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To,

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Forest Conservation Division
Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change,
4th Floor, Agni Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jorbagh, Aliganj, New Delhi

(Kind Attention: Shri. Nisheeth Saxena)

Sub.: Site inspection report by the Regional Office Lucknow of the proposal involving diversion of 100 ha. of forest land in favour of DCF, Mukundra National Park Kota for village relocation of Munkundra Hills National Park in Kota District in State of Rajasthan- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Rajasthan's letter no. P1(49) Van/2017, Dated-12-09-2017 on the above subject and the Forest Conservation Division of the MOEF&CC, New Delhi's letter no. 861/2017-FC, Dt. 10.11.2017 requesting the Regional Office of the MOEF&CC at Lucknow to carry out a site inspection of the area proposed for diversion and to say that site inspection of the area proposed for diversion has been carried out by the undersigned on 16.11.2017.

An inspection report containing the observation of the undersigned is enclosed herewith for further necessary action in the matter.

Encl: As above

Your's faithfully

(Signature) 15-12-2017

(K. K. Tiwary)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Site inspection report for Diversion of 100 ha. of forest land in favour of DCF, Mukundra National Park Kota for relocation of Villages under Mukundra National Park in Kota District of Rajasthan

REFERENCE: State Government of Rajasthan letter no. P1(49)van/2017 dated 12.09.2017 & MoEF&CC letter no.F.No.8-61/2017-FC ,Dated- 10.11.2017

Date of Inspection: 16.11.2017

Name and Designation of Inspecting officer: K.K.Tiwary, CF(Central)

The site inspection of the proposal was carried out by the undersigned in presence of following officers-

Name	Designation	Place
Sri G.P.Sharma	CCF& Field Director,MHTR	Kota
Sri A.K.Kapoor	RCCF	Kota
Sri S.R.Yadav	DCF(Wild Life),Mukundra NP	Kota

Others officers/Field staff of the Forest Department were also present. The report of the site inspection in prescribed Performa is as follows:

1. **Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion.** Protected Forest--Lakhava B Forest area under Kota Forest Division. The area is in urban limits of kota city and lies in the close vicinity of Industrial area at Kota.

2. **Item wise break up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:**

Agriculture	-	64 ha.
Social Facility	-	8 ha.
Residential	-	22 ha.
Approved Road	-	6 ha.
Total		100 ha.

3. **Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof.**

Construction of residential building is proposed for rehabilitation of displaced villagers.

4. **Total cost of project at present rates.** 7320 Lacs



5. **Wild- Life (Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.)** Presence of only few reptiles is reported.

6. **Vegetation:** Eco- Class- III with almost 0 density .

Area is devoid of trees with sparse growth of shrubs of *Cassia tora*, *Prosopis juliflora*, *Dichrostachys cineria*, *Zizyphus* species etc. There is very little soil cover over the rocky bottom and at many places rocks are exposed.



(View of the proposed Forest land to be diverted)

Total number of trees to be felled.- NIL

Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area. Not applicable

Important species: NIL

Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm. NIL

Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm. NIL

7. **Background note on proposal.**

Under the WildLife Protection Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, Provisions have been laid down for voluntary relocation of villagers/dwellers residing inside core or critical tiger habitat areas, for the purpose of creating inviolate areas for tiger conservation. In Mukundra hills area 16 villages are situated inside core area of Tiger Reserve (MHTR). Phasewise relocation of villagers is proposed

8 .Compensatory afforestation: Not applicable

9. Whether proposal involves violation or Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials.

NO

10. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not.

Yes proposal for rehabilitation of villagers has been prepared on the basis of Rehabilitation Package sanctioned by the state government vide its order no. F.11(2)Forest/99 dated 08.08.2001.

11. Reclamation Plan:

The land proposed for rehabilitation of villagers being displaced from Core area of Tiger reserve is reported to be identified after many joint visits of the site with villagers and detailed discussion with district officials. The villagers have given their consent for relocation and have accepted two package options for rehabilitation being provided by the State government .A Standing Committee under chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner and Rehabilitation Committee constituted under chairmanship of District Collector shall ensure the implementation of the relocation plan as per the approved guidelines of State government and WPA, 1972.An ECO-development Committee is also Proposed to assist and participate in the relocation activities.

12. Details on catchment and command area under the project. NA

13. Cost benefit ratio:

Not calculated. Described as a Tiger /wild life conservation measure, Cost- Benefit has not been quantified.

14.Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/ State Government.

Recommended by the Nodal Officer, FC Act & by the State Govt.



15. Utility of the project.

After relocation of all 16 villages from the critical / Tiger habitat (CTH) area about 1268 ha. of land (601 ha in case of relocation of two villages namely Girdhapura and Damodarpura) would be rendered for Tiger/wild life conservation purpose. The area so vacated shall develop into forest in continuity to the CTH which shall facilitate Tiger reintroduction. The Villagers relocated under the project shall also be benefited by Rehabilitation Packages proposed under the Scheme.

16. Numbers of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes to be benefited by the project. About 800

17. Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value. NO



(A stone wall demarcating land put to agriculture use for raising crops)

(Signature)

Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion.

No

Whether the land under diversion forms part of any unique eco-system. No



Pathway Passing through the Proposed Land

18. Situation W.R.T. any P.A.


The proposed area is not located within 10 kms of any protected area

19. Any other information relating to the project:

The proposed site for relocation of villagers is in close proximity to industrial area of Ranpur where villagers may get regular employment for livelihood. The site is also well connected to nearby township of Kota. Due to refractory nature of the relocation site, scope of raising agriculture crops is limited, however allied activities such as animal rearing, dairy farming etc may be taken up by the villagers.

20. Recommendations –

- (1) The rehabilitation of the villagers in new surrounding is a major challenge for the Forest department and district administration A very strong institutional arrangement is needed to accomplish the task within a given timeframe. An effective grievance redressal mechanism must also be in place.
- (2) The vacant areas of Relocation site and the adjoining forest areas may be planted by indigenous species with the involvement of local ECO Development Committees to meet the demands of fuel and fodder of the relocated villagers.

 15-12-2017

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