

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

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New Delhi – 110003.
Dated: 6th September, 2017.

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

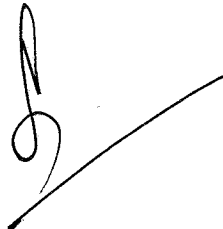
Sub: Diversion of 150.00 hectares forest land for relocation of Village Sonkai Tolla II from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve to PF-141, 142 of Itarsi Range of Hoshangabad Forest Division, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh under FC Act – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) –cum-Nodal Officer (FCA) 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/798/2016/10-11/314 dated 31.01.2017 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal and recommendations made by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 29.06.2017, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management – cum - Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh vide letter No. No. F-5/798/2016/10-11/2204 dated 29.07.2017, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 150.00 hectares forest land for relocation of Village Retibanadar from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall be revenue land.
- (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) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (iv) 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.



- (v) 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.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (ix) The land vacated in the Bori Wildlife Sanctuary due to relocation of the village shall be developed/afforested as per the approved Tiger Conservation Plan;
- (x) User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/ home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xi) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area; and
- (xii) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. Nodal Officer, Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)