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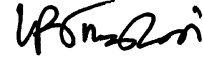
(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The Proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
No.FLD-2019/CR-291/F-10
Dated: 04.11.2019

Place: Mumbai

Date: 04.11.2019



**(Virendra Tiwari)
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No.FLD-2019/C.R.291/F-10
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Date: 04.11.2019

To,

The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
New Delhi.

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Sir,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State has submitted the proposal for diversion of 374.75 ha. of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for rehabilitation of Rantalodhi Village of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in compartment No.14-B, District, Chandrapur of the State of Maharashtra. The details of the forest land proposed for diversion are as under:-

| Sr. No. | Item of Work | Village | District | Compt. No. | Area (in ha.) | Legal Status |
|-------------------------|--|---------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Cultivation land 145 beneficiary 2.00 ha each | - | Chandrapur | 14-B | 290.00 | Reserved Forest |
| 2 | Access for each farm land L.S | | | | 10.00 | |
| 3 | <u>Gaothan, Road</u> (i) Plot to each beneficiary 145x0.0385=5.59 ha (ii) Approach road & internal road 2.41 ha (iii) School, Playground, PHC, Bus Stand etc L.S.8.00 ha (iv) Future expansion of village 4.00 ha | | | | 20.00 | |
| 4 | Pasture land | | | | 19.75 | |
| 5 | Village tank (civic amenities as per old village) | | | | 35.00 | |
| Total Forest land (ha.) | | | | | 374.75 | |

2.0 The Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) area is surrounded by Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur. The Geographical area of TATR is 625.40 sq. km. and is spread over 4 Tahsils viz. Bhadrawati, Chimur, Sindewahi and Chandrapur. The TATR is rich in biodiversity with tiger as its flagship species. There are six villages in TATR namely Botezari, Kolsa, Palasgaon (Singru), Jamni, Navegaon (Ramdegi) and Rantalodhi which needed rehabilitation in order to provide inviolate space to tiger and other important species. Therefore, the State Government decided to rehabilitate all these villages outside TATR.

2.1 Accordingly, Botezari, Jamni, Navegaon, (Ramdegi), Kolsa (Part) villages have been already rehabilitated and shifted outside TATR in accordance with the approvals granted by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from time to time. Presently, the rehabilitation work of village Palasgaon (Singru) is presently going on in Comptt No. 11 of Warora Range of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur in accordance with the approval granted by the Central Government vide letters dt.8/12/2016 and 21/8/2016.

2.2 Previously, the people of Rantalodhi had selected the Comptt. No. 186 of Bramhapuri Forest Division, Bramhapuri near village Golabhuj for their rehabilitation. Accordingly, the Central Government vide letter F. No. 8-40/2001-FC dated 16/01/2002 had conveyed approval to the said proposal for diversion of 180 ha forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Thereafter, the people of Rantalodhi categorically denied for rehabilitation of their village Rantalodhi in Comptt. No. 186 of Bramhapuri Forest Division, Bramhapuri as there was no source of water and the area was found not suitable for establishing/constructing artificial tank for Irrigation/Cultivation.

2.3 Subsequently, the people of Rantalodhi have now selected the Comptt. No. 13 & 14-B in Warora Range of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur and also submitted the resolution passed by the Gram Sabha stating that they are ready and expressed their willingness to rehabilitation in the said Comptt. No. 14B in Warora Range of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur.

2.4 The people of village, Rantalodhi to be Resettled are as per the following details:-

| Sr. No | Particulars | Detail |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Number of family | 244 |
| 2 | Number of persons | 475 |
| 3 | Number of land holder families | 45 |
| 4 | Number of landless families | 199 |
| 5 | Number of Tribal families | 241 |
| 6 | Number of non-tribal families | 3 |
| 7 | Number of cattle | 325 |
| 8 | Agriculture land in ha. | 40.46 ha. |

| | | |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| 9 | Land under cattle stand roads, nallahs etc. | 12.25 ha. |
| 10 | Number of Reserve Forest compartments under heavy biotic pressures. | 7 Comptt. |
| 11 | Approx area of above compartments under heavy biotic pressure | 2800.00 ha. |
| 12 | Facilities available | |
| a | Primary School | Available |
| b | Drinking water well | 2 |
| c | Bore well | 2 |
| d | Dispensary | Nil |
| e | Samaj Mandir | Nil |
| f | Cremation Ground | Available |
| g | Anganwadi | Yes |
| h | Electricity supply | Available |

2.5 Information about option chosen by Agricultures/ Landless of Rntalodhi Village in TATR-

| Agricultural Families | | | | | | | Landless Families | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Families | Option-I Families | Option-II Families | Families given Option Total (2+3) | Beneficiaries above 18 years. | | | Option-I Families | Option-II Families | Total Families (8+9) | Beneficiaries above 18 years. | | |
| | | | | Option-I Beneficiaries | Option-II Beneficiaries | Total Beneficiaries (5+6) | | | | Option-I Beneficiaries | Option-II Beneficiaries | Total Beneficiaries (11+12) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 45 | 19 | 26 | 45 | 24 | 51 | 75 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 26 | 28 | 54 |

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| Total family under option-I (Col No.2,5,8,11) | Total family under option-II (Col No.3,6,9,12) | Total no of family |
|--|---|--------------------|
| 99 | 145 | 244 |

2.6 The objective behind assigning an area with the status of National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary is to ensure biotic interference-free area, wherein wild animals are not deprived of their habitat. Habitat is fully protected against exploitation, destruction, depriving wild animals of its habitat etc. (Wildlife Protection) Act, 1972 section 35(5)(6)]. In the area notified as Wildlife Sanctuary, people are to be prohibited from exploitation/removal of any wildlife of

destruction/damage of habitat of wild animals or depriving any wild animal of its habitat (Section 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act).

2.7 As per the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority of India (NTCA), the core areas of tiger reserve are to be kept inviolate. Consistent with this policy, rehabilitation of Rantalodhi village as per their choice in Compartment No. 14-B of Warora range would prove beneficial for tiger conservation in Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve landscape.

2.8 The Ministry of Environment and Forests vide letter dt.20/5/2019 has issued certain directions with respect to the relocation of the villages from National Park/Sanctuaries, subject to certain conditions mentioned therein. In this regard the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State has offered his comments vide his letter dt.28/6/2019 with specific comments with respect to each conditions. The same is enclosed in the proposal.

2.9 The site inspection report of Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur and DFO, Chandrapur are enclosed in the proposal.

3.0 **The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur has certified that:-**

3.1 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density 0.3.

3.2 no alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is the barest minimum.

3.3 the project involves felling of total 3716 number of trees for implementation of the project.
The Girth class wise abstract is as given below:-

| Cm | | | | | |
|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|-------|
| 31/60 | 61/90 | 91/120 | 121/150 | Above 150 | Total |
| 1771 | 1559 | 301 | 56 | 29 | 3716 |

3.4 the proposed project is within 21.347 km zone from the boundary of the Protected Area.

3.5 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

3.6 the proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary.

3.7 the proposed project is not likely to affect monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.

3.8 the proposed area has been demarcated on the spot by fixing boundary stone around the area.

3.9 the non forest land is not covered under the proposal proposed for diversion.

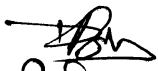
4.0 the proposed project does not harbor any important fauna or flora and will not affect the wildlife in any manner.

4.1 As per the Government of India, New Delhi's letter No.8-34/2017-FC, dt.20/5/2019 there is exemption from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) and cost of compensatory afforestation in all such cases of voluntary relocation/rehabilitation of families from the protected areas undertaken within the forest land.


5.0 **The user agency has submitted the certificates of Collector, Chandrapur certifying that:-**

- 5.1 it has been tried and no suitable non forest land is available for the purpose issued vide letter No.Karya-4/RB-II/11/2019, dt.8/2/2019.
- 5.3 the process under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 has been carried out issued vide letter No. Karya-4/RB-II/10/2019, dt.8/2/2019 as per Government of India in prescribed format vide letter dt.5/7/2013 in (Form- II).
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State has recommended the proposal for diversion of 374.75 ha. of forest land.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
8. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-forestry use on the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur. The matter may kindly be placed before Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,


(Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)
8-99-2092

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(Virendra Tiwari) 4/11/2019
Additional Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Area Statement
4. Index map of suitable scale
5. Brief note of the project from the project authority
6. Site Inspection Report
7. Certificate that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
8. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

- 1) Principal Secretary (Tribal), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya,

- Mumbai.
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer.
Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
 - 3) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur.
 - 4) Collector, Chandrapur.
 - 5) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur.
 - 6) Select File F-10.