri Nagendra Singh, Member, NTCA and Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha raised the following issues:

- a. Assessment of impact of the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project on Panna Tiger Reserve and the surrounding landscapes.
- b. Assessment of carrying capacity of tigers in tiger reserves.
- c. Providing restorative managerial interventions in respect of identified corridor areas.

(iv) Representative of the Tribal Ministry raised the following issues:

- a. Village rehabilitation should not be carried out near city / town limits and without the informed consent of Gram Sabha.
- b. It was made clear that the village rehabilitation / relocation is a voluntary activity which is carried out with due diligence.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair to the members.

CHAPTER IV

Committees constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority

A. Details of Committees / teams constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority during 2016-17 are as under:-

I. **Constitution of a team to cause spot appraisal in connection with tiger deaths in Pench Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh vide letter no. F. No. 1-21/93-PT (Vol. I) dated 1st April, 2016. The composition of the team is as below:**

- a) Dr. Debabrata Swain, IGF, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur.
- b) Representative of WCCB, Regional Office, Jabalpur.

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

To cause site appraisal on evaluating the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal, identification of animal crossing points and pinch points in order to devise appropriate mitigation measures.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

II **Constitution of a team in connection with monitoring of implementation of mitigation measures in four laning of National Highway-7 from Mansar to border of Maharashtra / Madhya Pradesh as approved by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife on advise of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, under section 38 (O) (1) (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and to cause spot appraisal vide F. No. 12-1/2009-NTCA (Vol.II) dated 10.05.2016 .**

The composition of the team is as below:

1. Dr. Debabrata Swain, IGF, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur.
2. Dr. Bilal Habib, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
3. Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
4. Representative of the National Highways Authority of India.

Observations of the team may be viewed vis-a-vis section 38 O (1) (g), 55 (ab), 55 (ac) and 55 (b) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The team will submit report within 15 days of issue of this letter .

III **Constitution of a team in connection with diversion of 19.62 ha. of forest land from Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary for upgradation of Chilphi-Rengakhar-Salhewara road (60.811 km) falling within functional corridors from the Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh for comprehensive ground survey vide F. No. 7-3/2016-NTCA dated 08.06.2016**

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Ms. Riddhima Solanki, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- b) Shri Ujjwal Kumar, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh.

d) Representative of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Chhattisgarh.

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

To ascertain impact of upgradation of the said road vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and suggest mitigation measures if deemed required, against recommendations made by the Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India vide email dated 04.05.2016.

3. The team will submit its report within 30 days from issue of this office memorandum.

IV Constitution of a team to cause site appraisal in connection with diversion of 0.275 ha of forest land in Compt. No. 85&86 of Pasuvemula R. F. Of V. P. South Range, Markapur (WLM) division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) for route length of 6111.39 mtrs., along the existing Right of Way at Pylon Colony, Nagarjunasagar to Kothur Road, Macherala (along NH 565 from km 94/200 to 88/200), in favour of M/s. Plcf, Defence Services, State Co-ordinator, Air Force Station, Suryalanka vide F. No. 7-24/2016-NTCA dated 17.08.2016.

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
- b) Dr. Kausik Banerjee, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal, and distribution and suggested mitigation measures, if any.

3. The team will submit report within 20 days of issue of this office memorandum.

V Constitution of a team to cause site appraisal in connection with diversion of 2.39 ha. of forest land in Nandikotkur RF & Guvvalakuntla-B RF, Atmakur WLM Division for formation of BT road from Sivapuram Gudem to Kolanu Bharathi Temple, in favour of Executive Engineer, PR Division, Kurnool vide F. No. 7-25/2016-NTCA dated 24.08.2016.

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Rajendra Garawad, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
- b) Shri Ujjwal Kumar, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

VI Constitution of a team to cause site appraisal in connection with application for approval of MoEF&CC under section 2 (iii) of FC Act, 1980 concerning diversions of 193.67 ha of forest land for mining included in the total 840.83 ha area of Shindola mining lease (ACC Ltd.) Tal. Wani, Distt. Yavatmal, Maharashtra vide F. No. 7-30/2016-NTCA dated 29.08.2016

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Hemant Kamdi, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur.
- b) Shri Ujjwal Kumar, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
- d) Divisional Forest Office / Incharge, Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

VII Constitution of a team in connection with proposal for Stone Quarries Operation in Khaira Tehsil under Belabored District, Odessa vide F. No. 7-34/ 2016-NTCA dated 03.10.2016

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Hemant Kamdi, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur.
- b) Representative of the Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

VIII Constitution of a team in connection with pproposal for diversion of 0.655 ha of forest land from Pericarp Tiger Reserve for increasing the height of Kenner Dam for providing water supply to Saaremaa, Kerala F. No. 7-5/2016-NTCA dated 10.10.2016 in pursuance of Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC letter No. 6-101/2014-WL dated 23.09.2016.

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Rajendra Garawad, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
- b) Representative of the Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

IX Constitution of a team in connection with a proposal seeking permission of the National Board of Wildlife for non-forestry use of 1.9545 ha of forest land from buffer area no. 560 of Indravati Tiger Reserve for mining of Corundum mineral in favour of Managing Director, Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation vide F. No. 7-12/2016-NTCA dated 05.12.2016

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Hemant Kamdi, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur.
- b) Shri Ujjwal Kumar, Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

X Constitution of a team in connection with proposal for permission for widening of existing State Highway 30, Sawai Madhopur- Shivpuri road from 82 /700 to 93/390 km in Sawai Madhopur district inside Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve and within 10 km its boundary vide F. No. 7-6/2016-NTCA dated 05.01.2017 in pursuance of Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 6-172/2016-WL dated 28.12.2016

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur
- b) Representative of Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Rajasthan.
- d) Representative of project proponent.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term, besides evaluating feasibility of mitigation structures proposed by the State.

3. The team will submit report within 20 days of issue of this office memorandum.

- XI** Constitution of a team in connection with approval of the Central Government under section-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 61.45 ha. Forest land for Manganese Ore mining at Village Ramdongari, Tehsil-Saoner, Distt. Nagpur in favour of M/s Jayaswal Neco Industries Ltd vide F. No. 7-5/2017-NTCA dated 31.01.2017 in pursuance of Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 8-81/2016-FC dated 12.01.2017

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Nagpur
- b) Representative of Tiger Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Maharashtra.
- d) Representative of project proponent.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal and distribution and suggest feasibility of the project in the long term, besides evaluating feasibility of mitigation structures proposed by the State.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

- XII** Constitution of a team in connection with diversion of 2.425 ha of forest land in Kagaznagar Division of erstwhile Adilabad District (presently in Komaram Bheem (Asifabad District)) for laying Pipeline and construction of structures in Segment - 22/4 (Kagaznagar) under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Nirmal, Telangana vide F. No. 7-6/2017-NTCA dated 01.02.2017 in pursuance of Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No.6-1/2017-WL dated 20.01.2017.

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Assistant Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
- b) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Telangana.
- c) Representative of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Telangana.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal, and distribution and suggest mitigation measures, if any.

3. The team will submit report within 30 days of issue of this office memorandum.

- XIII** Constitution of a team in connection with Diversion of 21.343 ha of forest land from Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve for rehabilitation and upgradation of NH-565 from Km. 86.057 to 133.922 (Nagarjuna Sagar to Davulapally Section) two lanes with paved shoulders in Pasuvemula RF & Mutukur RF of Wildlife Management Division, Markapur, in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B NH Division, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh vide F. No. 7-18/2016-NTCA dated 31.03.2017 in pursuance of Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No.6-51/2017-WL dated 27.03.2017.

The composition of the team is as below:

- a) Shri Nishant Verma, DIGF, NTCA, Hqrs., New Delhi.
- b) Sh. Kaushik Banerjee, Scientist, D, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- c) Representative of Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. Of Andhra Pradesh.
- d) Representative of project proponent.

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

To cause site appraisal and evaluate the area vis-a-vis tiger dispersal, and distribution and suggest mitigation measures, if any.

3. The team will submit report within 10 days of issue of this office memorandum.

CHAPTER V

Administrative Matters

There are 14 regular / 32 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-Meghalaya cadre served as Member Secretary till 17th February, 2016 in the National Tiger Conservation Authority. Subsequently, Dr. Debabarata Swain, IFS from Odisha cadre joined as Member Secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority on 20th February, 2016. The position in respect to the office establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the names of the positions (2016-17), 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 | Shri B.S.Bonal (till 17.02.2017) Dr. Debabrata Swain (since 20.02.2017) | HAG+ Scale Rs. 80000/- (Fixed) HAG+ Scale (Rs. 75,500-80,000/-) |
| 2. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. Himmat Singh Negi | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 3. | Deputy Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Shri Sanjay Kumar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 4. | Deputy Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Shri Nishant Verma (since 26.10. 2016) | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 5. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. S., Rajesh (till 21.09.2016) | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,900/-) |
| 6. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs. 7,600/-) |
| 7. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| 8. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA-HQ) | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| 9. | Deputy Director (Finance) (NTCA-HQ) | Shri Sunil Kumar Sharma | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs. 6,600/-) |
| 10. | PS | Shri Jagdish Prasad | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.4,800/-) |
| 11. | Section Officer | Vacant | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.4,800) |
| 12. | Assistant | Vacant | PB-2 (Grade Pay Rs.4,600) |
| 13. | Staff Car Driver | Shri. Samson Daniel | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,800) |
| 14. | Chowkidar | Shri Madan Singh | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| 15. | Chowkidar | Shri Suresh Pandit | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |
| 16. | MTS | Maula Ram | PB-1 (Grade Pay Rs.2,000) |

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| | <u>Regional Office (Guwahati)</u> | | |
| 17. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Regional Office, Guwahati | Shri D.P. Bankhwal | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 18. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Guwahati | Vacant | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,700/-) |
| | <u>Regional Office (Nagpur)</u> | | |
| 19. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Regional Office, Nagpur | Dr. Debabrata Swain (till 20 th February, 2017) | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 20. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Nagpur | Hemant Kamdi Bhashkar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 7,600/-) |
| | <u>Regional Office (Bangalore)</u> | | |
| 21. | Inspector General of Forests (NTCA) Bangalore | Shri P.S. Somashekar | PB-4 (Grade Pay Rs. 10,000/-) |
| 22. | Assistant Inspector General (NTCA) Regional Office, Bangalore | Shri Rajendra Garawad | PB-3 (Grade Pay Rs. 8,900/-) |

| Outsourced basis (HQ) | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Finance Officer | Shri C.M. Bakshi | Rs. 40410/- |
| 2. | Consultant | Shri R.K. Kataria | Rs. 40410/- |
| 3. | Section Officer | Shri Ramesh Chandra Ghildiyal | Rs. 24200/- |
| 4. | Data Analyst | Shri B.K. Mishra | Rs. 37041/- |
| 5. | Accountant | Shri S.N. Dhaulakhandi | Rs. 30307/- |
| 6. | Data Entry Operator | Ms. Sheetal Bisht | Rs. 30307/- |
| 7. | Data Entry Operator | Ms. Swati Kashyap | Rs. 18000/- |
| 8. | Data Entry Assistant | Shri Khushi Ram | Rs. 18368/- |
| 9. | Data Entry Assistant | Shri Dheerendra Kumar Pandey | Rs. 16531/- |
| 10. | Data Entry Assistant | Ms. Arti | Rs. 12784/- |
| 11. | Office Assistant | Shri Laxman Singh | Rs. 26098/- |
| 12. | Office Assistant | Shri Mukesh Kumar | Rs. 26098/- |
| 13. | Dispatcher | Ms. Radha | Rs. 26098/- |
| 14. | Driver | Shri Akbar | Rs. 18522/- |
| 15. | Driver | Shri Barun Kumar Biswas | Rs. 16838/- |
| 16. | Messenger | Shri Shiv Singh | Rs. 18368/- |

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|---|---|---|-------------|
| 17. | Office Boy | Shri Deepak Singh | Rs. 14273/- |
| 18 | Office Boy | Shri Rahul Bhandari | Rs. 13385/- |
| 19 | Safai karamchari | Shri Rahul | Rs. 13584/- |
| Outsourced basis (Regional Office) | | | |
| 1. | Consultant,NTCA Guwahati, Regional Office | Shri Kamal Azad | Rs. 38267/- |
| 2. | Data Entry Assistant Guwahati, Regional Office | Mr. Jitumani Mahanta, | Rs. 15154/- |
| 3. | Peon Guwahati, Regional Office | Shri Amar Dorjee, | Rs. 12269/- |
| 4. | Security Guard Guwahati, Regional Office | Shri Pradip Sharma (till May, 2016) | Rs. 10140/- |
| 5. | Accountant, Guwahati, Regional Office | Ms. Doordarshni | Rs. 18000/- |
| 6. | Chowkidar, Guwahati, Regional Office | Shri Michael Kumar Rabha (since August, 2016) | Rs. 11154/- |
| 7. | Peon Nagpur, Regional Office | Shri Yogesh G. Sakarde, | Rs. 12269/- |
| 8. | Data Entry Assistant Nagpur Regional Office | Shri Krunal Ramesh | Rs. 12628/- |
| 9. | Security Guard Nagpur Regional Office | Shri Sushil Chindhuji Raut (till Feb. 2017) | Rs. 10140/- |
| 10. | Security Guard Nagpur Regional Office | Shri Rahul Kumar Hades (till Feb, 2017) | Rs. 10140/- |
| 11. | Data Entry Assistant Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Rajushetty, K.L., | Rs. 19800/- |
| 12. | Night Security Guard Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Peasant Choudhary | Rs. 11154/- |
| 13. | Peon Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Bilal Deka | Rs. 12269/- |
| 14 | Peon Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Anil Deka (since August, 2017) | Rs. 12269/- |
| 15 | Night Security Guard Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Umakant Rabha (From June, 2016 to Sept, 2016) | Rs. 11154/- |
| 16 | Peon Bengaluru Regional Office | Shri Ajay H N (till July, 2016) | Rs. 12269/- |

Note: Wages of the NTCA Contractual staff has been increased from February, 2017, as indicated above.

Milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority for conservation and protection of tiger and other wild animals

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.
3. 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.

Administrative steps

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. 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.
7. In-principle approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for creation of new tiger reserves, and the sites are: Ratapani (Madhya Pradesh), Sunabeda (Odisha) and Guru Ghasidas (Chhattisgarh). The State Governments have been advised to send proposals for declaring the following areas as tiger reserves: (i) Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (Uttar Pradesh), (ii) Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary (Goa), (iii) Srivilliputhur Grizzled Giant Squirrel / Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuaries/ Varushanadu Valley (Tamil Nadu), (iv) Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary (Arunachal Pradesh), (v) Cauveri-MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (Karnataka), (vi) Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary (Uttarakhand).
8. Rajaji National Park (Uttarakhand), Orang National Park (Assam) & Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary (Arunachal Pradesh) have been declared/ notified as 48th, 49th & 50th Tiger Reserve..
9. 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.

10. A scientific methodology for estimating tiger (including co-predators, prey animals and assessment of habitat status) has been evolved and mainstreamed.

11. The 18 tiger States have notified the core/critical tiger habitat (40145.30 sq. km.), and the buffer/peripheral area (31362.45 sq.km.) of all the 50 tiger reserves in the country, under section 38V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006.

Financial steps

12. 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

13. 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.

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

15. A sub-group on tiger and leopard conservation has been constituted for cooperation with the Russian Federation, under the aegis of the India Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).

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

17. 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.

18. 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.).

19. The 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference (3 AMC) was organized in New Delhi from 12-14 April 2016. Inspired by the statement of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, during this conference that "conservation of tigers is not a choice, it is an imperative", to achieve the concrete results of ensuring the conservation of tigers in the wild and their habitats by 2022, the representatives of the Governments of the Tiger Range Countries resolved to:

- **Accelerate implementation** of the Global Tiger Recovery Programme (GTRP)/National Tiger Recovery Programme (NTRP) and agreed actions from the above-mentioned

declarations, review and update priority and differentiated action plans, and track progress through mutual and systematic reporting and evaluation.

- **Align development and tiger conservation** in a mutually complementary manner by re-orienting development strategies to mainstream the concerns of tiger conservation, such as by integrating tiger and wildlife safeguards in infrastructure at the landscape level, developing partnerships with business groups, and strong engagement with local stakeholders.
- **Leverage funding and technical support** from international organisations, bilateral and multilateral financial institutions, foundations, civil society organisations, private sector, and climate funds, in addition to TRC governments.
- Recognise and enhance the importance of tiger habitats by promoting them as **providing ecosystem services, as engines of economic growth and helping to address climate change.**
- **Emphasize recovery of tiger populations in areas with low tiger densities** and restoration in areas from which they have been extirpated by using successful programs of tiger reintroduction and rehabilitation of their habitats and prey.
- **Strengthen co-operation at the highest levels of government** to combat wildlife crime, address the demand for tiger products, and increase formal and informal transboundary coordination.
- **Enhance knowledge sharing and capacity development for all stakeholders and increase the use of technology**, including smart tools, monitoring protocols, and information systems, to improve management effectiveness.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS STEPS

20. **Creation of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF)**:-The Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) has been made operational in the States of Karnataka (Bandipur), Maharashtra (Pench, Tadoba-Andhari, Nawegaon-Nagzira), Rajasthan (Ranthambhore) and Odisha (Similipal), out of 13 initially selected tiger reserves, with 60% central assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.

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

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

23. 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.

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

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

26. 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 been very successful.

27. 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.

28. **All India Tiger, Co-predators and Prey Estimation, 2014:-** 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 (2.21% of country's geographical area spread out in 50 tiger reserves in 18 States).

29. **Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE):** 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'.

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

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

31. 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.

32. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for dealing with straying tigers in human dominated landscape has been issued.

33. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for disposing tiger/leopard carcass/body parts has been issued.

34. A Standard Operating Procedure has been issued to deal with orphaned / abandoned tiger cubs and old / injured tigers in the wild.

35. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' has been issued to deal with tiger depredation on livestock.

36. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' for Interstate Co-ordination amongst tiger reserves that share boundary was issued by the NTCA.

37. A 'Standard Operating Procedure' has been issued for active management towards rehabilitation of tigers from source areas at landscape level.

38. Launching of Phase-IV tiger reserve level, continuous monitoring of tigers using camera traps and building up data on photo captures of individual tigers.

39. Launching the creation of a national repository of camera trap photo IDs of individual tigers (NRCTPT).

Recent Steps

40. On completion of e-surveillance project in Corbett Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand), central assistance (100%) has been pilot provided for installing 24X7 e-surveillance at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam) and fringe of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary (Madhya Pradesh).
41. **Economic Valuation of six tiger reserves** done at collaboration with the Indian Institute of Forest Management. Similar exercise is being done for 10 more tiger reserves.
42. Trial of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for monitoring done at the Panna Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh), in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India is now being extended to 13 other tiger reserves too.
43. 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.
44. A joint report with Nepal and Bangladesh has been brought out on the assessment of tiger status in the terai arc landscape.
45. 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.
46. Guidelines for security audit of the tiger reserves have been finalized and validated. 25 tiger reserve shall be audited in Phase-I using this framework.
47. Tiger bearing forests outside tiger reserves are being monitored for bestowing CA|TS certification.

Other Important Events held during the year:

- The 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation was held from April 12 to 14, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and attended by 13 Tiger Range Countries, besides conservationists, Non-Governmental Organisations and Scientists. A total of 366 participants from 24 nations along with 8 Ministerial Heads from tiger range countries participated in the said conference. Report on status / progress of Global Tiger Recovery Programme (GTRP)/ National Tiger Recovery Programme (NTRP) implementation in 13 tiger range countries was discussed besides several issues pertaining to landscape conservation, habitat management, antipoaching, protection, illegal trade & trafficking, capacity building and leadership, sustainable development, smart green infrastructure, role of business and industries and resource mobilization in all the tiger range countries. For giving a renewed impetus to tiger conservation, the conference culminated with countries adopting the New Delhi Resolution on Tiger Conservation.
- 'Walk for Tiger' was organized on the occasion of 'International Tiger Day' at India Gate on 29th July, 2016. It was flagged off by Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Senior Officers of the Ministry, National NGOs, media persons, about 1200 students and teachers from different schools besides general public participated in the said walk and vowed to protect the tiger and wildlife.
- Meeting of the Chief Wildlife Warden(s) and Field Director(s) of all Tiger Range States was held on 5th and 6th January, 2017 in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam. Besides assessment of compliance of statutory provisions and advisories of National Tiger Conservation Authority, issues like good practices/ innovative works carried out in tiger reserves, M-STriPES, All India Tiger Estimation, Management Effectiveness Evaluation of tiger reserves and online submission of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) were discussed.
- Meeting of the Chief Wildlife Warden(s) and Field Director(s) of all Tiger Range State was held on 15th and 16th February, 2017. Action Plan for 2017-18, efforts of NTCA towards digital India, Make in India initiative etc. were discussed.
- A total of four landscape level trainings were organized on Monitoring System for Tigers - Intensive Protection and Ecological Status (M-STriPES), for its effective implementation.

Budget allocation during the last three years:

(Rs. In Lakh)

| Head | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NTCA | 1000.00 | 925.00 | 650.00 |
| CSS (PT) | 17502.00 | 15896.00 | 36500.00 |
| Total | 18502.00 | 16821.00 | 37150.00 |

CHAPTER VI

Finances and Accounts of the National Tiger Conservation Authority

(Amount in Rs.)

| Sl. No. | Receipts | Amount | Payments | Amount |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1. | Imprest | Rs. 70000/- | Expenses | 58317954/- |
| 2. | Bank balance i) Deposit A/c ii) Saving Bank A/c | Rs. 19692557/- Rs. 2347780/- | Funds for projects and training, workshops and conferences | 5833048/- |
| 3. | Interest received | Rs. 1695886/- | Expenditure on fixed assets | 501212/- |
| 4. | Recovery of advances | Rs. 11824909/- | Security deposits released | 50000/- |
| 5. | Security Deposits | 21600/- | Advances recoverable | 1170468/- |
| 6. | Grants-in-aid to NTCA | Rs. 52500000/- | Imprest | 100000/- |
| 7. | Sale proceeds of Assets | | Bank Balance Deposit Account | 19490458/- |
| 8. | - | | Bank balance – Saving Account | 2689592/- |
| | TOTAL | Rs. 88152732/- | TOTAL | 88152732 |

N.B. details are in Annexure (vi).

CHAPTER VII

Annual Plan of the National Tiger Conservation Authority

1. Based on the Tiger Task Force recommendations constituted by the National Board for Wildlife chaired by the Prime Minister, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended in 2006, to provide a separate chapter (Chapter IVB) for constituting the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The said Authority has been constituted with effect from 4th September, 2006.
2. The functions of NTCA are provided under section 38O of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006. The NTCA would address the ecological as well as administrative concerns for conserving tigers, by providing a statutory basis for protection of tiger reserves, apart from providing strengthened institutional mechanisms for the protection of ecologically sensitive areas and endangered species. The Authority would also ensure enforcing of guidelines for tiger conservation and monitoring compliance of the same, apart from placement of motivated and trained officers having good track record as Field Directors of tiger reserves. It would also facilitate capacity building of officers and staff posted in tiger reserves, apart from a time bound staff development plan.
3. During the financial year 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 650.00 lakhs has been provided to the NTCA as Grants-in-aid. The previous balance of Rs. 240.22362 lakhs got revalidated for use during 2016-17.
4. Consequent to amendment in Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in the year 2006 which came into force with effect from 04.09.2006 and based on the enabling provisions under Section 38N of the said Act, the posts borne on the establishment strength of the MoEF and working in Project Tiger have been transferred to the NTCA.
5. Details of sanctioned posts at NTCA Headquarter and Regional Offices of NTCA at Nagpur, Guwahati and Bangalore are as under:

NTCA Headquarter

| S. No. | Name of Post | No. of Posts |
|--------|---|--------------|
| 1. | Addl. Director General of Forests (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA) | 1 |
| 2. | Inspector General of Forests | 1 |
| 3. | Deputy Inspector General of Forests | 2 |
| 4. | Assistant Inspector General of Forests | 4 |
| 5. | Deputy Director (Finance) | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 9 |

NTCA Regional Offices (Nagpur, Guwahati and Bangalore)

| S. No. | Name of Post | No. of Posts |
|--------|--|--------------|
| 1. | Inspector General of Forests | 3 |
| 2. | Assistant Inspector General of Forests | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 6 |

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(g iv) and (g v) 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 get approved on the basis of majority decision, and the IFD is 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 2016-17 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 2016-17 containing receipt and payments accounts, income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet as on 31st March, 2017 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)**.

CHAPTER VIII
(As on 31.3.2017)

Compliance Issues

1. Tiger Conservation Plans (as on 31.3.2017):

Under section 38O 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 (TCPs) received from the States are as below:

| S.No. | State | Approved TCPs | TCP not received | TCP under review | Draft TCP required after incorporating comments |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam | | | |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | Namdapha | | | |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | Pakke | | | |
| 4 | Arunachal Pradesh | | Kamlang | | |
| 5 | Assam | | | Manas | |
| 6 | Assam | Nameri | | | |
| 7 | Assam | | Kaziranga | | |
| 8 | Assam | | Orang | | |
| 9 | Bihar | Valmiki | | | |
| 10 | Chhattisgarh | Udanti-Sitanadi | | | |
| 11 | Chhattisgarh | Achanakmar | | | |
| 12 | Chhattisgarh | | | | Indravati |
| 13 | Jharkhand | Palamau | | | |
| 14 | Karnataka | Bandipur | | | |
| 15 | Karnataka | Bhadra | | | |
| 16 | Karnataka | Dandeli-Anshi | | | |
| 17 | Karnataka | Nagarhole | | | |
| 18 | Karnataka | BRT | | | |
| 19 | Kerala | Periyar | | | |
| 20 | Kerala | Parambikulam | | | |
| 21 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha | | | |
| 22 | Madhya Pradesh | Pench | | | |
| 23 | Madhya Pradesh | | | | Bandhavgarh |
| 24 | Madhya Pradesh | | Panna | | |
| 25 | Madhya Pradesh | Satpura | | | |
| 26 | Madhya Pradesh | | | Sanjay-Dubri | |
| 27 | Maharashtra | Melghat | | | |
| 28 | Maharashtra | Tadoba-Andhari | | | |
| 29 | Maharashtra | Pench | | | |
| 30 | Maharashtra | Sahyadri | | | |
| 31 | Maharashtra | | | | Nawegaon-Nagzira |
| 32 | Maharashtra | | Bor | | |
| 33 | Mizoram | Dampa | | | |
| 34 | Odisha | Similipal | | | |
| 35 | Odisha | Satkosia | | | |

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|----|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 36 | Rajasthan | | | | Ranthambhore |
| 37 | Rajasthan | Sariska | | | |
| 38 | Rajasthan | | | Mukundara | |
| 39 | Tamil Nadu | Kalakad-Mundanthurai | | | |
| 40 | Tamil Nadu | Mudumalai | | | |
| 41 | Tamil Nadu | | Sathyamalam | | |
| 42 | Tamil Nadu | Anamalai | | | |
| 43 | Telangana | Kawal | | | |
| 44 | Telangana | Amrabad | | | |
| 45 | Uttar Pradesh | Dudhwa | | | |
| 46 | Uttar Pradesh | | | | Pilibhit |
| 47 | Uttarakhand | Corbett | | | |
| 48 | Uttarakhand | | Rajaji | | |
| 49 | West Bengal | Sunderbans | | | |
| 50 | West Bengal | Buxa | | | |

2. Steering Committee (as on 31.3.2017):

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:

List of States who have constituted the State level Steering Committee

| 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 |
| 17. | Jharkhand | Constituted |
| 18. | Telangana | Constituted |

3. Tiger Conservation Foundation (as on 31.3.2017):

Under section 38 X 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 |
| 11-16 | Madhya Pradesh (Kanha, Satpura, Pench, Panna, Bandhavgarh & Sanjay-Dubri) |
| 17. | Buxa Tiger Conservation Foundation Trust, West Bengal |
| 18. | Sundarban Tiger Conservation Foundation Trust, West Bengal |
| 19. | Manas Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 20. | Kaziranga Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 21. | Nameri Tiger Conservation Foundation, Assam |
| 22. | Achanakmar Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 23. | Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 24. | Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 25. | Indravati Tiger Conservation Foundation, Chhattisgarh |
| 26. | Ranthambhore Tiger Conservation Foundation, Rajasthan |
| 27. | Sariska Tiger Conservation Foundation, Alwar, Rajasthan |
| 28. | Corbett Tiger Conservation Foundation, Uttarakhand |
| 29. | Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 30. | Melghat Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 31. | Similipal Tiger Conservation Foundation, Odisha |
| 32. | Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Orissa |
| 33. | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, Karnataka |
| 34. | Periyar Foundation, Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala |
| 35. | Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala |
| 36. | Valmiki Tiger Conservation Foundation, Bihar |
| 37. | BRT Tiger Conservation Foundation, Karnataka |
| 38. | Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, Kohlapur, Maharashtra |
| 39. | Palamau Tiger Conservation Foundation, Jharkhand |
| 40. | Bor Tiger Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 41. | Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Conservation Foundation, Maharashtra |
| 42. | Kawal Tiger Conservation Foundation, Telangana |
| 43. | Amrabad Tiger Conservation Foundation, Telangana |
| 44. | Sathyamanglam Tiger Conservation Foundation, Tamil Nadu |

Pending TCF :-

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve | : | Uttar Pradesh |
| 2. Mukandra Tiger Reserve | : | Rajasthan |
| 3. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve | : | Uttar Pradesh |
| 4. Rajaji Tiger Reserve | : | Uttarakhand |
| 5. Orang Tiger Reserve | : | Assam |
| 6. Kamlanga Tiger Reserve | : | Arunachal Pradesh |

4. Core and Buffer notification (as on 31.3.2017):

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 (in sq.kms.) |
|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Nagarjunsagar Srisailem | Andhra Pradesh | 2595.72 | 700.59 | 3296.31 |
| 2 | Namdapha | Arunachal Pradesh | 1807.82 | 245 | 2052.82 |
| 3 | Pakke | Arunachal Pradesh | 683.45 | 515 | 1198.45 |
| 4 | Kamlang | Arunachal Pradesh | 671 | 112 | 783 |
| 5 | Manas | Assam | 526.22 | 2310.88 | 2837.1 |
| 6 | Nameri | Assam | 320 | 144 | 464 |
| 7 | Kaziranga | Assam | 625.58 | 548 | 1173.58 |
| 8 | Orang | Assam | 79.28 | 413.18 | 492.46 |
| 9 | Valmiki | Bihar | 598.45 | 300.93 | 899.38 |
| 10 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chattisgarh | 851.09 | 991.45 | 1842.54 |
| 11 | Achanakmar | Chattisgarh | 626.195 | 287.822 | 914.017 |
| 12 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh | 1258.37 | 1540.7 | 2799.07 |
| 13 | Palamau | Jharkhand | 414.08 | 715.85 | 1129.93 |
| 14 | Bandipur | Karnataka | 872.24 | 584.06 | 1456.3 |
| 15 | Bhadra | Karnataka | 492.46 | 571.83 | 1064.29 |
| 16 | Dandeli-Anshi | Karnataka | 814.884 | 282.63 | 1097.514 |
| 17 | Nagarahole | Karnataka | 643.35 | 562.41 | 1205.76 |
| 18 | Biligiri Ranganatha Temple | Karnataka | 359.1 | 215.72 | 574.82 |
| 19 | Periyar | Kerala | 881 | 44 | 925 |
| 20 | Parambikulam | Kerala | 390.89 | 252.772 | 643.662 |
| 21 | Kanha | Madhya Pradesh | 917.43 | 1134.361 | 2051.791 |
| 22 | Pench | Madhya Pradesh | 411.33 | 768.30225 | 1179.63225 |
| 23 | Bandhavgarh | Madhya Pradesh | 716.903 | 820.03509 | 1536.938 |
| 24 | Panna | Madhya Pradesh | 576.13 | 1021.97 | 1598.1 |
| 25 | Satpura | Madhya Pradesh | 1339.264 | 794.04397 | 2133.30797 |
| 26 | Sanjay-Dubri | Madhya Pradesh | 812.571 | 861.931 | 1674.502 |
| 27 | Melghat | Maharashtra | 1500.49 | 1268.03 | 2768.52 |
| 28 | Tadoba-Andhari | Maharashtra | 625.82 | 1101.7711 | 1727.5911 |
| 29 | Pench | Maharashtra | 257.26 | 483.96 | 741.22 |
| 30 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra | 600.12 | 565.45 | 1165.57 |
| 31 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra | 653.674 | 1241.27 | 653.674 |
| 32 | Bor | Maharashtra | 138.12 | 678.15 | 816.27 |
| 33 | Dampa | Mizoram | 500 | 488 | 988 |
| 34 | Similipal | Odisha | 1194.75 | 1555.25 | 2750 |
| 35 | Satkosia | Odisha | 523.61 | 440.26 | 963.87 |
| 36 | Ranthambore | Rajasthan | 1113.364 | 297.9265 | 1411.291 |
| 37 | Sariska | Rajasthan | 881.1124 | 332.23 | 1213.342 |

| | | | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 38 | Mukandra Hills | Rajasthan | 417.17 | 342.82 | 759.99 |
| 39 | Kalakad- Mundanthurai | Tamil Nadu | 895 | 706.542 | 1601.542 |
| 40 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu | 321 | 367.59 | 688.59 |
| 41 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu | 793.49 | 614.91 | 1408.4 |
| 42 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu | 958.59 | 521.28 | 1479.87 |
| 43 | Kawal | Telangana | 892.23 | 1123.212 | 2015.44 |
| 44 | Amrabad | Telangana | 2166.37 | 445.02 | 2611.39 |
| 45 | Dudhwa | Uttar Pradesh | 1093.79 | 1107.9848 | 2201.7748 |
| 46 | Pilibhit | Uttar Pradesh | 602.798 | 127.4518 | 730.2498 |
| 47 | Corbett | Uttarakhand | 821.99 | 466.32 | 1288.31 |
| | Amangarh (buffer of Corbett TR) | Uttar Pradesh | - | 80.6 | 80.6 |
| 48 | Rajaji | Uttarakhand | 819.54 | 255.63 | 1075.17 |
| 49 | Sunderbans | West Bengal | 1699.62 | 885.27 | 2584.89 |
| 50 | Buxa | West Bengal | 390.5813 | 367.3225 | 757.9038 |
| | TOTAL | | 40145.3 | 32603.72 | 72749.02 |

CHAPTER IX

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 | Kamlang | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 5 | Kaziranga | Assam |
| 6 | Manas | Assam |
| 7 | Nameri | Assam |
| 8 | Orang | Assam |
| 9 | Valmiki | Bihar |
| 10 | Achanakmar | Chhattisgarh |
| 11 | Indravati | Chhattisgarh |
| 12 | Udanti-Sitanadi | Chhattisgarh |
| 13 | Palamau | Jharkhand |
| 14 | Bandipur | Karnataka |
| 15 | Bhadra | Karnataka |
| 16 | Dandeli Anshi | Karnataka |
| 17 | Nagarhole | Karnataka |
| 18 | Biligiri Ranganth Temple | Karnataka |
| 19 | Periyar | Kerala |
| 20 | Parambi Kulam | Kerala |
| 21 | Bandhavgarh | Madhya Pradesh |
| 22 | Kanha | Madhya Pradesh |
| 23 | Panna | Madhya Pradesh |
| 24 | Pench | Madhya Pradesh |
| 25 | Sanjay Dubri | Madhya Pradesh |
| 26 | Satpura | Madhya Pradesh |
| 27 | Melghat | Maharashtra |
| 28 | Pench | Maharashtra |
| 29 | Tadoba-Andheri | Maharashtra |
| 30 | Sahyadri | Maharashtra |
| 31 | Nawegaon-Nagzira | Maharashtra |
| 32 | Bor | Maharashtra |
| 33 | Dampa | Mizoram |
| 34 | Satkosia | Odisha |
| 35 | Similipal | Odisha |
| 36 | Ranthambhore | Rajasthan |
| 37 | Sariska | Rajasthan |
| 38 | Mukandara | Rajasthan |
| 39 | KMTR | Tamil Nadu |
| 40 | Mudumalai | Tamil Nadu |
| 41 | Anamalai | Tamil Nadu |
| 42 | Sathyamangalam | Tamil Nadu |
| 43 | Kawal | Telangana |
| 44 | Amrabad | Telangana |
| 45 | Rajaji | Uttarakhand |
| 46 | Corbett | Uttarakhand |
| 47 | Buxa | West Bengal |
| 48 | Sunderbans | West Bengal |
| 49 | Dudhwa | Uttar Pradesh |
| 50 | Pilibhit | Uttar Pradesh |

**Tiger Mortality (Natural & Other Causes) inside Tiger Reserve
(April 2016 to March, 2017)
(As reported by States)**

Inside Tiger Reserve (from 01.04.2016 to 31.03.2017)

| S.No. | Date | Month | Year | State | Tiger Reserve/ Area | Total |
|-------|------|-------|------|----------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | April | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 2 | 8 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 3 | 10 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 4 | 16 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 5 | 18 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 6 | 26 | April | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 7 | 26 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 8 | 4 | May | 2016 | Maharashtra | Tadoba-Andhari TR | 1 |
| 9 | 7 | May | 2016 | Maharashtra | Navegaon-Nagzira TR | 1 |
| 10 | 19 | May | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 11 | 21 | May | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 12 | 22 | May | 2016 | Maharashtra | Melghat Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 13 | 27 | May | 2016 | Maharashtra | Melghat Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 14 | 28 | May | 2016 | Karnataka | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 15 | 11 | June | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Panna Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 16 | 4 | June | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 17 | 16 | June | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 18 | 17 | June | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|-----------|------|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| 19 | 25 | June | 2016 | Rajasthan | Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 20 | 6 | July | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Corbett Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 21 | 7 | July | 2016 | Maharashtra | Tadoba-Andhari TR | 1 |
| 22 | 12 | July | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Corbett Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 23 | 14 | July | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Anamalai Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 24 | 16 | July | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 25 | 18 | July | 2016 | Uttar Pradesh | Dudhwa Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 26 | 27 | July | 2016 | Assam | Orang Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 27 | 1 | August | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 28 | 1 | August | 2016 | Assam | Kaziranga Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 29 | 3 | August | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 30 | 7 | August | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 31 | 8 | August | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 32 | 13 | August | 2016 | Karnataka | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 33 | 18 | August | 2016 | Rajasthan | Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 34 | 20 | September | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 35 | 20 | September | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 36 | 29 | September | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 37 | 6 | October | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 38 | 21 | October | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 39 | 28 | October | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 40 | 1 | November | 2016 | Assam | Manas Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 41 | 4 | November | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|----------|------|----------------|------------------------------|---|
| 42 | 4 | November | 2016 | Maharashtra | Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 43 | 11 | November | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Corbett Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 44 | 24 | November | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 45 | 25 | November | 2016 | Assam | Orang Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 46 | 29 | November | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 47 | 8 | December | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Mudumalai Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 48 | 12 | December | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 49 | 19 | December | 2016 | Karnataka | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 50 | 20 | December | 2016 | Karnataka | Nagarhole | 1 |
| 51 | 21 | December | 2016 | Maharashtra | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 52 | 26 | December | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 53 | 3 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 54 | 13 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 55 | 14 | January | 2017 | Maharashtra | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 56 | 17 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 57 | 20 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 58 | 22 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 59 | 22 | January | 2017 | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 60 | 29 | January | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 61 | 3 | February | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 62 | 4 | February | 2017 | Assam | Kaziranga Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 63 | 11 | February | 2017 | Karnataka | Bandipur Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 64 | 12 | February | 2017 | Assam | Nameri Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 65 | 14 | February | 2017 | Maharashtra | Pench Tiger Reserve | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|-------|------|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 66 | 4 | March | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 67 | 4 | March | 2017 | Karnataka | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 68 | 11 | March | 2017 | Madhya Pradesh | Kanha Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 69 | 16 | March | 2017 | Kerala | Parambikulam TR | 1 |
| 70 | 24 | March | 2017 | Assam | Orang Tiger Reserve | 1 |
| 71 | 31 | March | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Corbett Tiger Reserve | 1 |

Outside Tiger Reserve (from 01.04.2016 to 31.03.2017)

| S.No. | Date | Month | Year | State | Tiger Reserve/ Area | Total |
|-------|------|-----------|------|-------------------|--|-------|
| 1 | 2 | April | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Nilgiris North Division | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | April | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Chhindwara | 1 |
| 3 | 5 | April | 2016 | Karnataka | Chickmagalur Territorial Division | 1 |
| 4 | 8 | April | 2016 | Maharashtra | Brahmapuri Division | 1 |
| 5 | 26 | April | 2016 | Arunachal Pradesh | Anini | 1 |
| 6 | 26 | April | 2016 | Maharashtra | Brahmpuri Division | 1 |
| 7 | 7 | May | 2016 | Uttarakhand | NH 74 Rasiyabad Range, Haridwar Division | 1 |
| 8 | 15 | May | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Raiwala, Dehradun | 1 |
| 9 | 14 | June | 2016 | Assam | Dhemaji | 1 |
| 10 | 17 | June | 2016 | Tamil Nadu | Dindigul | 1 |
| 11 | 20 | June | 2016 | Kerala | Wayanad | 1 |
| 12 | 23 | June | 2016 | Kerala | Achenkovil | 1 |
| 13 | 10 | August | 2016 | Maharashtra | Brahmapuri Division | 1 |
| 14 | 5 | September | 2016 | Delhi | Libaspur | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|-----------|------|----------------|---|---|
| 15 | 5 | September | 2016 | Delhi | Libaspur | 1 |
| 16 | 5 | September | 2016 | Maharashtra | Brahampuri Division | 1 |
| 17 | 10 | September | 2016 | Maharashtra | Brahampuri Division | 1 |
| 18 | 15 | October | 2016 | Maharashtra | Navegaon-Nagzira TR | 1 |
| 19 | 20 | October | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Ramnagar | 1 |
| 20 | 3 | November | 2016 | Uttarakhand | Terai Central Division | 1 |
| 21 | 24 | November | 2016 | Assam | Jorhat | 1 |
| 22 | 22 | November | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Katangi, Balaghat | 1 |
| 23 | 22 | November | 2016 | Telangana | Asifabad | 1 |
| 24 | 29 | November | 2016 | Chhattisgarh | Rajnanadgaon | 1 |
| 25 | 3 | December | 2016 | Telangana | Pinnaram, Kotapally, Mancherial | 1 |
| 26 | 6 | December | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Manjhgava Range Satna Division | 1 |
| 27 | 8 | December | 2016 | Karnataka | Ganidal village shimoga Taluk, Bhadravti | 1 |
| 28 | 8 | December | 2016 | Karnataka | Umdlebylu village bhadravati | 1 |
| 29 | 26 | December | 2016 | Odisha | Bolangir | 1 |
| 30 | 28 | December | 2016 | Madhya Pradesh | Sihor (Budhni Division) | 1 |
| 31 | 1 | January | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Dechauri Range, Dabka Beat, Ramnagar | 1 |
| 32 | 10 | January | 2017 | Chhattisgarh | Rajnanadgaon | 1 |
| 33 | 13 | January | 2017 | Maharashtra | Khapa Range, Nagpur | 1 |
| 34 | 19 | January | 2017 | Madhya Pradesh | Beohari Range, North Shahdol | 1 |
| 35 | 19 | January | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Dechauri Range, Ramnagar Forest Division | 1 |
| 36 | 16 | February | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Belparao Range, Terai West | 1 |
| 37 | 21 | February | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Chidiyapur Range, Haridwar | 1 |
| 38 | 22 | February | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Choi Beat, Belparao Range, Terai West | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|----------|------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 39 | 25 | February | 2017 | Uttar Pradesh | South Khiri | 1 |
| 40 | 27 | February | 2017 | Madhya Pradesh | Obaidullaganj | 1 |
| 41 | 16 | March | 2017 | Uttarakhand | Belparao Range, Terai West | 1 |
| 42 | 25 | March | 2017 | Assam | North-Lakhimpur | 1 |

National Tiger Conservation Authority
(Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger fund release to State during 2016-17)

| S.No. | State | Amount Release (Amoun in Lakhs) |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 173.48600 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 597.28900 |
| 3 | Assam | 1510.92100 |
| 4 | Bihar | 487.83800 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 626.56700 |
| 6 | Jharkhand | 323.76200 |
| 7 | Karnataka | 3203.61440 |
| 8 | Kerala | 780.23100 |
| 9 | Madhya Pradesh | 12885.59790 |
| 10 | Maharashtra | 8229.71800 |
| 11 | Mizoram | 301.54800 |
| 12 | Odisha | 917.16700 |
| 13 | Rajasthan | 381.30200 |
| 14 | Tamil Nadu | 949.86900 |
| 15 | Telangana | 239.25900 |
| 16 | Uttarakhand | 1023.40300 |
| 17 | U.P | 1057.04500 |
| 18 | West Bengal | 536.14070 |
| 19 | NTCA (New Delhi-HQ) | 650.00000 |
| | Total | 34874.75800 |

Plan expenditure for 2016-17 (as on 31.03.2017)

(Rs. in Crores)

| S. No. | Budget Head | BE 2016-17 | RE 2016-17 | Expenditure | Percentage expenditure w.r.t. RE |
|--------|--|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Project Tiger Scheme | | | | |
| 1. | 3601 (Assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Grants-in-aid General | 304.75 | 302.90 | 302.90 | 100% |
| 2. | 3601 (Assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 100% |
| 3. | 3601 (Assistance to States excluding North Eastern Region) Scheduled Castes Sub Plan | 12.25 | 12.25 | 12.25 | 100% |
| 4. | 2552 (Assistance to North Eastern Region) | 55.00 | 46.85 (-) 22.7522* 24.0978 | 24.0976 | 100% |
| | Total | 375.00 | 342.2478 | 342.2476 | 100% |
| | <u>OBJECT-WISE DETAIL</u> | | | | |
| 5. | 2406.01.04 (National Tiger Conservation Authority) (Detailed Head) Grants-in-aid General | | | | 100% |
| | (a) 01.04.31 Grants-in-aid General | 3.75 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 100% |
| | (b) 01.04.36 Grants-in-aid – Salaries | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 100% |
| | Total | 5.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 | 100% |

Note: - *NER Budget Surrender of Rs. 22.7522 Crores

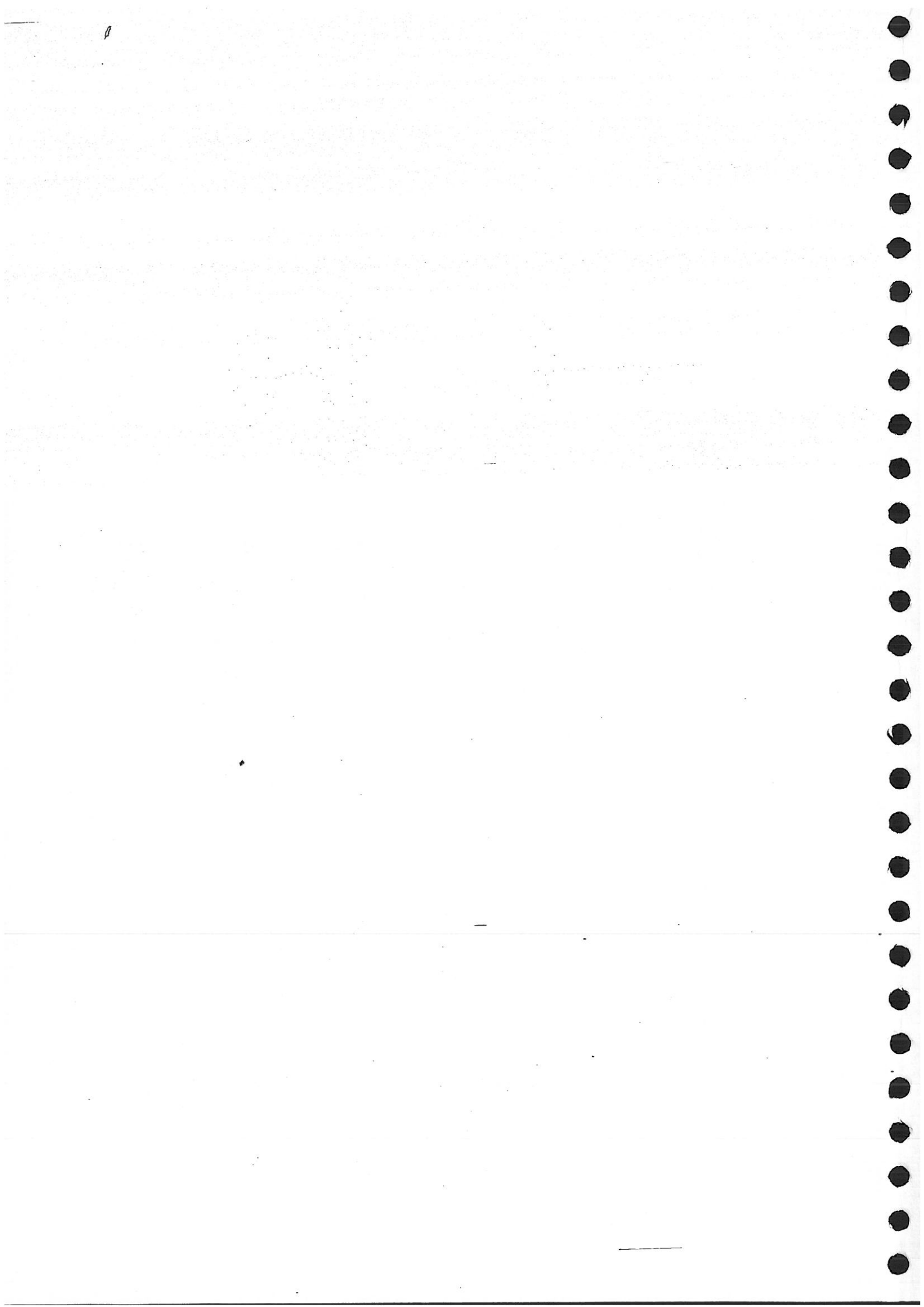


FORM 36 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)

Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017

(Amount in Rs.)

| CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES | | | |
|---|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Sl. No. | Amount | Amount |
| Corpus/Capital Fund | 1 | 79,830,698 | 96,604,576 |
| 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 | 25,394 | 3,794 |
| TOTAL | | 79,856,092 | 96,608,370 |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 8 | 46,353,415 | 52,670,965 |
| Investments- From Earmarked/Endowment Funds | 9 | - | - |
| Investments- Others | 10 | - | 19,692,557 |
| Current Assets, Loans, advances Etc. | 11 | 33,502,677 | 24,244,848 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written off or adjusted) | | - | - |
| TOTAL | | 79,856,092 | 96,608,370 |
| Significant Accounting Policies | 24 | | |
| Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts | 25 | | |



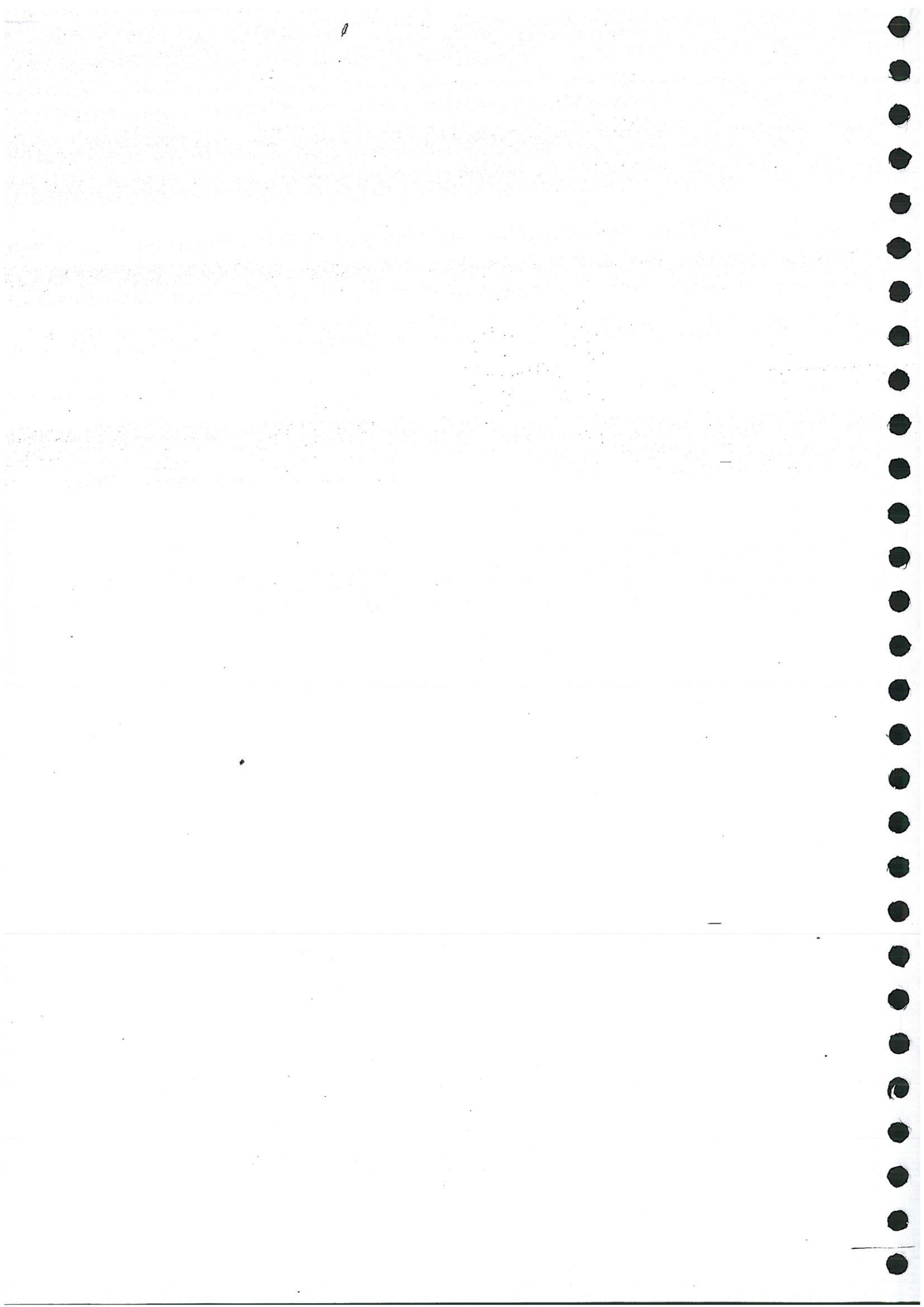


FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.3.2017

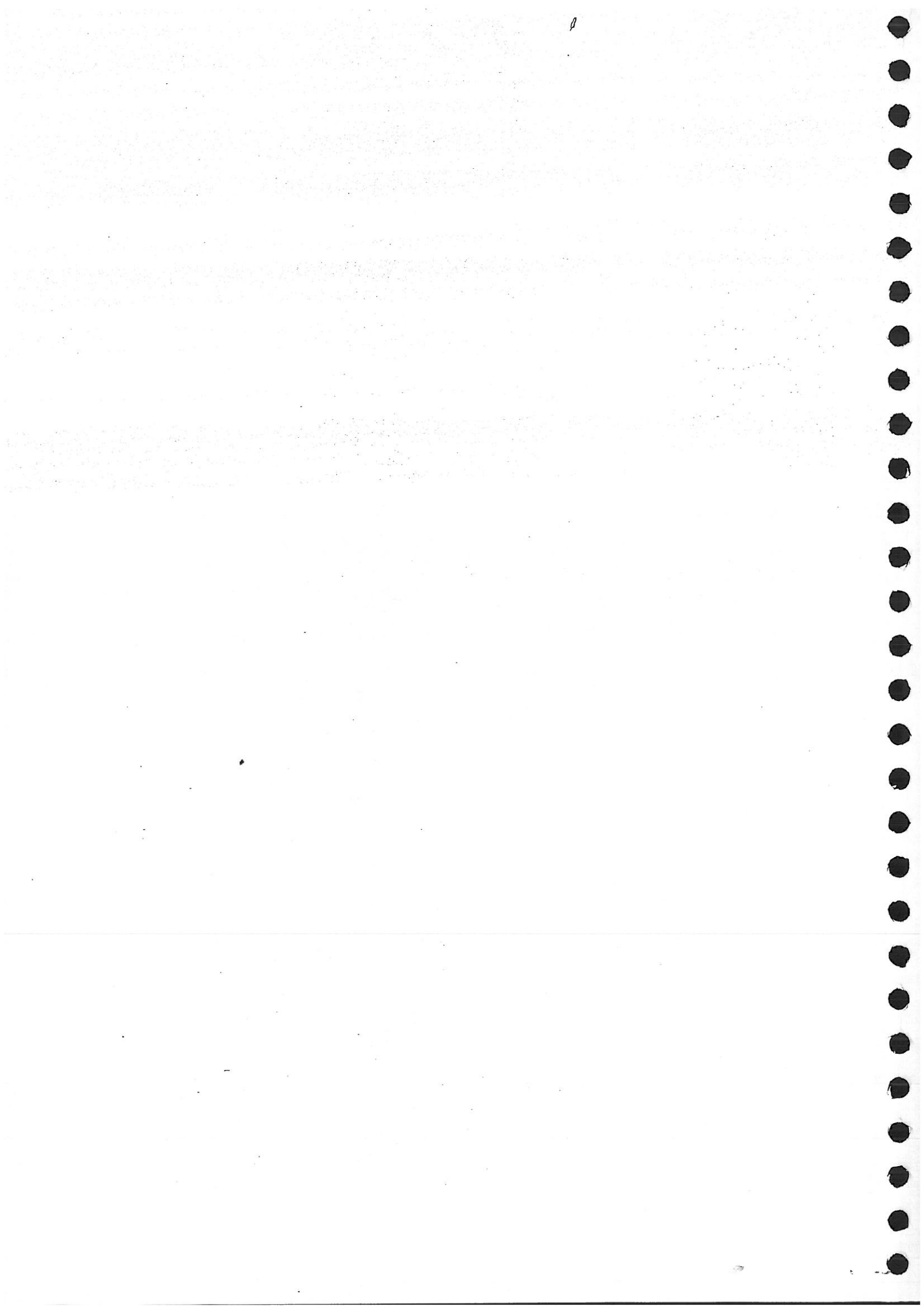
(Amount in Rs.)

| INCOME | COA | AMOUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income from Sales/Services | 12 | - | - |
| Grants/Subsidies | 13 | 52,500,000.00 | 90,000,000.00 |
| Fees/Subscriptions | 14 | - | - |
| Income from Investments (Income on Investment From Earmarked/Endow. Funds transferred to Funds) | 15 | - | - |
| Income from Royalty, publication etc. | 16 | - | - |
| Interest Earned | 17 | 1,695,886.00 | 524,817.00 |
| Other Income | 18 | - | 197,773.00 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Stock of Finished Goods & WIP | 19 | - | - |
| TOTAL (A) | | 54,195,886.00 | 90,722,590.00 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Establishment Expenses | 20 | 23,842,721.00 | 17,096,639.00 |
| Other Administrative Expenses etc. | 21 | 26,639,841.00 | 50,741,165.00 |
| Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc. | 22 | 13,668,440.00 | 18,200,000.00 |
| Interest (Recoupment of Imprest Amount) | 23 | - | - |
| Depreciation (Net Total at the year-end -Schedule 8) | | 6,818,762.00 | 7,595,134.00 |
| TOTAL (B) | | 70,969,764.00 | 93,632,938.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B) | | -16,773,878.00 | -2,910,348.00 |
| Transfer to Special Reserve (Specify each) | | - | - |
| Transfer to/from General Reserve | | - | - |
| Balance Being Surplus Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund | | - | - |
| Balance Being Deficit Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund | | 16,773,878.00 | 2,910,348.00 |
| Significant Accounting Policies | 24 | | |
| Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts | 25 | | |

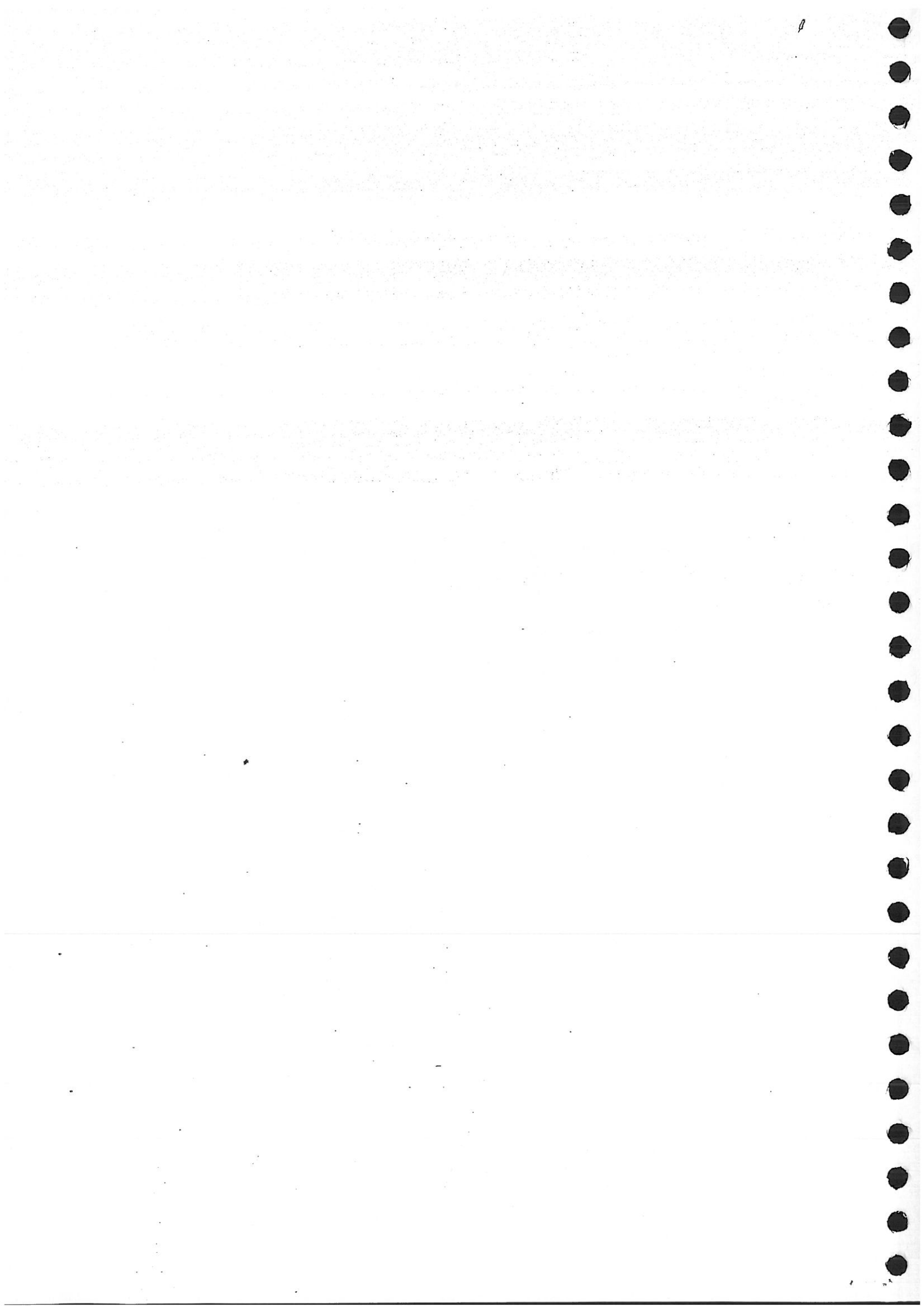


Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.3.2017

| RECEIPTS | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | PAYMENTS | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| I. Opening Balances | | | | | |
| (a) Cash in Hand | | | 1. Expenses | | |
| Imprest | 70,000.00 | 55,000.00 | (a) Establishment Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 20) | 23,842,721.00 | 17,096,639.00 |
| (b) Bank Balances | | | (b) Administrative Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 21) | 20,806,793.00 | 15,551,815.00 |
| i) In current accounts | | 7,478,527.00 | (c) Grant in aid to Tiger Foundation | 13,668,440.00 | 18,200,000.00 |
| ii) In deposit accounts | 19,692,557.00 | | | | |
| iii) Savings accounts | 2,347,780.00 | 2,974,291.00 | | | |
| II. Grants Received | | | II. Payments made against funds for various projects | | |
| (a) From Government of India | 52,500,000.00 | 90,000,000.00 | (Name of the fund or project should be shown along with the particulars of payments made for each project) | | |
| (b) From State Government | | | iii) Research Projects | | 25,566,353.00 |
| (c) From other sources (details) | | | iv) Training, Workshop Conference | 5,833,048.00 | 9,622,997.00 |
| (Grants for capital & revenue exp. To be shown separately) | | | | | |
| 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) | | | (b) Out of own funds (Investments-Others) | | 5,896,029.00 |
| IV. Interest Received | | | IV. Expenditure on fixed Assets & capital work-in-progress | | |
| (a) On bank deposits | 1,695,886.00 | 524,817.00 | (a) Purchase of fixed assets | 501,212.00 | 3,812,953.00 |
| (b) Loans, Advances etc. | | | (b) Expenditure on capital work-in-progress | | |
| 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 | | | (c) to other providers of funds | | |
| VI. Amount Borrowed | | | VI. Finance Charges (Interest) | | 139,957.00 |
| 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 | 50,000.00 | |
| (b) Interest on Scooter Adv. | | | (c) Amount adjustable (By other deptt.) | | |



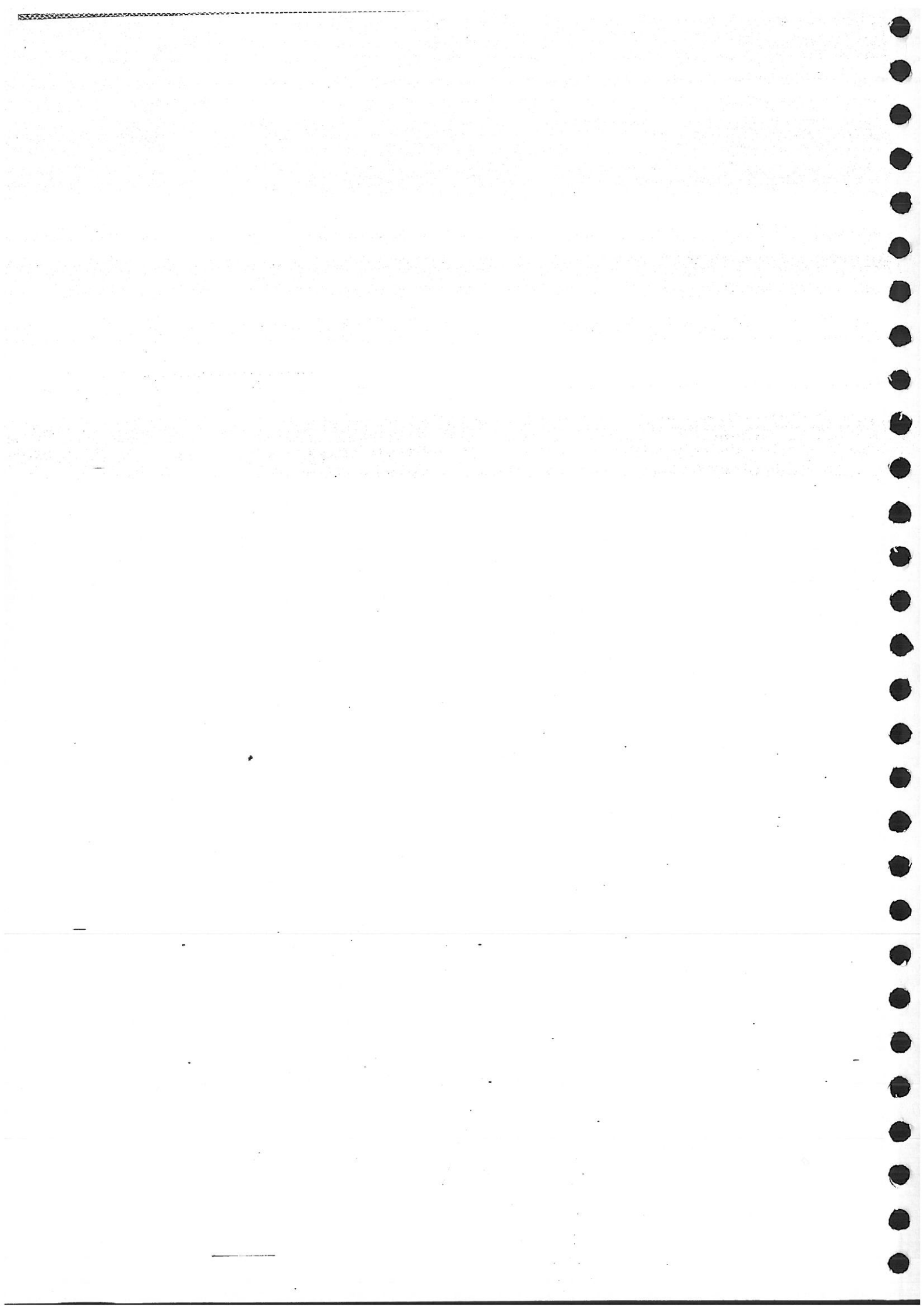
| | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR | (d) Advances Recoverable in Cash or for Value to be Recovered | (Amount in Rs.) | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | CURRENT YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR |
| (c) Security deposit | 21,600.00 | 2,791,312.00 | | 1,170,468.00 | 9,892,994.00 |
| RECEIPTS | | | PAYMENTS | | |
| (d) Recovery of Advances | 11,824,909.00 | 4,175,797.00 | (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 | - | 197,773.00 | VIII. Closing Balances | | |
| (j) G/A refunded | - | - | (a) Cash in Hand | | |
| (k) Leave salary & Pension contribution payment made last yer received back | - | - | Imprest | 100,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| | | | (b) Bank Balances | | |
| | | | (i) In current accounts | 19,490,458.00 | |
| | | | (ii) In deposit accounts | 2,689,592.00 | |
| | | | (iii) Savings accounts | | 2,347,780.00 |
| TOTAL | 86,152,292.00 | 108,197,513.00 | TOTAL | 88,152,722.00 | 108,197,517.00 |



Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017
 SCHEDULE 7 - CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

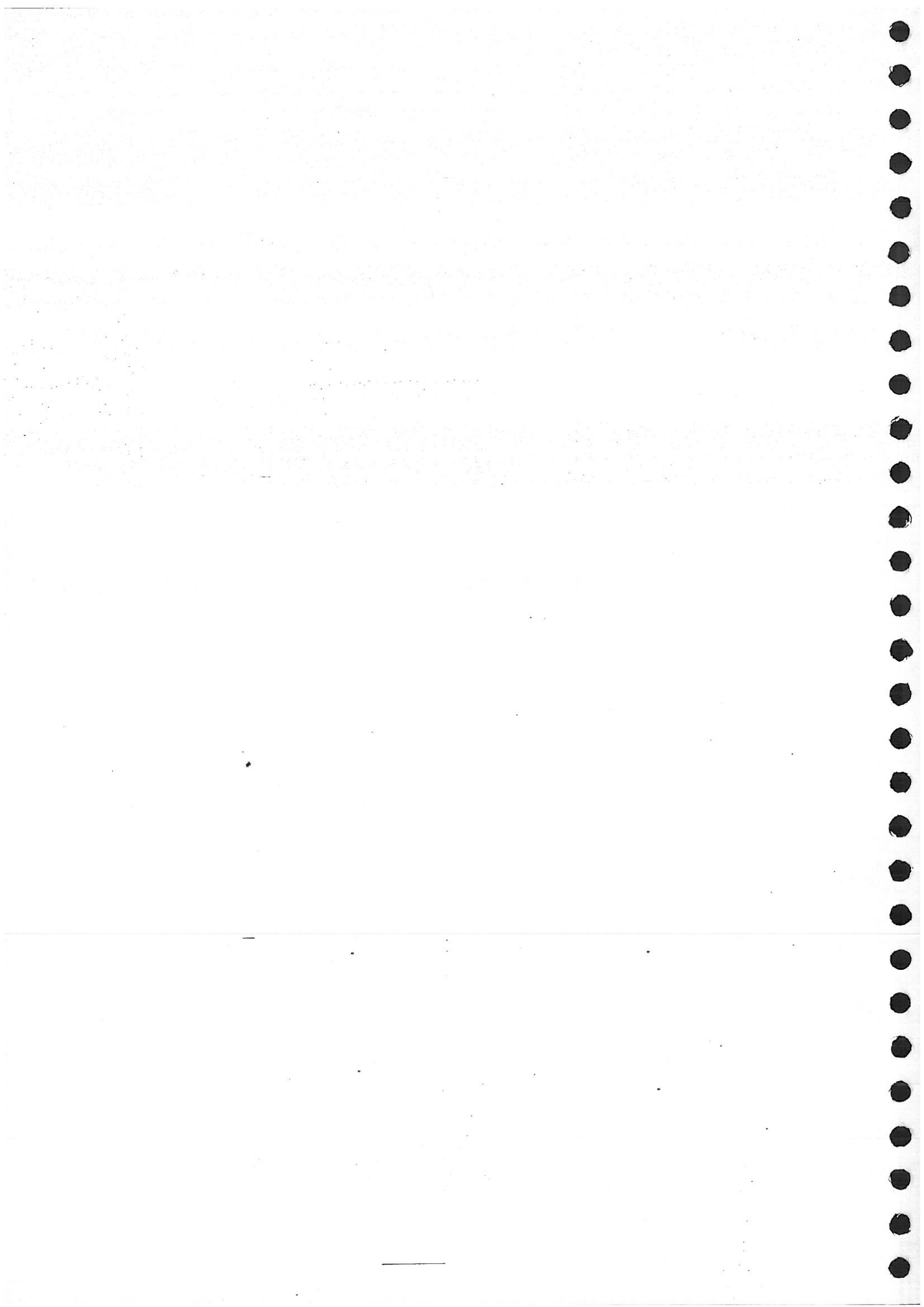
(Amount in Rs.)

| A. CURRENT LIABILITIES: | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Acceptances | - | - |
| 2. Sundry Creditors: | - | - |
| a) For Goods | - | - |
| b) Others | - | - |
| 3. Advances Received | - | - |
| 4. Interest accrued but not due on: | - | - |
| a) Secured Loans/Borrowings | - | - |
| b) Unsecured Loans/Borrowings | - | - |
| 5. Other current Liabilities | - | - |
| (i) Grant in Aid refundable to Ministry | - | - |
| (ii) Unspent Grant in Aid refundable to Ministry | - | - |
| (iii) Interest refundable to Ministry | - | - |
| (iii) Security refundable | 25,394.00 | 3,794.00 |
| TOTAL (A) | 25,394.00 | 3,794.00 |
| B. PROVISIONS: | | |
| 1. For Taxation | - | - |
| 2. Gratuity | - | - |
| 3. Superannuation/Pension | - | - |
| (i) Contribution to superannuation scheme | - | - |
| 4. Accumulated Leave Encashment | - | - |
| 5. Trade Warranties | - | - |
| 6. Other (Specify) | - | - |
| TOTAL (B) | - | - |
| TOTAL (A + B) | 25,394.00 | 3,794.00 |



SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017

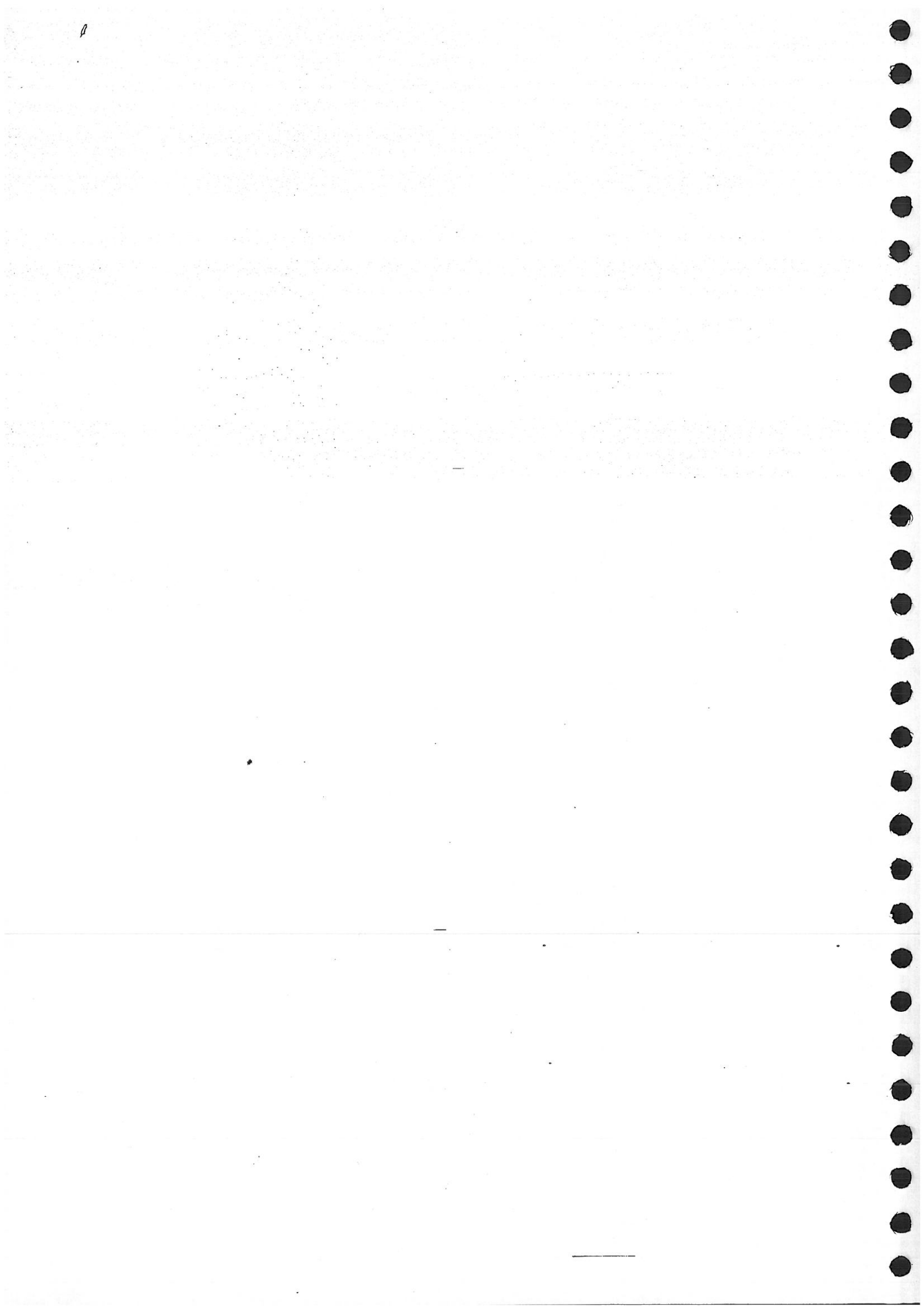
| DESCRIPTION | GROSS VALUE | | As at the beginning of the year (a) | Additions during the year (b) | Disposals during the year (c) | As at the end of the year (d) | Depreciation at the end of the year (e) | As at the beginning of the year (f) | DEPRECIATION | | As at the end of the year (g) | As at the end of the year (h) | As at the end of the year (i) | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | At 31.03.2016 | | | | | | | | At 31.03.2017 | | | | | On additions during the year (g) | On disposals during the year (h) |
| | 1-1-2016 | 30-9-2016 | | | | | | | 1-10-2016 | 31-3-2017 | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building | 26,036,646 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Furniture, Fixtures | 1,590,931 | 116,328 | | 80,390 | | 26,036,646 | 10% | 2,603,665 | | | 2,603,665 | 23,432,981 | 26,036,646 | | |
| Vehicle | 2,426,513 | | | | | 1,787,649 | 10% | 159,093 | 11,633 | 4,020 | 174,746 | 1,612,903 | 1,590,931 | | |
| Mobile & Portable Devices | 188,345 | | | | | 2,426,513 | 15% | 363,977 | | | 363,977 | 2,062,536 | 2,426,513 | | |
| Office Equipment | 2,056,110 | 38,050 | | 112,000 | | 188,345 | 15% | 28,252 | | | 28,252 | 160,093 | 188,345 | | |
| Surveillance System | 19,429,042 | | | | | 2,206,170 | 15% | 308,417 | 5,709 | 8,400 | 322,526 | 1,883,644 | 2,056,110 | | |
| Computer/ Peripherals | 348,660 | 14,484 | | 139,950 | | 19,429,042 | 15% | 2,914,356 | 8,690 | 41,985 | 2,914,356 | 16,514,686 | 19,429,042 | | |
| Library Books | 7,683 | | | | | 503,094 | 60% | 209,196 | | | 259,871 | 243,223 | 348,660 | | |
| Intangible Assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Website | 587,035 | | | | | 7,683 | 60% | 4,610 | | | 4,610 | 3,073 | 7,683 | | |
| TOTALS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR | 39,870,965 | 158,872 | | 337,340 | | 587,035 | 25% | 146,759 | | | 146,759 | 440,276 | 587,035 | | |
| PREVIOUS YEAR | | | | | | 35,072,177 | | 6,78,844 | | | 6,818,024 | 34,253,153 | | | |



Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017
SCHEDULE 10 -INVESTMENTS OTHERS

(Amount in Rs.)

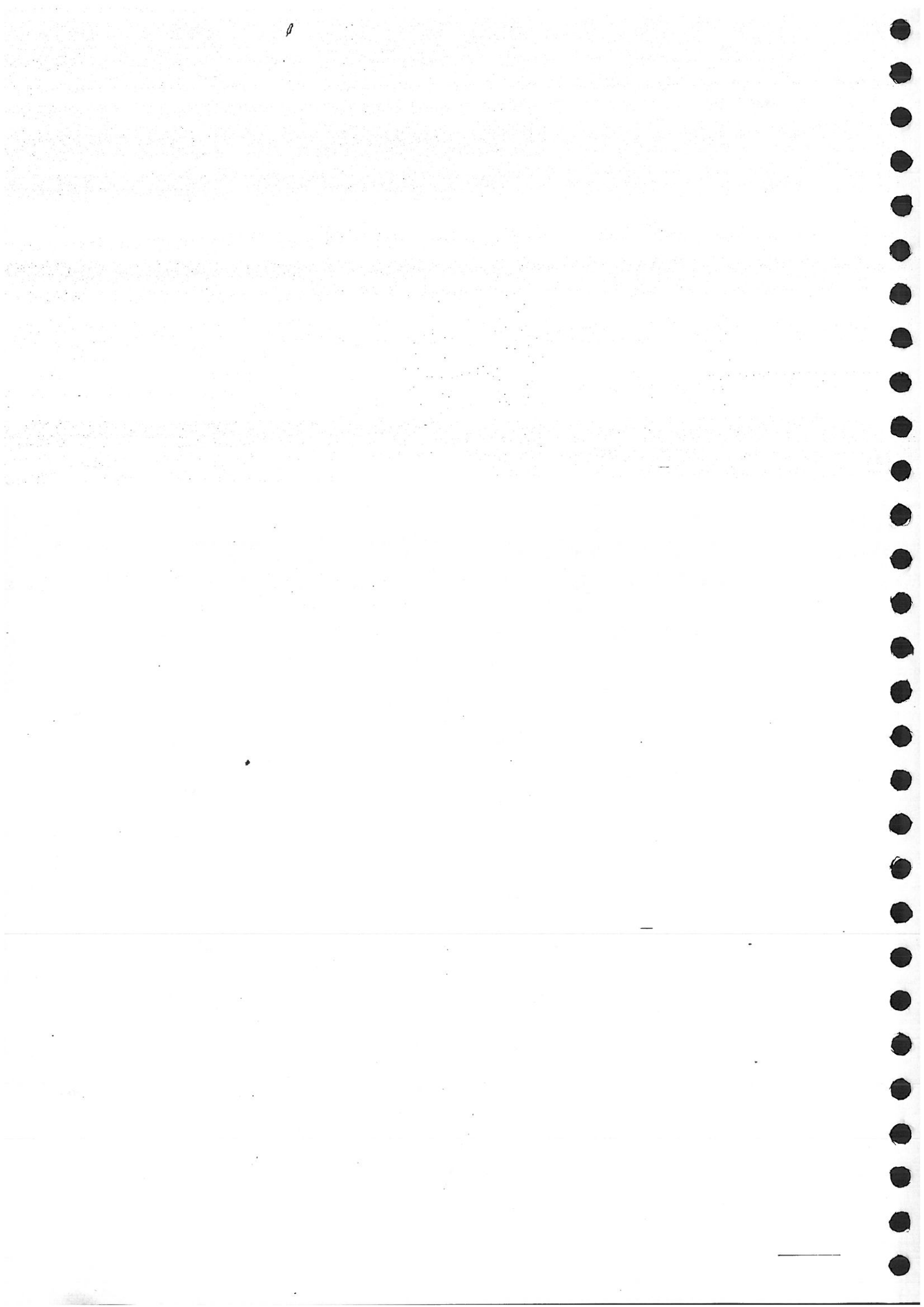
| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. In Government Securities | - | - |
| 2. Other Approved Securities | - | - |
| 3. Shares | - | - |
| 4. Debantures and Bonds | - | - |
| 5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures | - | - |
| 6. Other (to Be Specified) | - | - |
| Fixed Deposit With Schedules Banks | | 19,692,557.00 |



Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017
 SCHEDULE 11 -CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.

(Amount in Rs.)

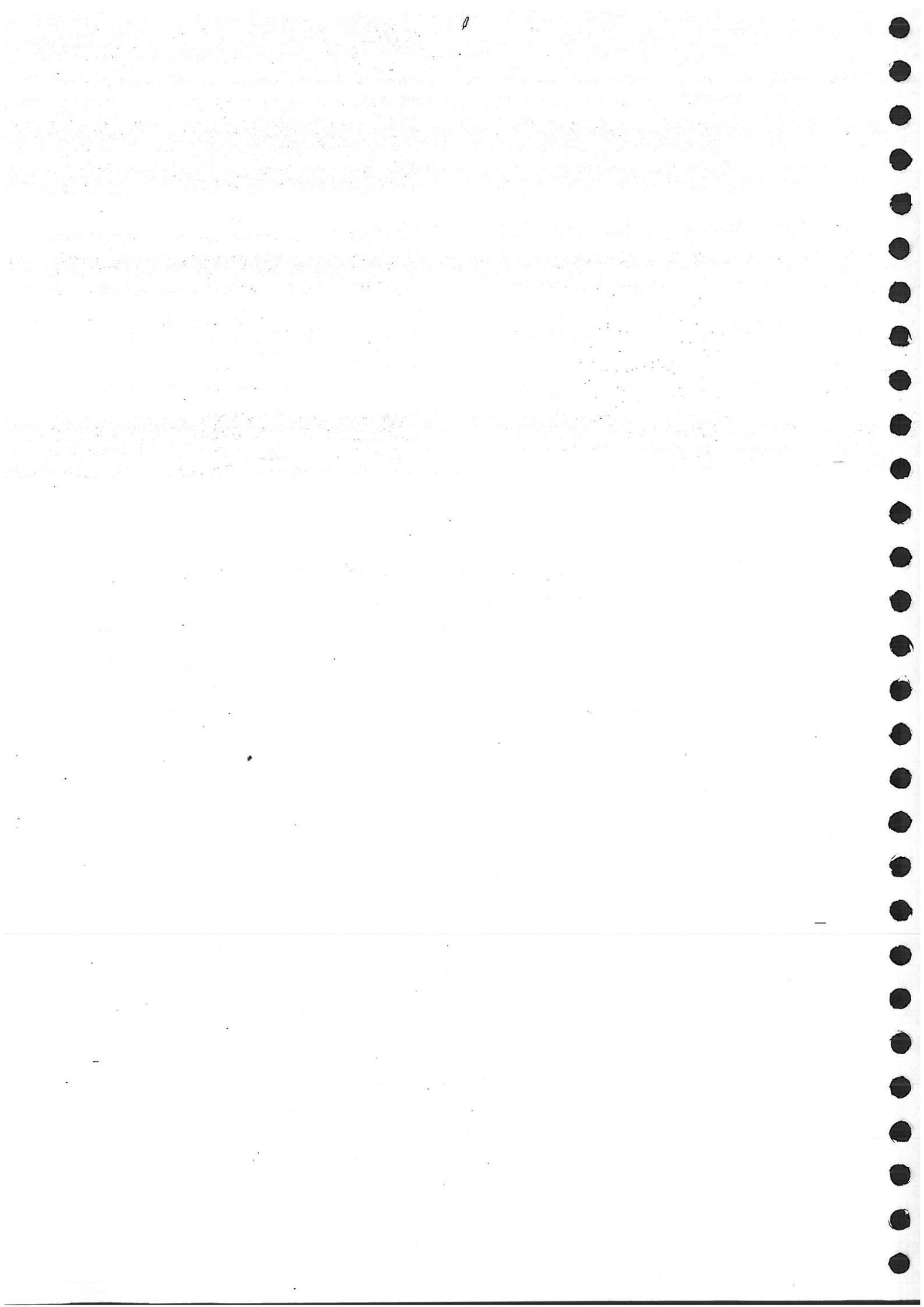
| | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Inventories: | | |
| a) Stores and Spares | - | - |
| b) Loose Tools | - | - |
| c) Stock-in-trade | | |
| Finished Goods | - | - |
| Work-in-progress | - | - |
| Raw Materials | - | - |
| 2. Sundry Debtors: | | |
| a) Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months | - | - |
| b) Others | - | - |
| 3. Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest) | | |
| Cash- In - Hand | - | - |
| Imprest | 100,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| 4. Bank Balances: | | |
| a) With Scheduled Banks: | | |
| - On Current Accounts | - | - |
| - On Deposit Accounts (includes margin money) | 19,490,458.00 | - |
| - On Savings Accounts | 2,689,592.00 | 2,347,780.00 |
| b) With non-Schedules Banks: | | |
| -On Current Accounts | - | - |
| - On Deposit Accounts | - | - |
| - On Savings Accounts | - | - |
| 5. Post Office-Savings Accounts | - | - |
| | | |



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Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017
 SCHEDULE 11 -CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.

(Amount in Rs.)

| 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 | - | - |
| c) Other (specify) | - | - |
| 2. Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or for value to be received | | 14,912,538.00 |
| a) On Capital Account | - | - |
| b) Prepayments | | |
| Advance Payment to CPWD | 6,591,030.00 | 6,591,030.00 |
| Advance Payment to State PWD,Bengaluru | 316,000.00 | 316,000.00 |
| Other | 3,835,476.00 | |
| c) Others | | |
| Security Deposit | 57,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Tax Deduction at Source | 422,621.00 | |
| 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) | 11,222,627.00 | 21,827,068.00 |
| TOTAL (A + B) | 33,502,677.00 | 24,244,848.00 |



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FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

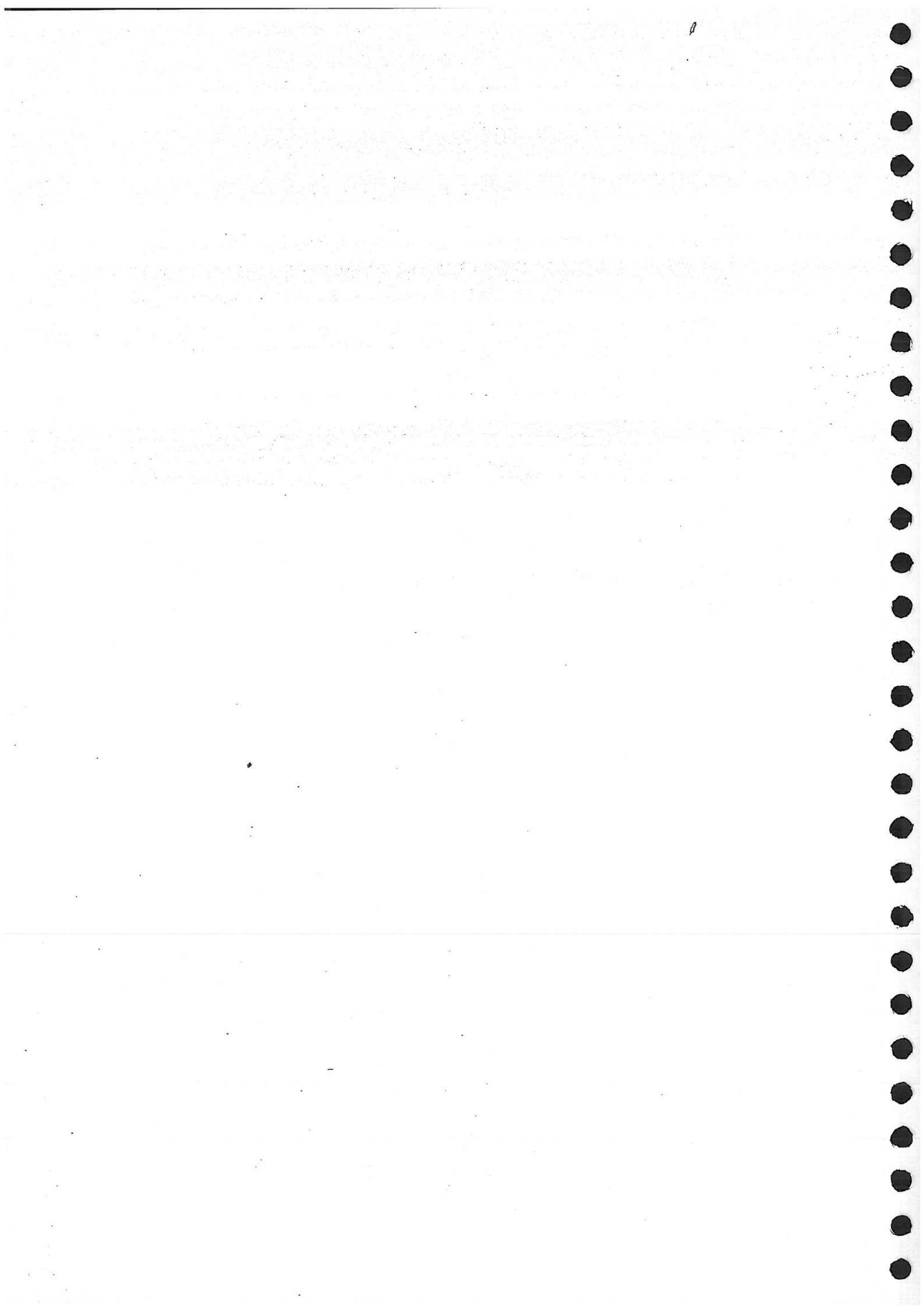
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017

SCHEDULE 13 - GRANTS/SUBSIDIES

(Amount in Rs.)

| (Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received) | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Central Government | 52,500,000.00 | 90,000,000.00 |
| 2. State Government(s) | - | - |
| 3. Government Agencies | - | - |
| 4. Institutions/Welfare Bodies | - | - |
| 5. International Organisations | - | - |
| 6. Others (Specify) /Bank TRFMisc. | - | - |
| Total | 52,500,000.00 | 90,000,000.00 |
| Unspent Balance of Grants | | |
| TOTAL | 52,500,000.00 | 90,000,000.00 |



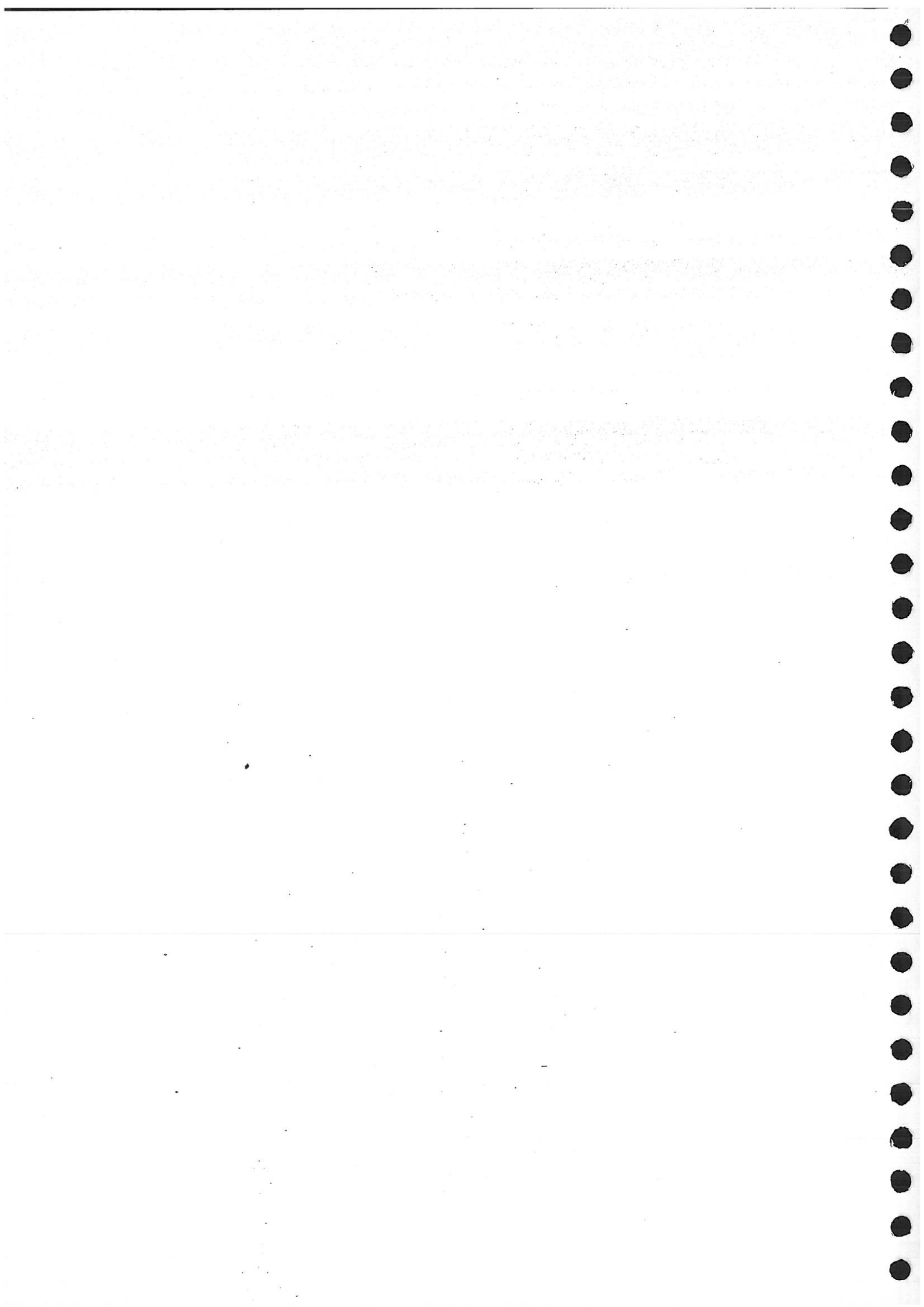
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Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2017

SCHEDULE 14 - FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS

(Amount in Rs.)

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

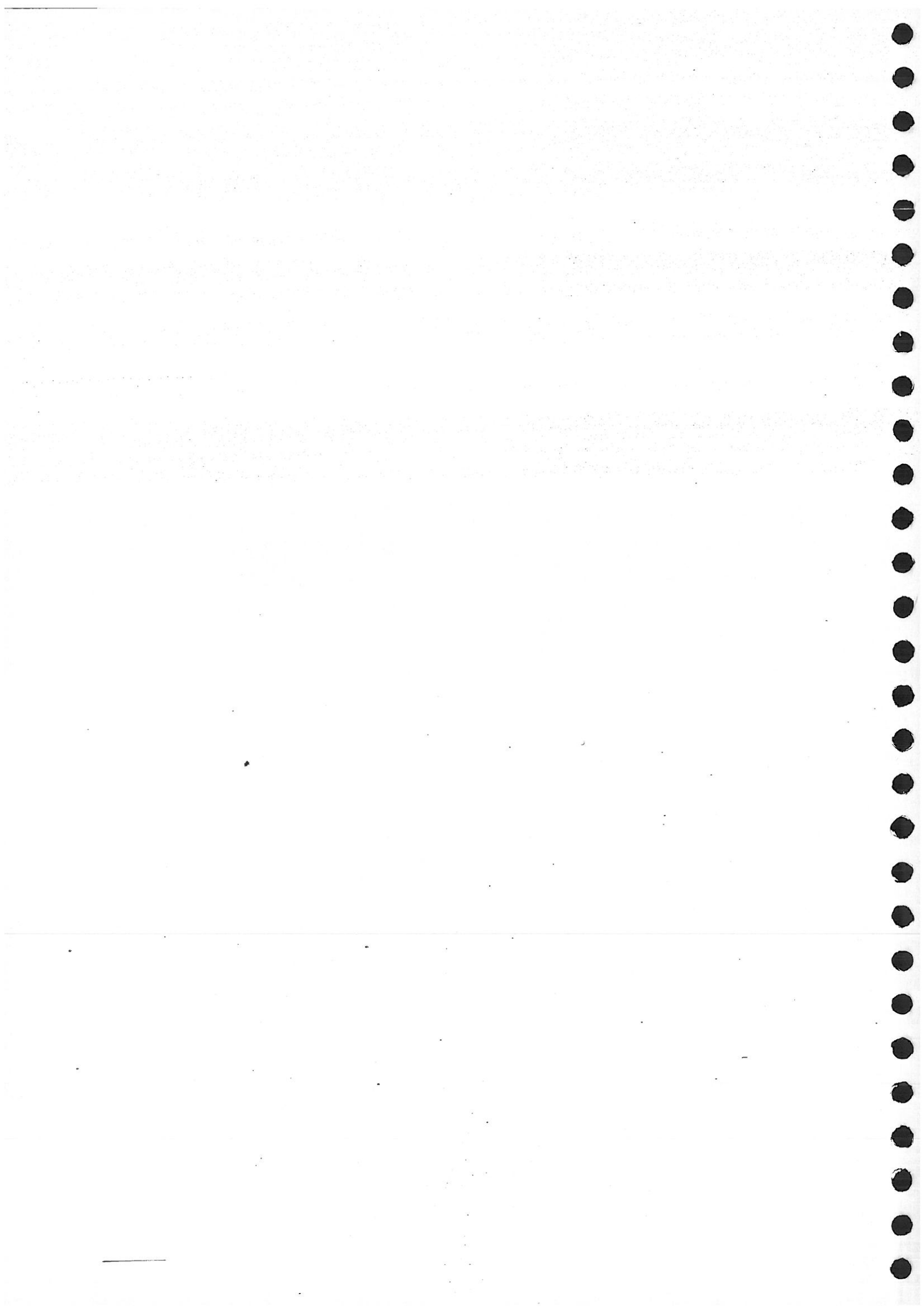


Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017
SCHEDULE 17- INTEREST EARNED ON THE TERM DEPOSITS/SAVING

(Amount in Rs.)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1. On Term Deposit | | |
| a) With Scheduled Banks | 1,234,769.00 | 524,817.00 |
| b) With Non Scheduled Banks | - | - |
| c) With Institutions | - | - |
| d) Others | - | - |
| 2. On Saving Accounts | | |
| a) With Scheduled Banks | 461,117.00 | - |
| b) With Non Scheduled Banks | - | - |
| c) Post office Savings Accounts | - | - |
| d) Others | - | - |
| 3. On Loans | | |
| a) Employee/Staff | - | - |
| b) Others | - | - |
| 4. Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables | - | - |
| | | |
| | | |

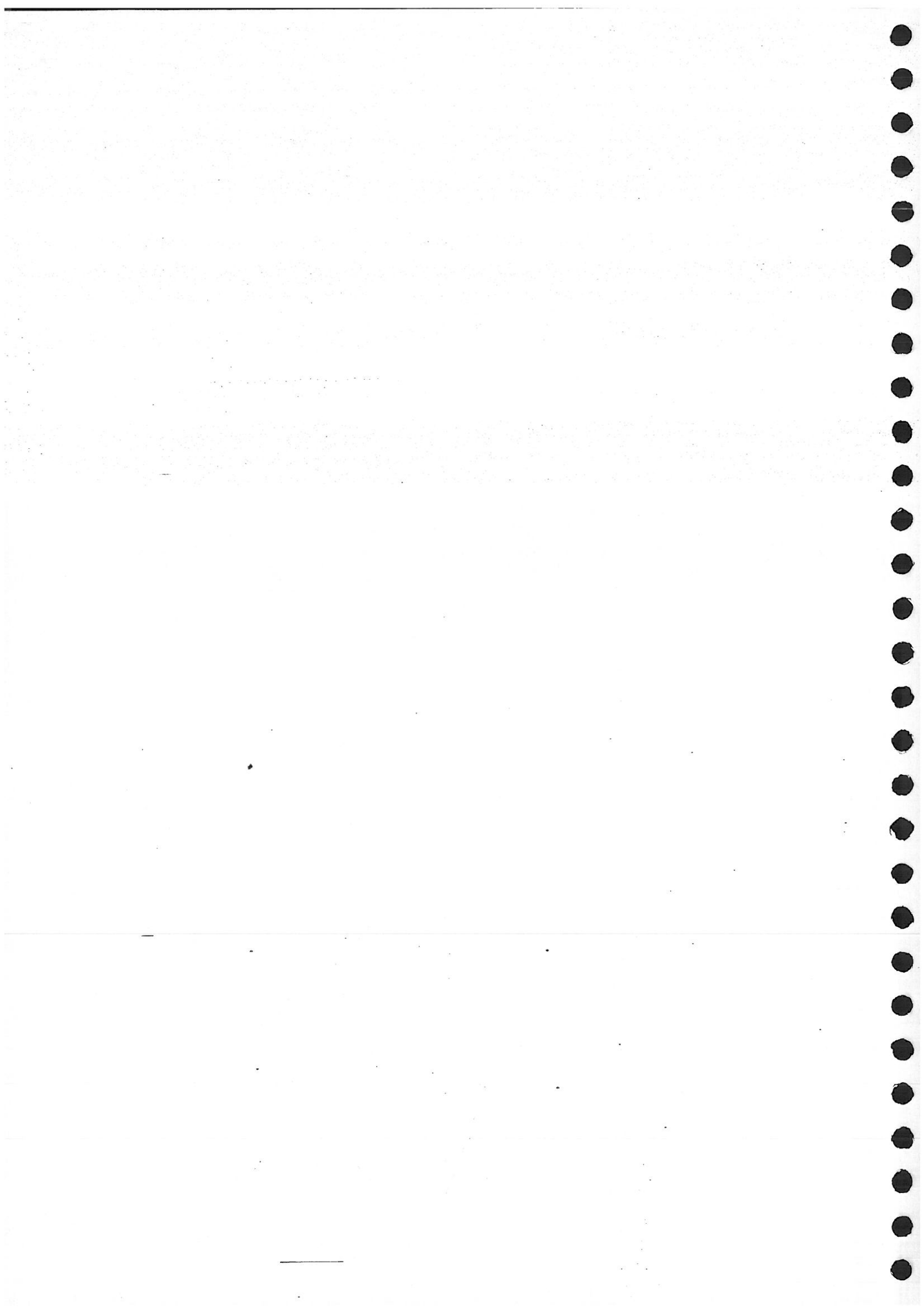


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Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017
 SCHEDULE 18 - OTHER INCOME

(Amount in Rs.)

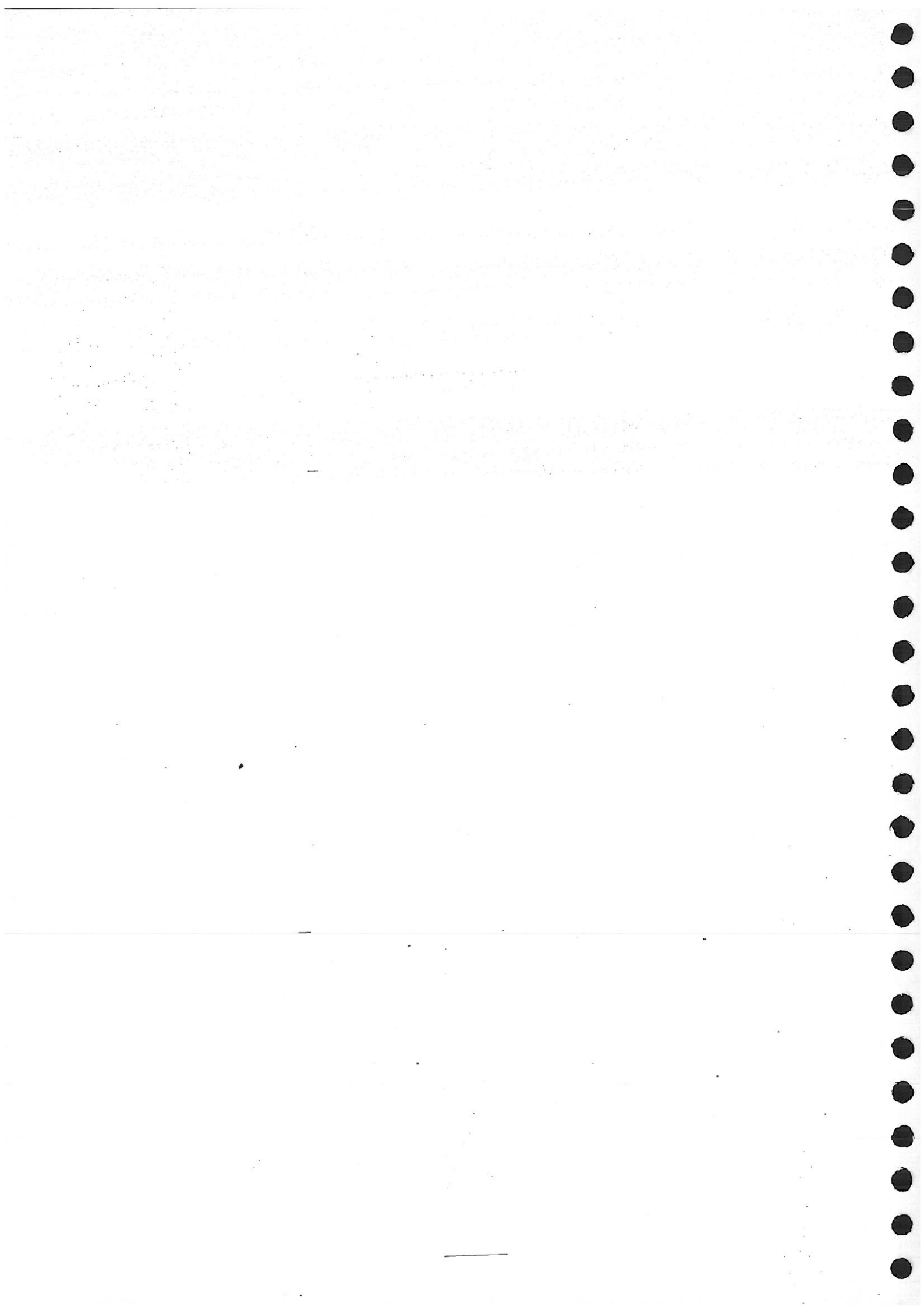
| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Profit on Sale/disposal of Assets : | | |
| a) Owned Assets | - | - |
| b) Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost | - | 197,773.00 |
| 2. Export Incentives realized | - | - |
| 3. Fees for Miscellaneous Services | - | - |
| 4. Miscellaneous | | |
| (a) Earlier year provisions written off | - | - |
| (b) GIA earlier issued refunded back | - | - |
| (c) Interest received on staff advance | - | - |
| (d) Value of assests received back from the Ministry | - | - |
| (f) Misc Income | - | - |
| | | 197,773 |



Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.3.2017
 SCHEDULE 20 - ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

(Amount in Rs.)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) Salaries and Wages | 23,381,017.00 | 16,775,544.00 |
| b) Allowances and Bonus | - | - |
| c) Contribution to Provident Fund | - | - |
| d) Contribution to Other Fund (Specify) | - | - |
| e) Staff Welfare Expenses | 394,704.00 | 281,095.00 |
| f) Expenses on Employees' Retirement & Terminal Benefits | - | - |
| g) Others | - | - |
| Honorarium | 67,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| | 23,842,721 | 17,096,639 |



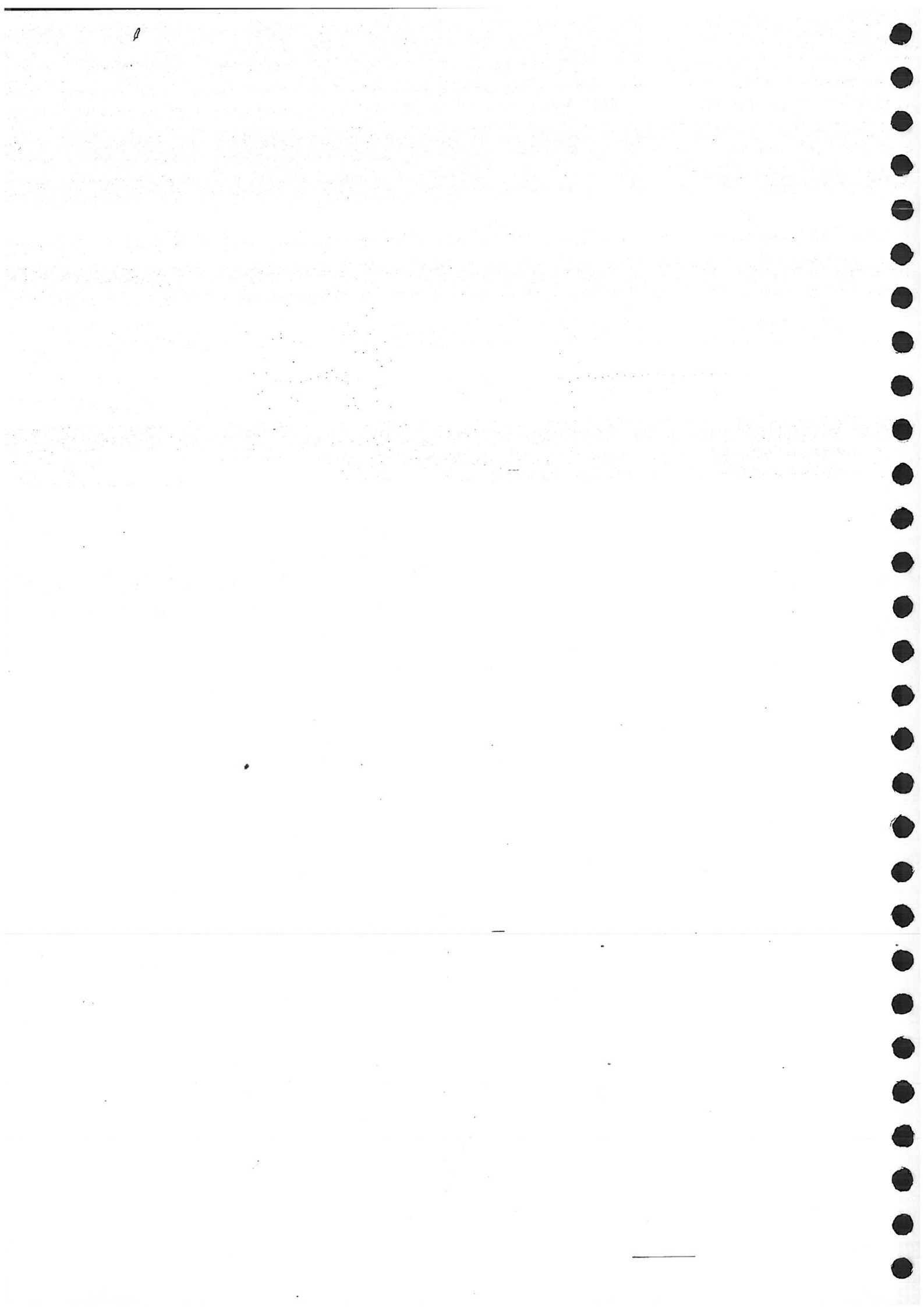
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FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
 SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE PERIOD /YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017
 SCHEDULE 21- OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.

(Amount in Rs.)

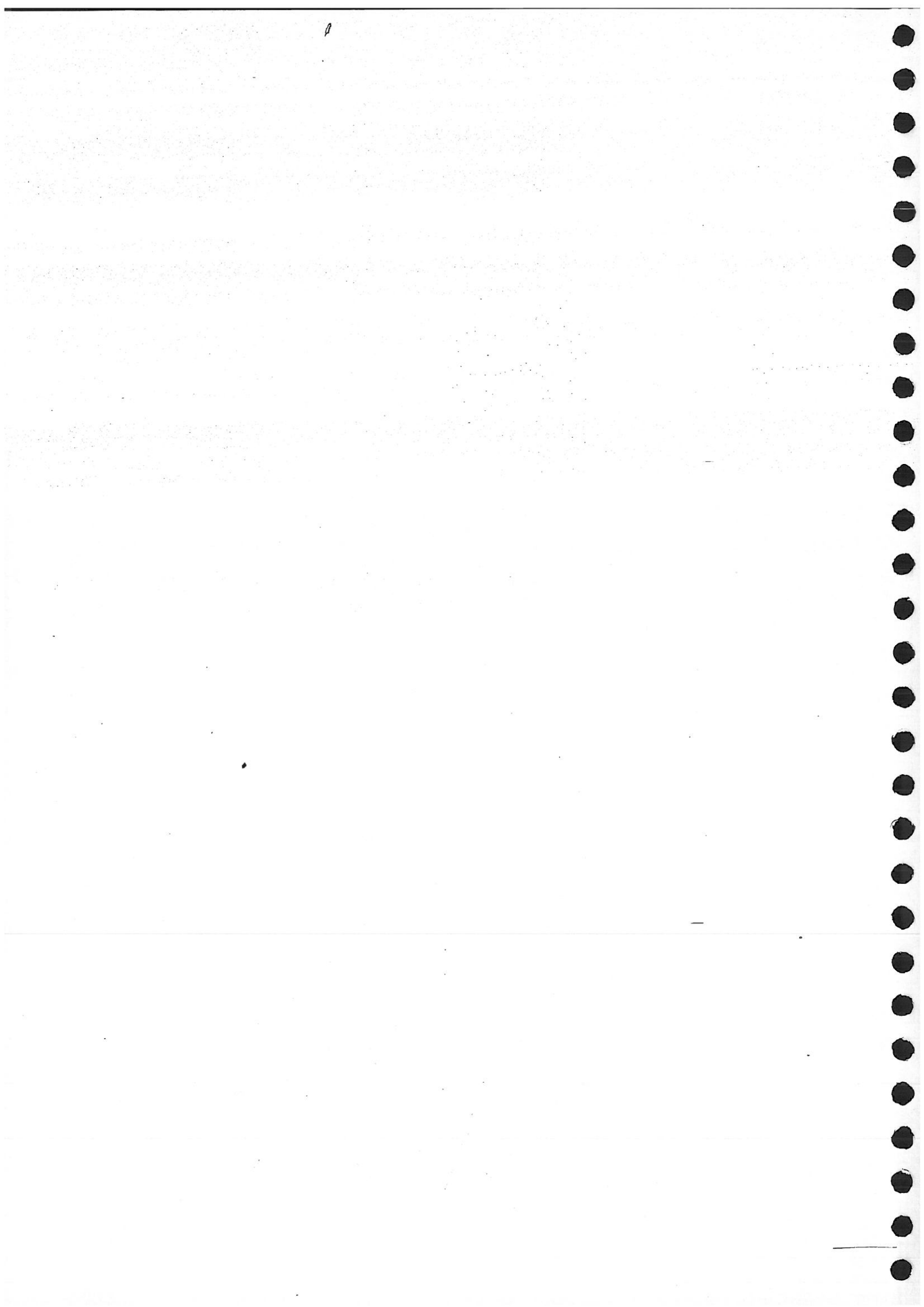
| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| a. Purchases | | |
| b. Conveyance and Cartage | 39,602.00 | 43,119.00 |
| c. Repairs and maintenance | | |
| Building | 7,349,293.00 | 484,977.00 |
| Other | 2,832,378.00 | 1,814,870.00 |
| d. Vehicles Running Expenses | 221,725.00 | 105,719.00 |
| e. Vehicles Maintenance | 135,762.00 | 38,655.00 |
| f. Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges. | 474,694.00 | 534,938.00 |
| g. Printing, Publication and Periodicals | 335,292.00 | 74,543.00 |
| h. Travelling Expenses | 8,148,867.00 | 5,674,113.00 |
| i. Legal & Professional Charges | 31,090.00 | 95,973.00 |
| j. Hospitality Expenses | 130,033.00 | 114,149.00 |
| k. Advertisement and Publicity | - | - |
| l. Professional Charges | - | - |
| m. Electricity & Water Charges | 164,715.00 | 389,853.00 |
| n. Distribution Expenses | - | - |
| o. TDS | - | - |
| p. Printing & Stationery | 513,766.00 | 406,810.00 |
| q. Imp. Expenses | - | - |
| r. Relocation/Moving Expenses | - | 285,556.00 |
| s. Bank Charges | - | -650.00 |
| t. Other Office expenses | 335,856.00 | 401,997.00 |
| u. Rent | 93,720.00 | 5,087,193.00 |
| v. Dificit on sale of unusable assets | | |
| Total (I) | 20,806,793.00 | 15,551,815.00 |
| II. Payments Against Various Projects | | |
| Expenses on Training, Workshop & Conferences/Meeting | 5,833,048.00 | 9,622,997.00 |
| Expenses on Research Projects & Monitoring | - | 25,566,353.00 |
| Total (II) | 5,833,048.00 | 35,189,350.00 |
| III. Unspent balance of GIA refun-dable to Ministry. | | |
| | - | - |
| TOTAL (I+II+III) | 26,639,841.00 | 50,741,165.00 |



Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
SCHEDULES FORMING PART INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017
SCHEDULE 22-GRANTS

(Amount in Rs.)

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| a. Grants given to Institutions /Organisations | 13,668,440.00 | 18,200,000.00 |
| Unspent grants-in aid refundable to ministry | - | - |
| b. Subsidies given to Institutions/ Organisations | - | - |
| Total | 13,668,440.00 | 18,200,000.00 |





Name of Entity: NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE 24 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted Accounting policies.

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 less accumulated depreciation.

Fixed Assets received by way of non-monetary grants, (other than toward corpus fund) are capitalized at values stated, by corresponding credit to Capital Reserve.

3. Depreciation

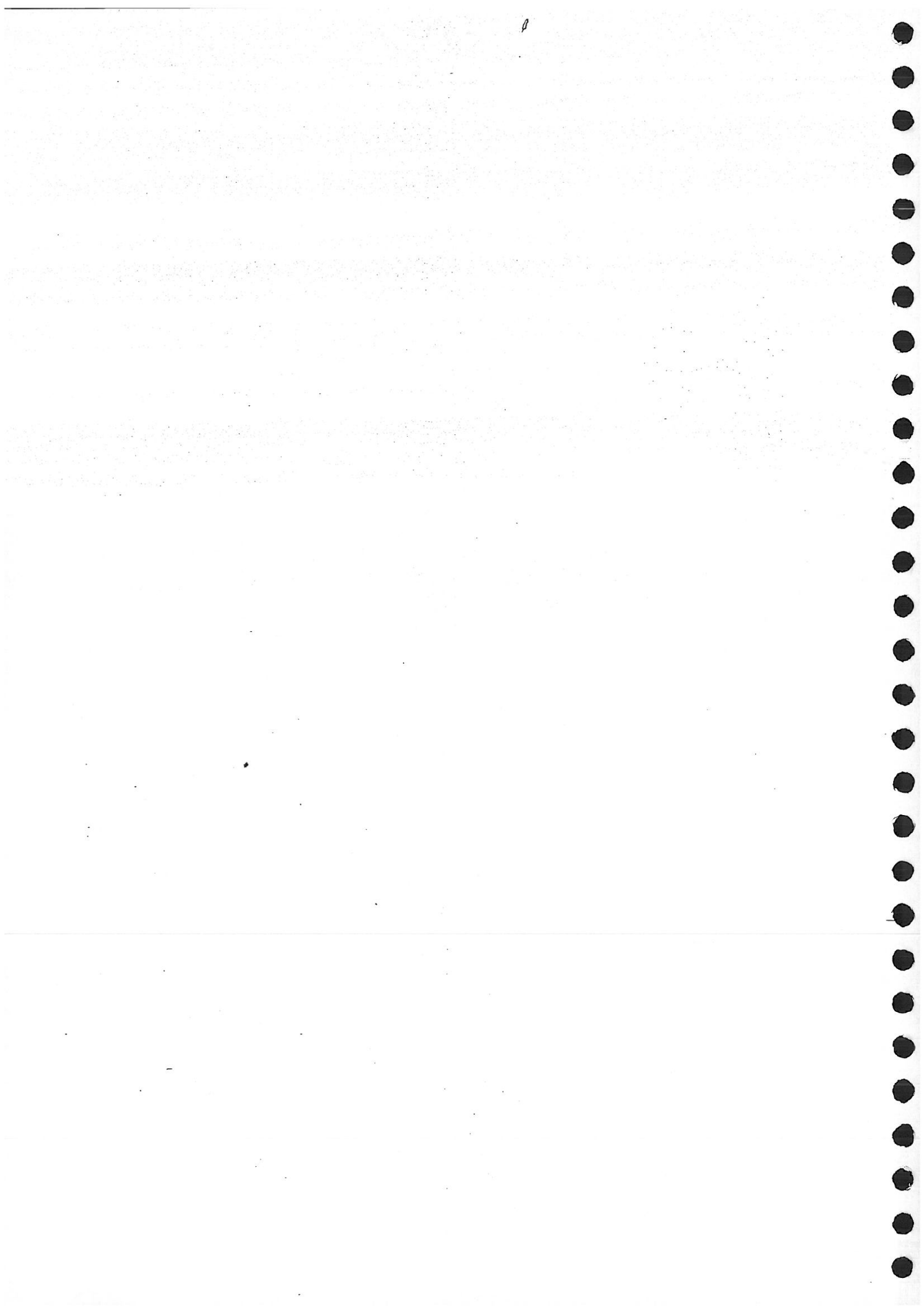
Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided on written down value at the rates provided in the Income Tax Act 1961. Assets acquired after September have been depreciated at half the rate of depreciation prescribed for an asset.

4. Government Grant

Government Grant are accounted on realization basis.

5. General

Accounting policies not specifically mentioned are otherwise inconsonance.



Name of Entity: NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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, 2017 and the Income and expenditure Account the year ended on that date.

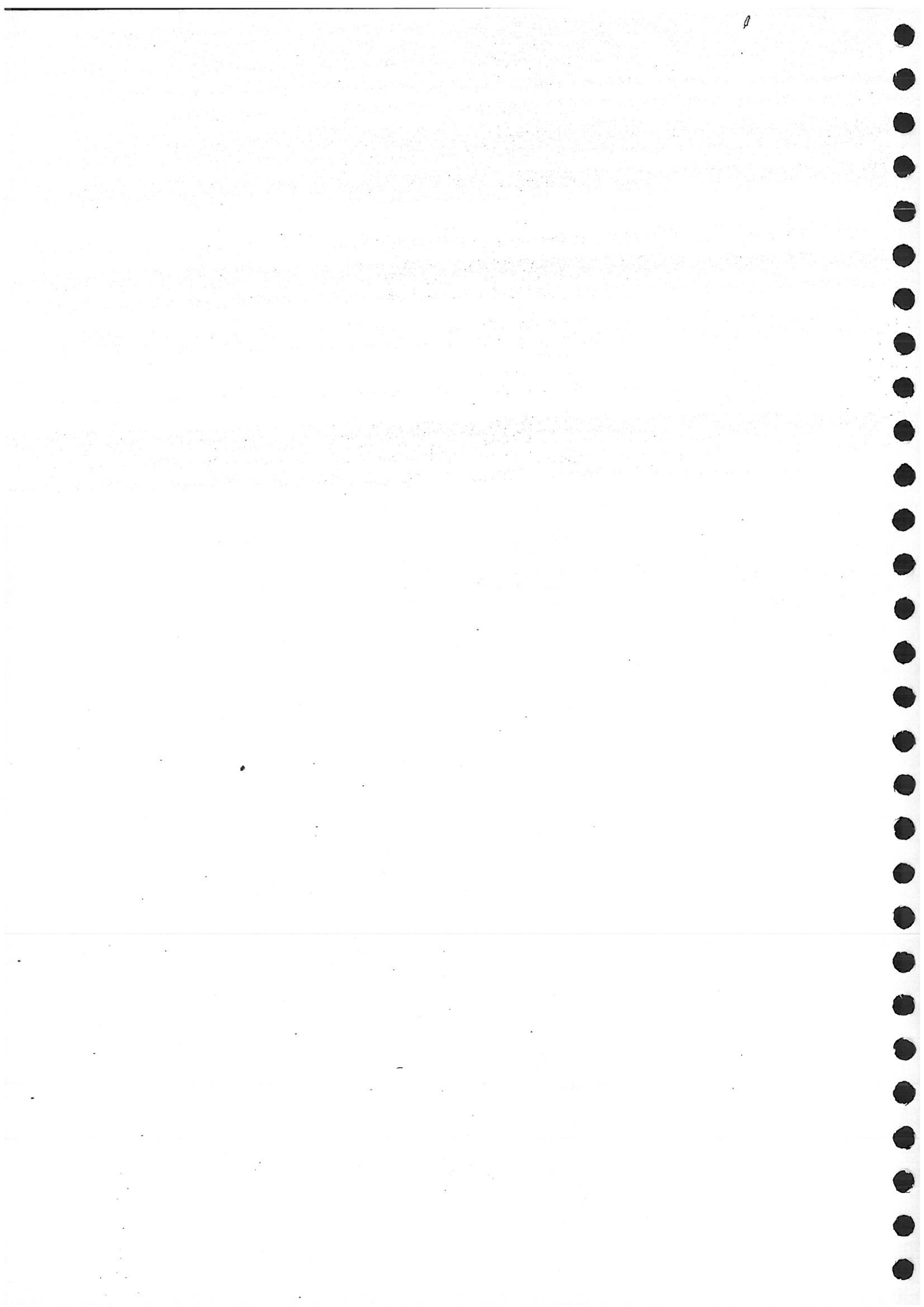
6. Entity have capital fund in form of term deposit which reclassified under point no 4 of Scheduled no 11 however during the previous year it shown under Scheduled 10 ("INVESTMENT OTHER").

7. Repair and maintenance other (refer to point No. C of scheduled 21) includes the amount paid to National Information Centre related to website maintenance during preceding previous years as these expenses are recognized as revenue expenditure.

8. Repair and maintenance building (Refer to point no C of Scheduled 21) includes the amount paid in preceding previous years for the repairing work of regional offices to concern authorities.

9. Interest income on deposit is recognized at accrued basis and at gross figures and tax deduction at sources stated separately.

Sanjay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar
 सजय कुमार / Sanjay Kumar, Inspector General of Forests
 राष्ट्रीय तालाब संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
 National Tiger Conservation Authority
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 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली / Govt of India, New Delhi



कार्यालय प्रधान निदेशक लेखापरीक्षा
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दिनांक:

सेवा में,

12 JAN 2018

श्री बिशन सिंह, बोनल,
सदस्य सचिव,
राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण,
वन पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय,
7वीं मंजिल, पर्यावरण भवन, सी.जी.ओ. कॉम्प्लेक्स,
लोधी रोड, नई दिल्ली-110003.

विषय: वर्ष 2016-17 के लिए राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण, नई दिल्ली का पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन
महोदय,

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संसद के दोनों सदनों में प्रस्तुत करने से पहले वर्ष 2016-17 के वार्षिक लेखों को संस्थान के शासी निकाय द्वारा अनुमोदित किया/अपनाया जाए तथा इस संबंध में शासी निकाय द्वारा जारी किया गया रेज़ोल्यूशन 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।

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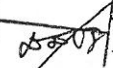
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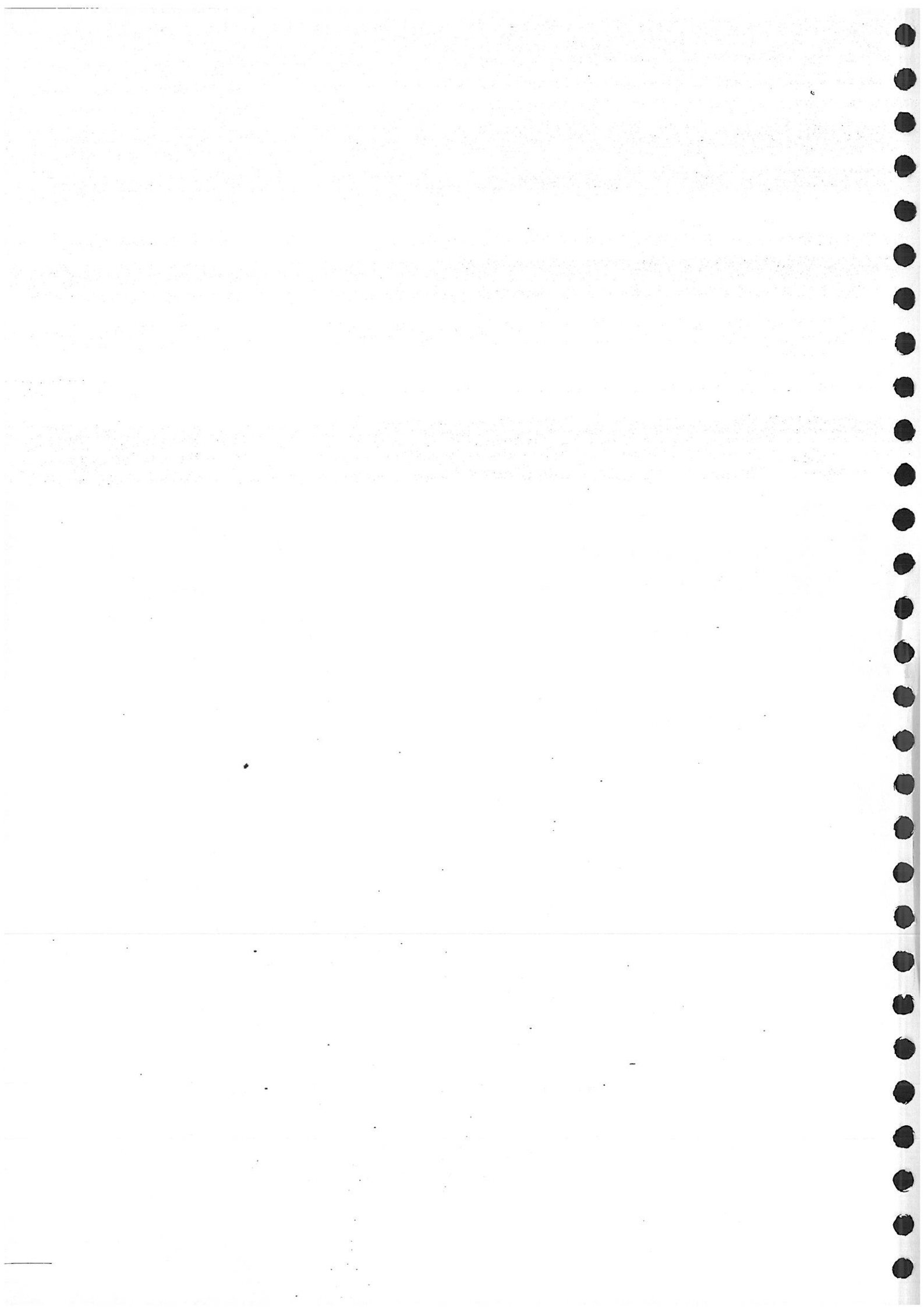
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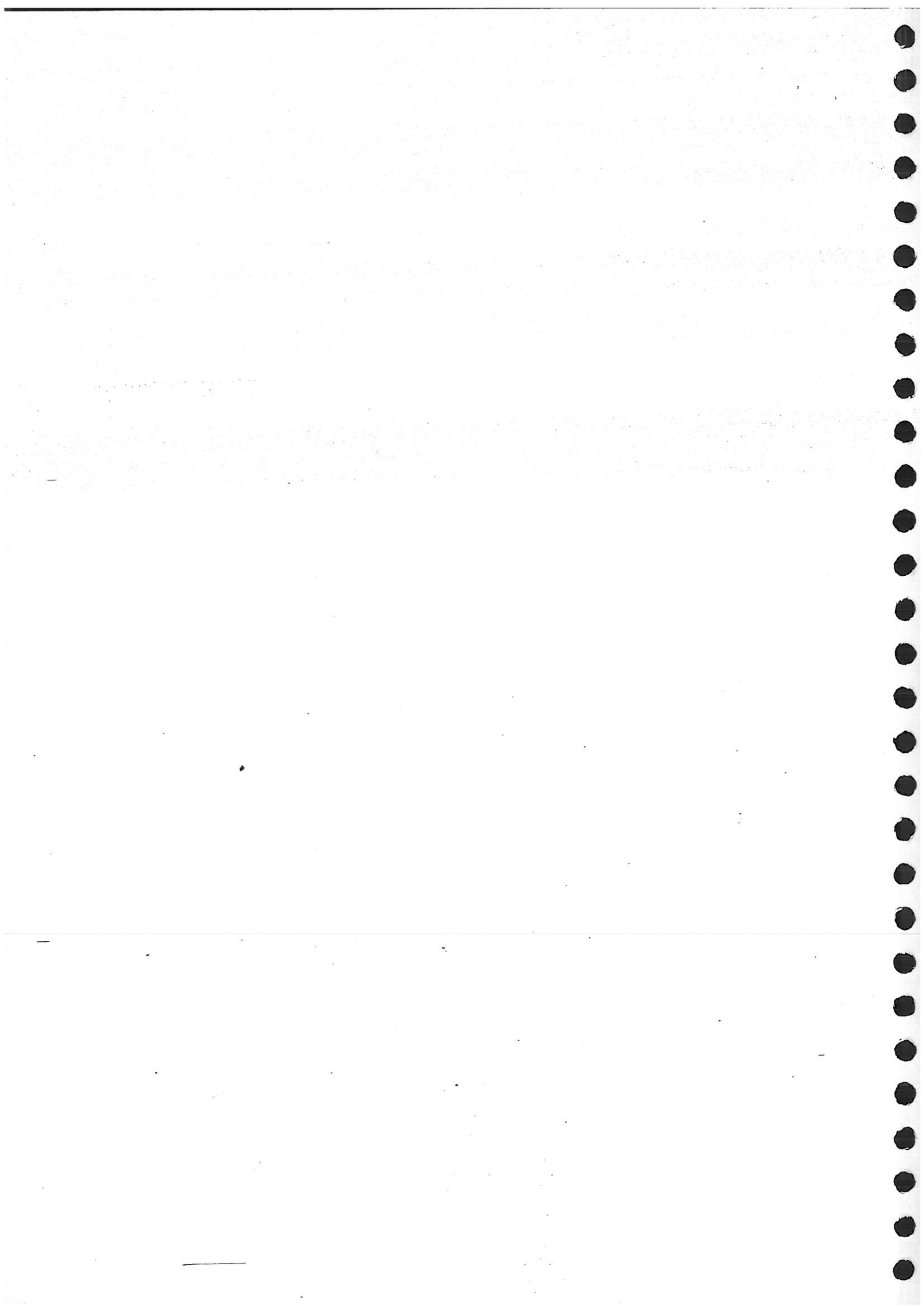
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National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi for the year 2016-17

Name of the Autonomous Body: National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi

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| 1. | Date of submission of the accounts to the Audit by the autonomous body. | |
| 2. | Where applicable, reasons for returning the accounts for revision indicating why the accounts could not be certified with qualifications. | Not Applicable |
| 3. | Date of submission of revised accounts to Audit where revision was considered essential. | Not Applicable |
| 4. | Dates on which audit was taken up and completed. | 23.10.2017 to 03.11.2017 (10 working days) |
| 5. | a) Date of issue of draft SAR to Head Office. | |
| | b) Date of issue of draft SAR to Autonomous Body for replies comments. | 08.11.2017 |
| 6. | Date of receipt of replies/comments from Autonomous Body (if received) | 07.12.2017 |
| 7. | Date of issue of draft SAR including replies/comments of Autonomous Body along with an Aide-memoire to CAG's office for approval. | 28.12.2017 |
| 8. | a) Date of CAG's office letter communicating approved SAR. | 05.01.2018 |
| | b) Date of receipt of letter and approval at 8(a). | 09.01.2018 |
| 9. | Date of issue of final Audit Report to Govt. of India/State Govt./CAG's office. English Version- Hindi version (if required) - | 12.01.2018 |
| 10. | Reasons for delay, if any, at various stages. | |
| 11. | Dates of presentation of the previous Audit Reports before Parliament/Legislature. (Where the Audit Reports for previous year have not been placed, year to which these pertain, may also be indicated). | 2015-16 Lok Sabha - 22.12.2015 Rajya Sabha - 14.12.2015 |


 Director (EA)



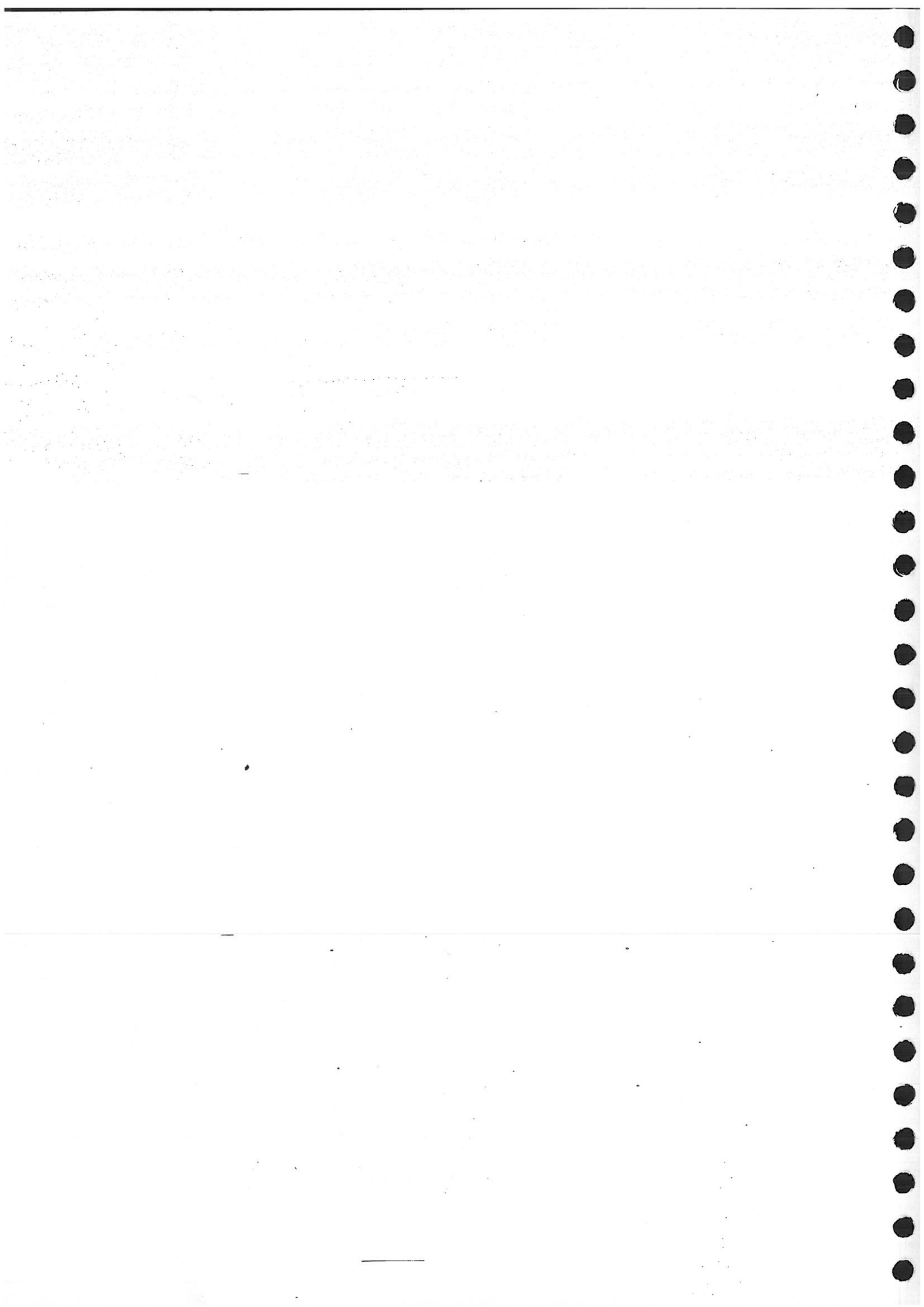
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Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi for the year ended 31 March 2017.

1. We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi (NTCA) as on 31 March 2017, 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. Balance Sheet

A.1. Provision for liability payable towards gratuity on death/retirement, superannuation and accumulated leave encashment of employees needs to be accrued on actuarial basis, and provided up to the year-end. NTCA, New Delhi did not make any provision in respect of Gratuity,



Superannuation/Pension and Accumulated Leave Encashment in Schedule-7: Current Liabilities and Provisions appended to the Balance Sheet of as at 31 March 2017.

B. Income and Expenditure Accounts

Interest Earned on the term deposits/Savings Accounts/Loan depicted an amount of ₹ 1234769.00 as interest received during the year. But the actual amount of interest was of ₹ 986225.00 for the year 2016-17 was to be reflected in the Income and Expenditure Account as income for the year. This needs to be reconciled & correct figure should be taken in accounts.

As per Schedule 20 "Establishment Expenses" as appended with the Income & Expenditure Account of NTCA for the year 2016-17, total expenditure of ₹ 23381017.00 was booked as Salaries and Wages, which includes expenditure for March 2016 amounting to ₹ 717843.00.

NTCA also booked an amount of ₹ 908739.00 towards salary and allowances for the month of March 2017 in April 2017 i.e. during the financial year 2017-18. Thus actual expenditure in terms of accrual basis concept under head salary and wages would be as under:

| Amount booked in account (₹) | Less Amount paid for March 2016 (₹) | Add amount to be paid for March 2017 (₹) | Amount was to be booked (₹) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 23381017.00 | 717843.00 | 908739.00 | 23571913.00 |

Thus expenditure of ₹ 190896.00 (₹ 23571913.00 – ₹ 23381017.00) was overstated in the Income and Expenditure account for the year 2016-17 as well as understatement of capital fund to that extent.

C. Grants-in-aid

As per the Utilisation Certificate furnished by NTCA to MOEF&CC, NTCA had unutilised grant of ₹ 215.22 lakh (₹00.01 lakh Grants in aid under "General" and ₹ 30.91 lakh Grants in aid under Salary and ₹184.30 for Capital Assets) as on 31 March 2017. During the year 2016-17, NTCA received grants-in-aid of ₹ 525.00 lakh (₹ 400.00 lakh under Grant-in Aid General, ₹ 125.00 lakh under Grant-in- Aid Salaries and). Total grants-in-aid of ₹ 740.22 lakh was available for expenditure. Out of this amount, NTCA utilised ₹ 534.16 lakh and ₹ 206.06 lakh remained as unutilised grant as on 31 March 2017.

D. Management letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in the Separate 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 2017 and

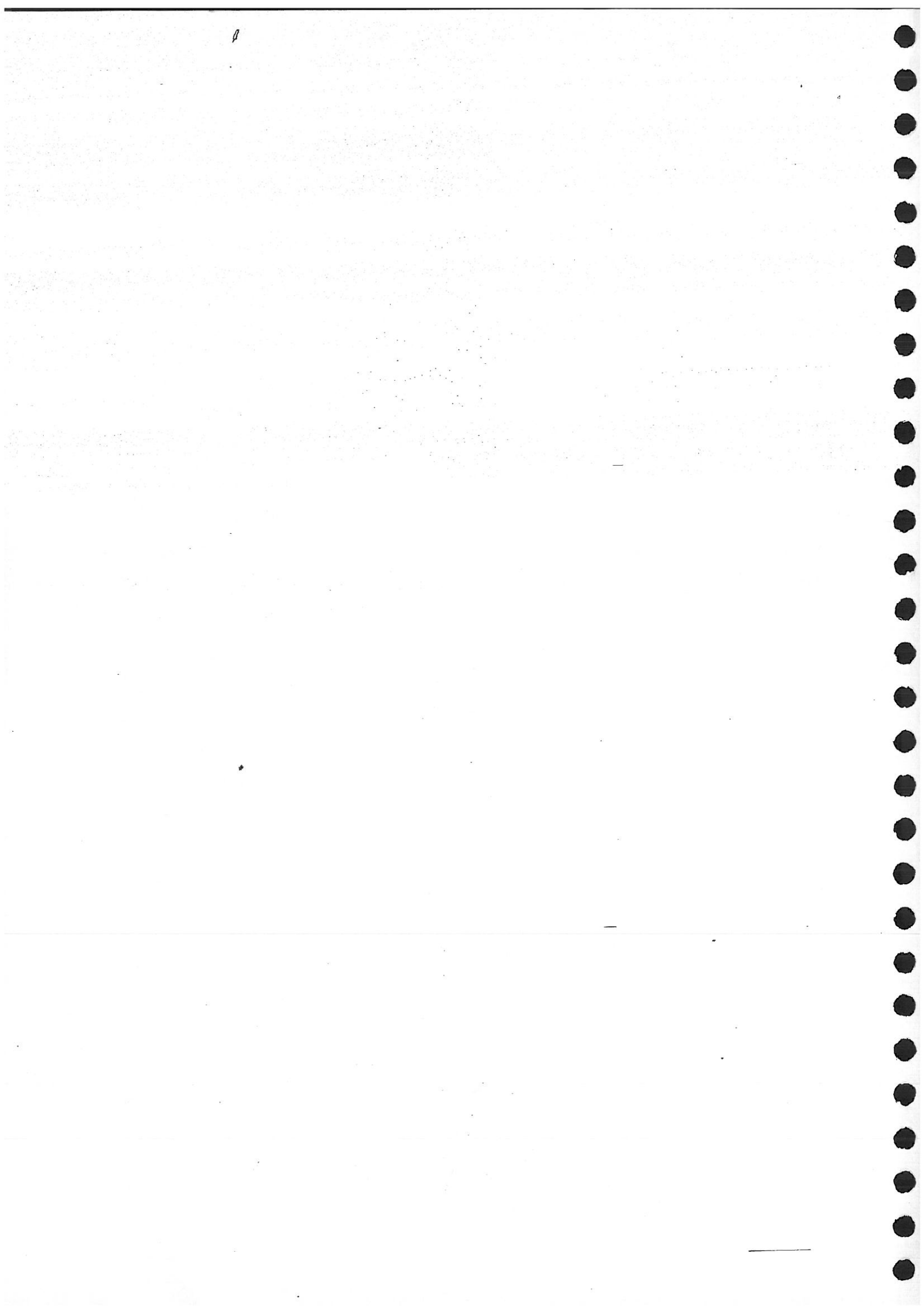
b. In so far as it relates to Income and Expenditure Account of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

Manish Kumar

Principal Director of Audit (SD)

Place: New Delhi

Date: 12/01/2018



Annexure -I

1. **Adequacy of Internal Audit System:** Internal audit of the NTCA has been conducted by Controller of Accounts, Internal Audit Wing Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi upto 31 March 2012.

2. **Adequacy of Internal Control System:**

The internal control may be strengthened in following areas.

(a) The receipt voucher no., issue no., unit price of stock items and balances were not mentioned in the Stock Register of consumables in conformity with the Form GFR-41. The entries in the stock register were not attested. Therefore, the amount of balance stock as at 31 March, 2017 could not be ascertained from the records provided to the Audit.

(b) Valuable register, Register of Contracts, Grants in Aid Register were not maintained Investment Register was not produced to audit.

(c) Utilisation Certificates of Grants in aid of ₹ 1010.14 lakh paid to various Tiger Reserves/Tiger Foundation, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and others for research works are still outstanding as on 31st March 2017.

(d) The Asset Register was not maintained in prescribed format (GAR-40).

(e) **Non-obtaining of List of Assets from the Grantee Organizations**

NTCA has not incorporated the provision for disposal of Assets acquired by various institutions after obtaining prior approval by NTCA, in the sanction order for release of funds. Though as per terms and conditions of Grant, details of assets created by the grantee organisation were to be provided to NTCA, no list of assets has yet been obtained from them to reflect status of Assets.

3. **System of Physical Verification of Assets:**

The physical verification of assets had not been carried out since inception.

4. **Physical Verification of Stores and Stock**

The physical verification of store and stock has been conducted for the year 2016-17.

5. **Statutory dues:**

No Statutory dues were pending as on 31 March 2017.



Director (EA)

