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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Filming documentaries/news reports by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India--prohibition regarding

The National Tiger Conservation Authority vide its OM No. 7-11/2016-NTCA dated 27th February 2017 has communicated to the Ministry regarding the violation of terms and conditions of filming documentary by the BBC News, South Asia Bureau, New Delhi. The Ministry has examined the matter and considering that the:

1. BBC in a documentary "Task force" has projected a negative, malicious and sensational portrayal of India's conservation success story at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
2. BBC deviated from the original script submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
3. Irreparable damage done to India's reputation by BBC by telecasting the film worldwide.

The competent authority in the Ministry has decided to prohibit BBC from filming documentaries/news reports in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India for a period of five years with immediate effect.



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