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Dev Mr. Nanda

I am writing on behalf of the International Development Select Committee of the House of Commons to thank you and your colleagues most warmly for the time which you took to meet with us during our short visit to Orissa last month.

We were extremely interested to hear about the work of the Orissa State Vigilance Department. Mr. Abhay's presentation on the anti-corruption activities of the Department was comprehensive, detailed and convincing, and we were very impressed by his account of the Department's achievements. These seemed to us particularly impressive in light of the various challenges to your work, not least the over-burdened nature of the criminal justice system in Orissa. We were struck by the success you have had in publicising the work of the Vigilance Department and are convinced that press and public attention to the cases you pursue must contribute to the deterrent effect of your work. From what we saw of the work of the Orissa State Vigilance Department, we feel it should be taken as a model for replication in other states, and indeed countries, where corruption is a significant issue affecting development.

Our visit to Orissa was very useful in informing our inquiry into the Department for International Development's bi-lateral programme of assistance to India, and our meeting with you and your colleagues was particularly enlightening. Once again I would like to offer you our thanks for sparing the time to meet the committee.

All best wishes,

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