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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its communication No.UA Housing (2000-9) Water (2008-1) IND 12/2011 dated June 29, 2011, signed by Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, and Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation regarding alleged forced eviction of more than 200 farmers from Polong and Noliasahi villages in Jagatsinghpur district in Orissa.

The Permanent Mission of India would like to convey that the allegations were examined and found to be inaccurate. No forced eviction has taken place in Polong and Noliasahi villages. The Government-owned forest land was being cleared to facilitate a steel plant of POHANG Steel Company (POSCO) in area. During this clearance, a group of persons obstructed the work and tried to attack the Additional District Magistrate. Consequently, 12 persons were taken into preventive custody by the police and released after five hours. No coercive action was used during the clearance of the forest land.

The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Special Rapporteurs.

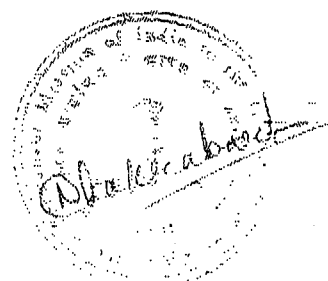
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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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