

Subject : Diversion of 112 ha. of Forest land in favour of M/s TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT for Denotification of forest land for Relocation of Maisampet and Rampur villages from Core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal District in District Adilabad , State Telangana.

1. The State Government of Telangana vide their letter no. **3781/For.I(1)/2018** and date **05-10-2018** submitted the above mentioned proposal to obtain prior approval of central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest(Conservation)Act,1980.

2. Details indicated in the proposal submitted by the Government of Telangana are as below

FACT SHEET

1.	Project Details		
(i)	Proposal No	FP/TG/REHAB/35492/2018	
(ii)	Name of the Proposal	Denotification of forest land for Relocation of Maisampet and Rampur villages from Core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal District	
(iii)	Short Narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is Required	Denotification of 112 ha of forest land in compt No.842 and 851 in Khanapur Forest division for Relocation of Maisampet and Rampur villages from Core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal District in favour of CF & FDPT, Kawal TR	
(iv)	Category	Rehabilitation	
(v)	Total Area of the Forest Land (in ha.):	112	
(vi)	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted(in years)		
2.	Location:		
(i)	State	Telangana	
(ii)	District	Adilabad	
3.	Detail of user agency		
(i)	Name of the user agency	TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT	
(ii)	Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted	Non Linear	
(iii)	Legal status of User Agency	State Government	
4. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion			
S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Khanapur	112	Reserved Forest

5. Land use plan

Component wise breakup

S.no	Component	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1	Allotment of Land for residential houses	5	0
2	Allotment of Land for cultivation	107	0
Total		112	0

6. Vegetation

(i) Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees

1.Division Name :Khanapur

Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
NIL								

(ii) Density of Vegetation

S.No.	Division Name	Density	Eco Class
1	Khanapur	0.2	Eco 3

(iii) Total numbers of trees to be filled

S.No.	Division Name	Total numbers of trees
1	Khanapur	NA

(iv) Total Tree to be retained .

7. Vulnerability of area to soil erosion

S.No.	Division Name	Vulnerability of area
1	Khanapur	Erosion of the forest area will be reduced because of field bunding for agricultural practices after handing over the area to the villagers subsequent to denotification of the for

8. Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundry of forest (in Km.)

S.No.	Division Name	distance from boundry of forest(Km.)
1	Khanapur	0

9.	Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view			
(i)	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion	S.No.	Division Name	Details of wildlife diversion
		1	Khanapur	Nil
(ii)	Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve,tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc.	S.No.	Division Name	National park/Wildlife sanctuary/Biosphere reserve/Tiger reserve/Elephant corridor/Wildlife migration corridor
		1	Khanapur	No
(iii)	Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified,then,10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ)::	S.No.	Division Name	Diversion is located within ESZ
		1	Khanapur	The proposed site falls within the ESZ of Kawal Tiger Reserve
(iv)	Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion :	S.No.	Division Name	Location of reserve/corridor within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land
		1	Khanapur	No
(v)	Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area :	S.No.	Division Name	flora and fauna found in the area
		1	Khanapur	No
10.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. if so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, ifrequired.	S.No.	Division Name	Details of with NOC from competent authority
		1	Khanapur	No

11.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.if no,recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.																						
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(iv)	Whether the land identified by User Agency is suitable for CA and from managementpoint of view:	No Data																					
14.	Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers(Recognition of forest Rights) Act,2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted enclosed.																						

15.	Whether the project requires environment Clearance	No
16.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	
17.	Rehabilitaion of Outstee	
(i)	Number of SC Families	0
(ii)	Number of ST Families	142
(iii)	Number of Backword Families	0
(iv)	Copies of R&R Plan	
18.	Cost Benefit Analysis	
19.	Total cost of the project(in crore):	1420
20.	Employment Potential	Permanent Employee : 0 Temporary Employee : 20000 Total Employee : 20000
21.	Details of Mining lease	No
22.	Undertaking to bear the cost of CA and NPV	

23.District Profile

S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penal C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	Forest land (in ha.)	Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	Nirmal	373443	121660	521.90	7	406.20	31/07/2018	96.20	294.59

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26.Site Inspection Report

Division	Circle	Site	Date Of	Brief Details of SIR at DFO
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		Inspection By	Visit	
Khanapur	Kawal Tiger Reserve	DFO	16/10/2018	Inspected the site on 02.11.2017 and the proposed area for denotification of forest land for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal is located in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block located in the limits of Nachan Yellapur Grampanchayath, Kaddam Mandal, Nirmal District to an extent of 112 Ha. Density of vegetation varied from 0.1 to 0.3 and the forest type is Tropical dry deciduous miscellaneous forest. The proposed area is not falling in any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bio sphere reserve, tiger reserve or Elephant corridor, Wild life migration corridor etc., but it is located at a distance of 800 from the Kawal Tiger Reserve, within the Eco Sensitive Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve. There are no rare / endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for DEnotification. There is no any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments in the proposed site.
	Kawal Tiger Reserve	CF	16/10/2018	Inspected the site on 18.11.2017 and the proposed area for denotification of forest land for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal is located in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block Nirmal District to an extent of 112 Ha. Density of vegetation varied from 0.1 to 0.3 and the forest type is Tropical dry deciduous miscellaneous forest. The proposed area consists of flora like Tectona Grandis, Butea monosperma, Azadisuchlz indica, Cassic fishtuk, Careya arborec, Madhuce lastifolic and Pterocarpus marsupium. There are no rare / endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for denotification. There is no any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments in the proposed site. The proposed area is barest minimum for this project ie., Rehabilitation of villages from core areas of Kawal Tiger Reserve. There are no other alternative except to DE notify this patch of RF for this purpose and it is recommended for denotification under F C Act, 1980.
		Nodal Officer	22/10/2018	Not Inspected

27.Recommendation with Specific conditions,(if any)

DFO/CF/PCCF/Nodal Officer

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Remarks/Conditions
Khanapur	Kawal Tiger Reserve	DFO	Recommended	Relocation of the villages from the Core area of the Tiger Reserve is for creation of inviolate space for Wildlife especially for Tiger is essential and as no non forest land is available, it is essentially required to de notify the Forest land in question for rehabilitation of persons belonging to

				Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and other people from the core zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve
	Kawal Tiger Reserve	CF	Recommended	This denotification in RF is essential to rehabilitate the villagers so as to create in violate areas for Tiger population in Kawal Tiger Reserve.
		Nodal Officer	Recommended	Recommended

28. Specific recommendation of the State Government

State	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Remarks/Conditions
Telangana	State Secretary	Recommended	Recommended

29. Forwording Letter for Nodal Officer

Ref

1. CF & FDPT, Kawal TR, Nirmal Rc.No. 1400/2018/D2 dt 06.04.2018.
2. APCCF (Admin) U.O.Note No. 3226/2015/WL-2 dt 28.04.2018.
3. PCCF TS Hyderabad Ref.No.8183/2018/FCA-3 dated 02.06.2018.
4. CF & FDPT, Kawal TR, Nirmal Rc.No. 1400/2018/D2 dt 17.08.2018.

It is submitted that the vide reference 3rd cited the CF & FDPT, Kawal TR, Nirmal I s SLmeitted processed proposals for the Denotification of 112 ha of forest land for " location of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Rgserve, Nirmal.

Accordingly, the Forest Divisional Officer, Khanapur and the CF & FDPT, Kawal TR Nirmal has submitted processed proposal duly recommending the project in PartII and Part-III of the proposal respectively vide reference 3rd cited, along with inspection notes & other necessary documents.

The details of prposal are as follows

I. The User Agency has furnished following information in Part-I

- The denotification of forest land proposed is 112 Ha.
- The proposed area to an extent of 112 Ha for denotification of forest land area is identified in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block, Peddur Forest Beat, Peddur Section of Khanapur Forest Division.
- The proposed area is required for rehabilitation of Revenue Villages i.e., Maisampet & Rampur of Kadem Mandal situated in the Core area of Kawal Tier Reserve Nirmal Dist as part of voluntary

Tiger Reserve, Khanapur Block, as part of voluntary relocation of villages from core areas of Tiger reserve as per NTCA guidelines to create inviolate space for Wildlife in general and for Tiger in particular

- Map showing the area proposed for diversion overlaid with Geo coordinates recorded by using ETS & DGPS/DGNSS overlaid on a 1:50000 scale Topomap is enclosed.
- Cost of the project is estimated as Rs. 14.20 Crores.
- As there is no Revenue land available outside the Reserve Forest for relocation of the villages, considering it as a special case, the diversion of forest land is essentially required for the rehabilitation of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and other people who may have to be shifted from the core zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve. Hence the project is located in the Forest land located outside Kawal Tiger Reserve.
- The villagers of these two villages will be getting wage employment under MGNREGS and other Government Schemes and also as agriculture labours if they are relocated. There are several activities proposed in the site, as submitted in the detailed write-up estimated that about 20000 man-days may be generated in these activities. The Project does not involve displacement of people.
- Purpose wise break up is given as 107 ha for the allotment of land for cultivation and 5 Ha for the allotment of land for residential houses. Detailed layout plan is enclosed.
- Displacement of the people due to the project are, 142 Number of Families of Rampur and Maisampet villages. These 142 families belong to the Scheduled Tribe families.
- No clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required.
- The User agency furnished certificate stating that the proposed forest area for diversion is bare minimum and essentially required for the proposed project.
- The UA has submitted Copy of relocation plan, Certificate issued by the District Collector regarding non-availability of Non Forest land, List of villagers & their concern for Relocation, Voter list, Notification of Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary and Notification of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Land use of existing village & Map, Soil Testing report of proposed forest land, etc.,

II. Forest Divisional Officer, Khanapur Comments in Part-I and Inspection Reports.

- The proposed area to an extent of 112 Ha for denotification of forest land area is located in Compt. Nos. 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block.
- Density of vegetation is 0.1 to 0.3.

- Erosion of the forest area will be reduced because of field bunding for agricultural practices after handing over the area to the villagers subsequent to denotification of the forest land in question.
- As per the enumeration statement, (657) Nos. of trees are proposed to be felled in the area proposed for denotification of forest land. Statement showing the specieswise and diameter class-wise abstract of the,,trees to be felled in the area proposed is enclosed.
- The proposed site is located very close to the boundary of the forest.
- The proposed area is not falling in any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bio-sphere reserve, tiger reserve or Elephant corridor, Wild life migration corridor etc., but it is located at a distance of 800A m from the Kawal Tiger Reserve, within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve.
- There are no rare / endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for denotification.
- There is no any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments in the proposed site.
- The requirement of the land proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Project and there is no alternate site available.
- No violation of Forest (Conversation) Act, 1980 has been carried out by the User Agency.

Site Inspection Report of the Forest Divisional Officer, Khanpur as follows

- Inspected the site on 02.11.2017 and the proposed area for denotification of forest land for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal is located in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block located in the limits of Nachan Yellapur Grampanchayath, Kaddam Mandal, Nirmal District to an extent of 112 Ha.
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- There are no rare / endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for Denotification.
- There is no any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments in the proposed site.

Recommendations of the DFO, Khanapur in Part-II

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The Forest Divisional Officer, Khanapur has recommended the proposal in Part-II stating that the Relocation of the villages from the Core area of the Tiger Reserve is for creation of inviolate space for Wildlife especially for Tiger is essential and as no nonforest land is available, it is essentially required to de-notify the Forest land in question for rehabilitation of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and other people from the core zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve.

III. Recommendations of the CF & FDPT Kawal TR Nirmal in Part III and, inspection Report

- Inspected the site on 18.11.2017 and the proposed area for denotification of forest land for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal is located in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block Nirmal District to an extent of 112 Ha.
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- There are no rare / endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area proposed for denotification.
- There is no any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monuments in the proposed site.
- The proposed area is barest minimum for this project i.e., Rehabilitation of villages from core areas of Kawal Tiger Reserve. There are no other alternative except to de-notify this patch of RF for this purpose and it is recommended for denotification under F(C) Act, 1980.

The Conservator of Forests and Field Director Project Tiger, Kawal TR, Nirmal has also agreed with the remarks of the Forest Divisional Officer, Khanapur and has recommended the project in Part-III stating that this de-notification in RF is essential to rehabilitate the villagers so as to create in-violate areas for Tiger population in Kawal Tiger Reserve.

IV. Information on RoFR Certificate

The Chairperson, District level committee under FRA and District Collector, Nirmal District vide ref no. 584/2016/N4 , Dt.02.08.2018 has issued Certificate in Form II (for Non-linear projects) and certified that the process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been completed for the area 112 Ha of forest land situated in Compt. Nos 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block, Peddur Forest Beat, Peddur Section of Khanapur Forest Division proposed to be

diverted in favour of Conservator of Forests & FDPT, Kawal TR, Nirmal, Telangana State Forest Department for Relocation & Rehabilitation of Maisampet & Rampur villages of kaddam mandal in Nirmal district falls within jurisdiction of Nachenyellapur village of Kaddam Mandal of Nirmal District.

V. Information on NPV and Compensator Afforestation

As per the guidelines of GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division File No.5-3/2007-FC dt 08.09.2009, the ministry has exempted from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) to the relocation/ Rehabilitation of villages from National Parks/ Wildlife Sanctuaries /Tiger Reserve to alternate forest land.

As the proposed area is a part of voluntary relocation of villages from core areas of Tiger reserve, and as per NTCA guidelines it is to create inviolate space for Wildlife in general and for Tiger in particular.

The proposal for Compensatory Afforestation has not been made in view of the fact that the land which will be transferred to the forest department after rehabilitation of the villages will be maintained as grassland in perpetuity and this area will be constituted in to Reserved Forests under section-15 of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967.

VI. The proposal has been uploade by UA .in the ministry s website and a unique number generated for this proposal No. FP/TG/REHAB/35492/& lsquo 2018.

VII. As the area is falling in proposed Ecosensitive Zone of Kawal Tiger Reserve, proposals under Wildlife(Protection)Act, 1972 are being submitted separately for obtaining necessary clearance under Wildllife(Protection)Act,, 1972.

VIII. In view of the above, the statutory proposals along wioth necessary enclousers with due recommendations of undersigned in Part-IV are submitted herwith in triplicate for forwarding after recommendation in Part-V to the GoI, MoEF& CC New Delhi for issual of necessary clearance.

30. Forwording Letter for State Government

Ref From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Ref No. 8183/2018/FCA-3/PS (i), dt 04.09.2018.

I am enclosed to ensure a copy of the reference cited along with statutory proposal submitted by the principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad for Denotification of 112 ha of forest land U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Relocation of Villagers Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal.

2. I am to request to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for the proposal in Para-I above, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, at the earliest.

Brief detail of SIR by RO

The proposed forest land being diverted has been inspected by Dr. MRG Reddy, APCCF (Central), Regional office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai. Additional information furnished in the inspection report submitted by the Regional office (South Eastern Zone), Chennai vide their letter dated 04.02.2019 (Pg. 236-244/c) are as under

1. Introduction

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, vide his letter Ref. No.8133/2018/FCA-3/PS (i) dated 04.09.2018, has submitted the statutory proposal for De-notification of 112 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for relocation of Maisampet and Rampur villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal to outlying Reserve Forest areas to the Special Chief Secretary, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Govt. of Telangana with the request to submit the same to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi for issue of necessary clearance. The State Government of Telangana, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (FOR.I) Department, vide its letter No.3781/For.I (1)/2018 dated 05.10.2018, has recommended and forwarded the statutory proforma proposal on the subject under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi with the request to obtain and communicate the approval of the Government of India, MoEF & CC for the proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

The Forest Divisional Officer, Khanapur, Conservator of Forests & Field Director of Project Tiger, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal, PCCF (HoFF), Telangana and the Government of Telangana, have recommended the proposal.

2. Location of the forest land proposed for diversion

The forest land to the extent of 112.0 ha. proposed to be denotified is located in Compartment Nos. 842 & 851 of Khanapur Forest Block, Peddur Forest Beat, Peddur Section of Khanapur Forest Division, Telangana State and is located adjacent to the existing villages of Lachachan yellapur and Peddur.

3. Need for the project proposal

The denotification of 112.0 ha. in the above area is required for rehabilitation of revenue villages of Maisampet and Rampur of Kadem Mandal situated in the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve as enclosures, as part of voluntary relocation of villages from the core areas of Tiger Reserve, as per NTCA guidelines to create inviolate space for Wildlife in general and for Tigers in particular.

4. Salient features of the project proposal

To ensure proper habitat for the Indian Tiger in the Kawal Tiger Reserve relocation of existing revenue

To ensure proper habitat for the Indian Tiger in the Kawal Tiger Reserve, relocation of existing revenue villages which are actually enclosures in the deep protected forest areas, viz & ndash Maisampet (Dharmajipet) and Rampur villages is proposed by the State Government. Consequent upon the relocation to the periphery forest areas, 108.53 acres of Revenue land of these villages could be available for grazing of herbivores in the protected area. An extent of 112 ha of Forest Land (RF) has been identified in compt. Nos 842 & 851, Khanapur forest block for extending infrastructure facilities along with necessary financial and social benefits for the villagers. Since rehabilitation is proposed to be done in the notified Forest Block, prior sanction to denotify this forest land is required.

5. Cost of the project

The cost of the project is Rs.14.20 crore and the State Government has submitted detailed action plan to that extent

6. Flora and fauna

The density of the forest area to be rehabilitated is around 0.1 to 0.3 and forest type is & ldquo tropical dry deciduous miscellaneous forest& rdquo . The species include *Tectona grandis*, *Terminalia alata*, *Lagerstroemia parviflora*, *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Diospyros melanoxylon*, *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Chloroxylon swietenia*, *Lannea coromandelica* and *Madhuca longifolia* etc. About 657 trees are proposed to be felled whose enumerated list was forwarded by the department. Since this area is retrieved from an earlier encroachment, there were traces of agriculture carried out earlier.

7. Remarks and Recommendations of Additional PCCF (Central)

In view of the importance of the project, as stated above, a beginning is made by the State Government to relocate first two villages (out of 36 inside villages) on voluntary basis as per the guidelines of NTCA. The undersigned along with the District Collector, NIRMAL and APCCF(FC), Government of Telangana has interacted with the villagers of these villages and found that they are very enthusiastic to come out of the core area. They explained the difficulties of living deep in core area. The majority of the population in Maisampet village are Scheduled tribe and belong to & ldquo GONDS& rdquo and in the village Rampur, they are also Scheduled tribe and belong to & ldquo NAIKPOD& rdquo community. On interaction they revealed that they were settled in these areas around 60 years back and raise cotton, paddy and maize etc. in these lands. They are facing problems in education, health and in road access. Out of the two options provided by the of NTCA, certain farmers choosen option & ndash I and others option & ndash II in getting financial assistance. The Forest Department has carried out enough ground work in taking these villagers to Tadoba National Park in Maharashtra and Satpura in Madhya Pradesh to sensitise them to realize the importance of rehabilitation in outer areas.+

The proposed rehabilitation area is 800 meters from the Kawal Tiger Reserve, but well within the eco-sensitive zone of the reserve. But situated adjacent to the existing established villages such as Lachachan yellapur.

In view of the advantages that to be accrued to the tiger habitat and also to the villagers in the long run the proposal is recommended as per the existing guidelines in force.

Comments of Additional Information By :

i. TO Remarks

The instant case is related to denotification of 112 ha of forest land. The Central Government is not competent to denotify any forest land as per Supreme Court Order. In view of this it is proposed that the State Government should approach to the Hon ble Supreme court in this matter.

In view of the above, It is proposed that the proposal along with SIR done by Regional Office Chennai may be placed before the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its forthcoming meeting scheduled to be held on 21st February, 2019 for its examination and appropriate recommendations.

