

# THE INSPECTION PANEL

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**IPN REQUEST RQ98/1**

April 3, 1998

## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

Dear Sir:

***Re: Request for Inspection – India: Ecodevelopment Project (Loan No. 29160-IN)  
(GEF Trust Fund Grant Number TF028479 IN)***

The Inspection Panel (the "Panel") received a Request for Inspection (the "Request") dated March 10, 1998 on April 3, 1998 from an organization called the Nagarahole Budakattu Janara Hakkusthapana Samithy (NBHJS) representing the tribal people living in the area know as Rajive Gandhi National Park, Nagarahole, Karnataka State (the "Requesters") who claim that their rights/interests have been adversely affected by acts and omissions of the International Development Association ("IDA") in the design and implementation of the project.

The Request claims that the project, as designed, has not shown any tribal population as living in the "core areas" of Nagarahole National Park, where there are 58 tribal settlements inside the park with a population of about 6145 and who belong to different communities like Jenu Kurubas, Betta Kurubas, Yeravas, and Soligas. This has resulted in the lack of a specific indigenous people development plan designed with the informed participation of affected indigenous/tribal groups and NGOs involved in their development. Further, an anticipated forceful eviction of the tribal population from the project area will result in their uprooting from their forest habitats, which are their socio-cultural life base.

The Requesters claim to be harmed as a result of alleged violations of various provisions of IDA policies and procedures set forth, inter alia, in ODs 4.20 Indigenous Peoples; 4.30 Involuntary Resettlement; and possibly OP 4.36 Forestry.

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Panel's Operating Procedures (the "Operating Procedures"), I am notifying you that I have on April 3, 1998, which is also the date of the dispatch of this notice, registered the Request in the Inspection Panel Register.

All communications with the Requesters in connection with the Request will be sent to Mr. J. L. Subramanian at the address listed below.

In accordance with paragraph 18 of IDA Resolution No. 93-6 and paragraph 18(d) of the Operating Procedures, IDA Management is hereby notified that it must provide the Panel no later than May 4, 1998 with written evidence that it has complied, or intends to comply with the relevant policies and procedures in the implementation of the above-referenced project. The essential criteria for the response to the Request are set out in paragraph 33 of the Operating Procedures.

The Request has been assigned IPN Request Number RQ98/1.

Sincerely yours,

Alvaro Umana  
Chairman

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