

Appendix 3: Press clippings

(A). Letter to the Editor

The Sentinel, 11th May 1989

‘SOS Manas’

This has a reference to my article “SOS Manas!” (*The Sunday Sentinel*, May 7). The article was written in the first week of April, so a lot of change was there in the month-long period. The animals reportedly killed so far are : rhino – four; wild elephant – seven; tiger – four; deer and others – many. Recently, both the Governments of India and Assam expressed grave concern at the prevailing situation in Manas. However, there is little time to think about it. The army or paramilitary forces should be deployed right now for a stint (till the normalcy returns).

Moreover, due to printer’s devil, a few errors had inadvertently crept into my article. The true position is : the core area is 391 km². Kochugaon and Haltugaon Divisions form part of the buffer zone only. “Army” and not “arms” assistance has helped conservation in Dachigam, Ladakh, Nepal and China. The area of Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary is seventy square km and not seventy seven km.

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(B). News clipping

The Telegraph, Friday 4th August 1989.

Worldwide concern over Manas

From Wasbir Hussain

Guwahati, Aug. 3: Conservation circles internationally are concerned about the situation at the scenic Manas tiger reserve where poachers have colluded with militants to fell trees and shoot wildlife.

Organisations like International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) are worried about the future of Manas.

In a recent letter to Mr. Anwaruddin Choudhury, a Guwahati based wildlife writer, an IUCN official, Mr. Jim Thorsell, said, “This is a very disturbing development and we