

F. No. 8- 17/2017-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 29th June, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

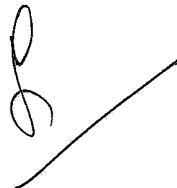
Sub: Diversion of 150.00 ha. Protected Forest land at Survey No. PF-141&142 for relocation/rehabilitation of village-Sakai Tola-II (Forest Village) from Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/798/2016/10-11/314 dated 31.01.2017 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, *in-principle/ Stage-I* approval of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 150.00 ha. Protected Forest land at Survey No. PF-141&142 for relocation/rehabilitation of village-Sakai Tola-II (Forest Village) from Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad to PF 141&142 of Itarsi Range of Hoshagabad Forest Division, Madhya Pradesh subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act.
- (iii) The forest land vacated by the villagers inside the Satpura Tiger Reserve shall be afforested/developed as per the prescriptions of the management plan of the Tiger Reserve.



- (iv) 100% enumeration of the existing tree growth in the proposed site be carried out and all fully grown trees like Tamarind, Neem etc. which are part and parcel of the daily life of villagers are retained.
- (v) State Forest Department at appropriate level shall be made part of the body responsible for preparing detailed layout plan of the village so as to ensure that as far as possible naturally growing trees are retained along the roads, in the school, other government /public utility complexes, around the boundaries of the village, as natural groves.
- (vi) Connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the metal road should be worked out in advance..
- (vii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (viii) Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (ix) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- (x) The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and backward bearings and distance from adjoining pillars etc.
- (xi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal and under no circumstance be transferred to any other agency, department or person.
- (xii) Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiii) State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in it's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009, read with letter dated 5.7.2013, in support thereof;
- (xiv) The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

- (xv) Any other condition that the Regional Office, Bhopal of this Ministry and State Govt. may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xvi) The State Government shall ensure compliance on the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File.



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