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Name Of Complainant B N Kumar

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Received By Ministry/Department Prime Minister's Office

Grievance Description

Environment, Forest and Climate Change >> Wildlife related >> Critical Wildlife Habitats

Hon'ble Prime Minister sir,

The killing of a leopard in Pune after it was declared a man-eater reflects a deeper breakdown in land-use planning and habitat protection in Maharashtra. We request your intervention to guide the state toward a long-term, science-based and humane strategy for managing human-wildlife conflict.

Human lives must be protected, but eliminating wildlife does not address the causes of conflict. Forests are shrinking, natural corridors are fragmented, and new settlements are expanding into traditional wildlife zones without ecological assessment. Open garbage dumps and the rise of stray dog and monkey populations near forest edges create an artificial prey base that draws leopards closer to habitation. Removing the leopard does not remove these attractants. It leaves an empty territory that another, often more stressed leopard will move into, increasing unpredictability.

Studies in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttarakhand show that relocated leopards frequently travel long distances trying to return to familiar terrain, passing through villages and heightening risk. National guidelines also caution against routine translocation for this reason. The recent cheetah translocation experience in Kuno demonstrated that wildlife cannot simply be shifted and expected to adapt. Ecological balance requires stable landscapes and continuity. Environmental advocate Jyoti Nadkarni said, "The leopard is an essential part of the food chain and the wider food web. Removing it disturbs a balance far more complex than we acknowledge. We must think before we act."

We request your support to:

- Protect and restore wildlife corridors
- Regulate expansion at forest edges
- Improve waste and stray animal management
- Ensure timely support to affected families
- Deploy trained response teams for safe handling

The Pune incident should be a wake-up call to address root causes, not repeat reactionary measures.

With respect,

NatConnect Foundation

Current Status	Under process
Date of Action	17/11/2025
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Reminder Date	Remarks
12/11/2025	Anxiously awaiting response