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To

The Additional Director General of Forests (FC),
 Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
 Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110 003.

Subject:- 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 - Site Inspection Report - regarding.

Reference: - MoEF & CC (FC Division) letter F.No.8-66/2018-FC dated 19.11.2018.

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Sir,

The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division) vide letter cited above has requested this office to carry site inspection in the 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 and submit the report to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.

The site inspection of the proposed land for diversion has been carried out by the undersigned on 07.01.2019, along with the officials of the Telangana Forest Department and the District Collector, and based on the site inspection and available records/documents / information and Working Plan, a report is submitted as below:-

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,

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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 villages which are actually enclosures in the deep protected forest areas, viz - 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.

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6. Flora and fauna

The density of the forest area to be rehabilitated is around 0.1 to 0.3 and forest type is "tropical dry deciduous miscellaneous forest". 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)

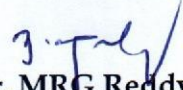
In view of the importance of the project, as stated above, a beginning is made by the State Government to relocate first two villages (out of 36 inside villages) on voluntary basis as per the guidelines of NTCA. The undersigned along with the District Collector, NIRMAL and APCCF(FC), Government of Telangana 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 "GONDS" and in the village Rampur, they are also Scheduled tribe and belong to "NAIKPOD" 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 - I and others option - 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Encl: Site Inspection Photographs.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. MRG Reddy)
Additional PCCF (Central)

Kawal Tiger Reserve Inspection



Inspection of 112 Ha Forest land in Compt No. 851, Khanapur Forest Block, Kaddam Range by Sri MRG Reddy, IFS, Addl. PCCF which is proposed for denotification in connection with Relocation of villages.



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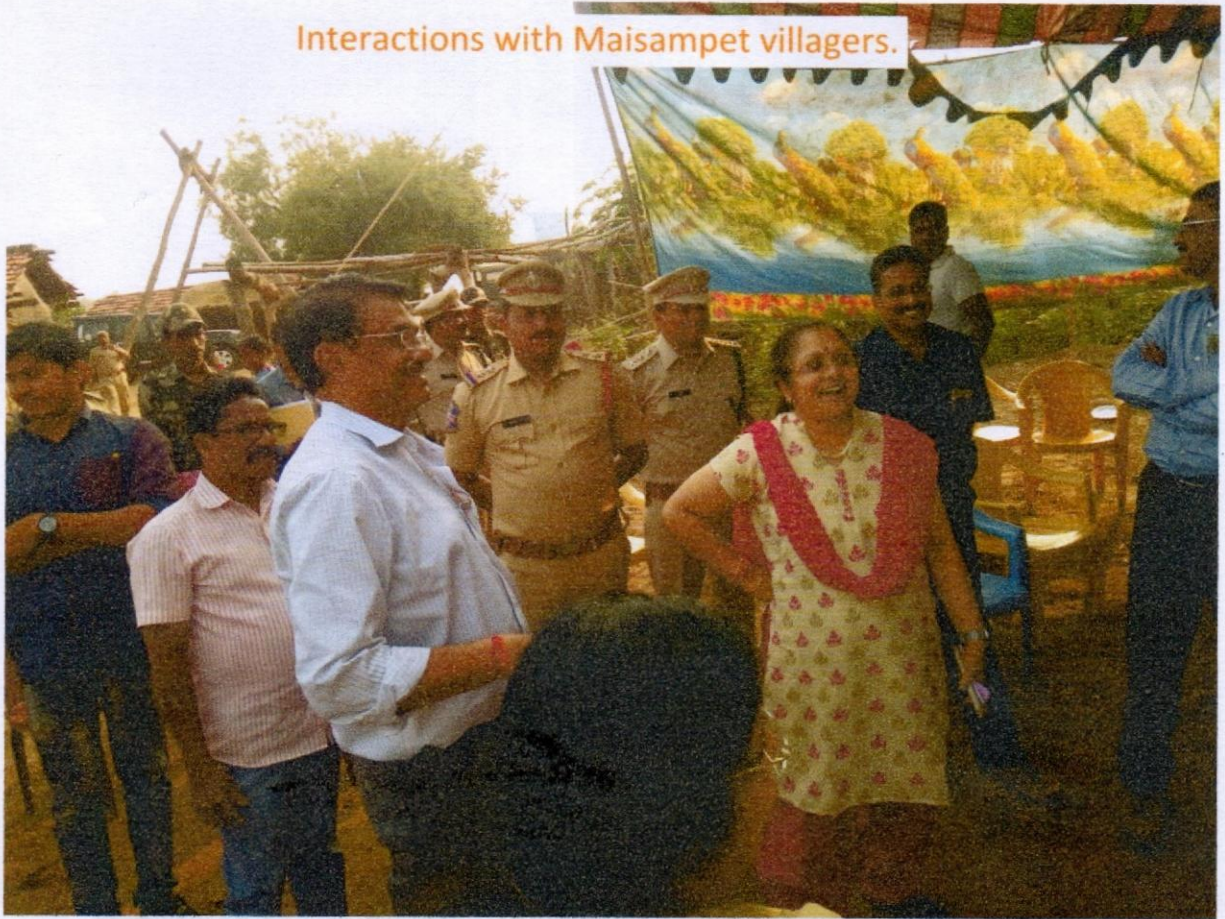


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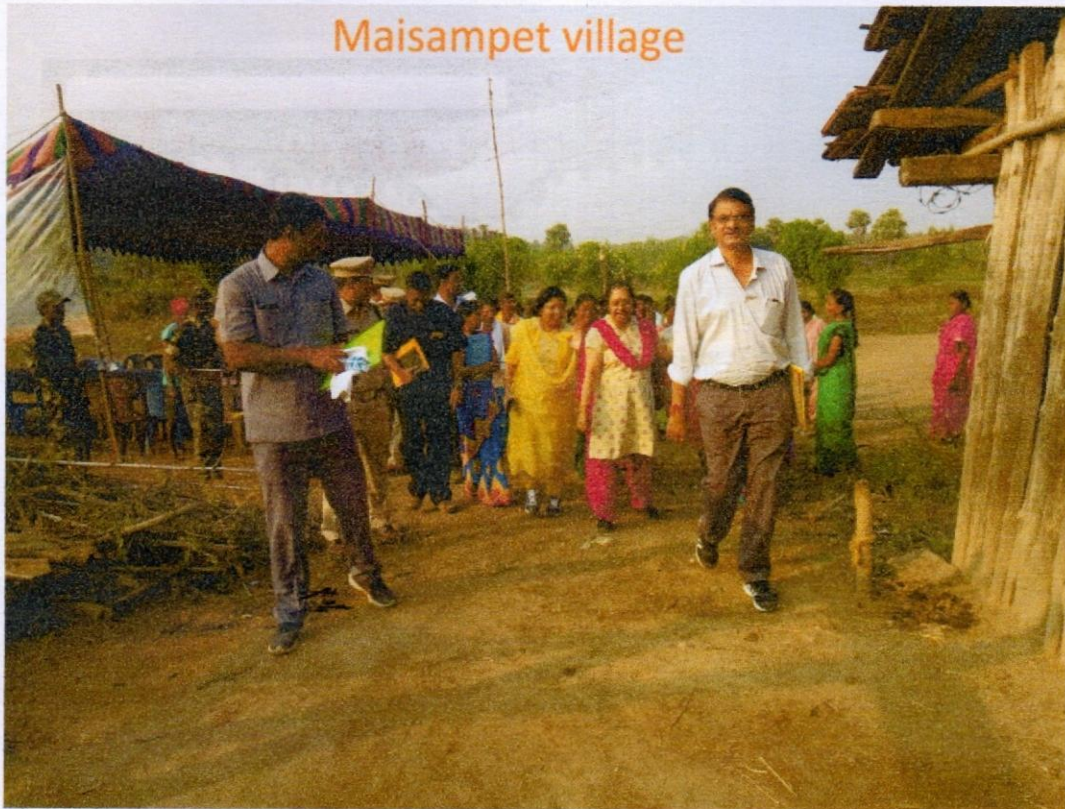


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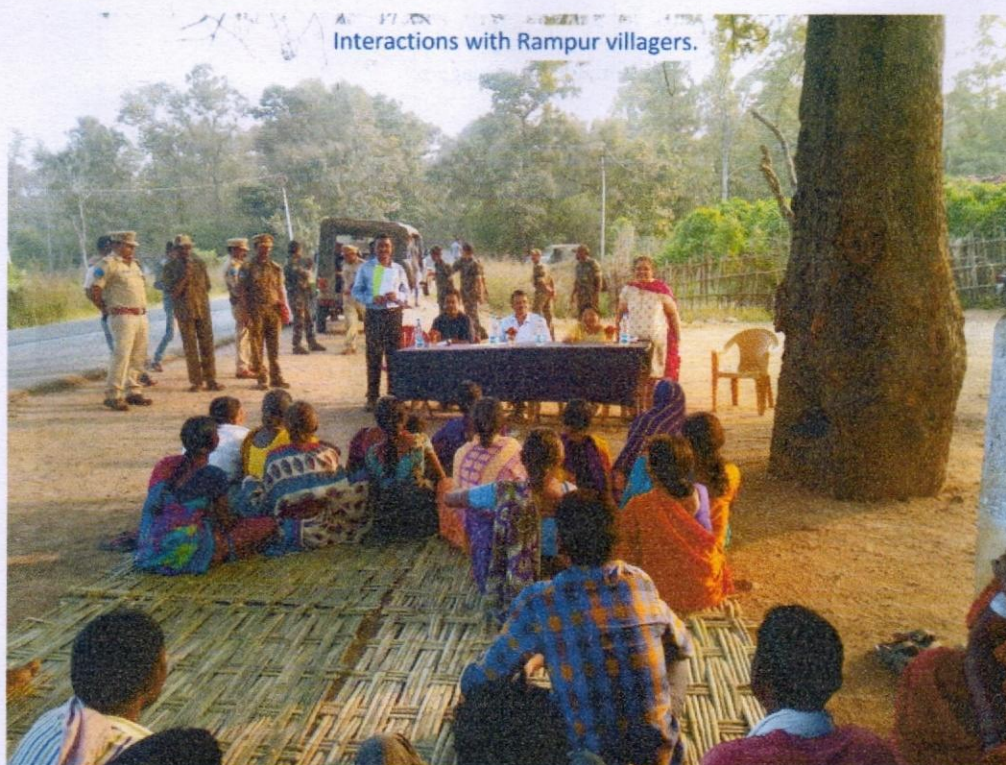
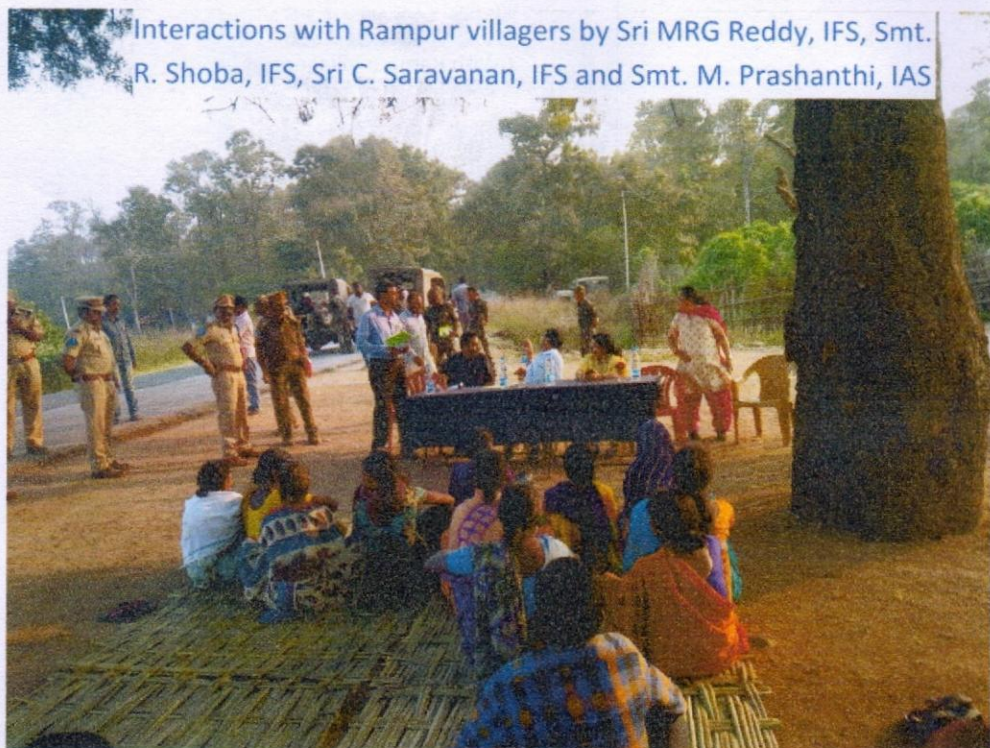
Interactions with Maisampet villagers.



Maisampet village



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