

F. No. 8-66/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad

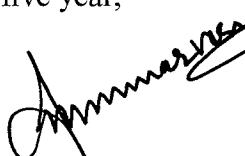
Sub: Proposal for De-notification of 112 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal, Telangana-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Telangana's letter No. 3781/For.I(1)/2018 dated 05.10.2018 for seeking prior approval under Section – 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for De-notification of 112 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal, Telangana. The above proposal of State Govt. has been placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 21.02.2019.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Odisha and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, approval of competent authority is hereby granted for De-notification of 112 ha. of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Relocation of villages Maisampet and Rampur Villages from the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve, Nirmal, Telangana subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall be changed to revenue land.
- (ii) No CA and NPV will be charged.**
- (iii) The Forest department shall take possession of the vacated land and put to appropriate management;**
- (iv) The State Government shall ensure that the process of settlement of rights has been completed in accordance with provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006;
- (v) The State Govt. and the user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (vi) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act;
- (vii) Regional Office, Chennai will examine within a year that relocation had taken place as proposed by the State Government. In case it is observed that the villagers had backtracked, the permission will be revoked. Regional Office, Chennai will carry out its inspection annually upto first five year;



- (viii) 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;
- (ix) The State Govt. has to ensure that the 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;
- (x) The State Govt. has to ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (xi) Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan / NTCA guideline / CWLW.
- (xii) No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project.
- (xiii) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (xiv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (xv) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- (xvi) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- (xvii) Any other condition that the concern Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forest

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Chennai.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. The User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


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