

Need to declare Sunabeda in Kalahandi district of Odisha, a Tiger Reserve Forest-laid

SHRIMATI MALVIKA DEVI (KALAHANDI): I would like to request our Hon?ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to declare and start Sunabeda as a Tiger Reserve Forest located in the Nuapada district of my constituency Kalahandi of Odisha. It covers an area of 1,004.31 sq kms. It features a mix of forests, including dry deciduous, moist deciduous, and tropical forests, with several water bodies and hills. The Sunabeda forest is home to Bengal tigers, Leopards, bears, Elephant, Sambar deer, Chousingha (four-horned antelope) and other species of flora and fauna. Once declared a reserve forest it should have anti-poaching camps and patrolling teams to preserve our wildlife and environment. It should have community outreach and habitat restoration programmes. The reserve forest should offer bird watching, trekking and eco lodges and guest houses. It would be a great tourist spot and would bring in huge amounts economically and help in the development of Nuapada district. It would generate revenue for the local tribal people while preserving our forest. Hoping our Hon?ble minister will declare it as a reserve soon and inaugurate it himself.