

**SITE INSPECTION NOTE OF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST,
MEDININAGAR TERRITORIAL CIRCLE, MEDININAGAR.**

Proposed site for forest land diversion at Lai-Pailapathal notified forest was visited by undersigned with Dy. Director, South Division, Palamau Tiger Reserve on 01 Oct, 2021.


Lai-Pailapathal notified forest is lies midway along main road connecting Latehar district headquarter and Block headquarter, Garu. A rivulet, named Chaupat, flows through Lai and Pailapathal notified forest which makes it suitable for resettlement of villages. The selected forest harbors wild animals which are commonly sighted in other forests of division, such as Jackal, Fox etc. DFO, Latehar has clarified in his site inspection report that large mammal like elephant is not present in area predominantly, as it was sighted in this forest many years ago. Elephants and other wild animals are not sighted due to degradation in quality of forest. Lai-Pailapathal notified forest is heavily burdened with population residing in and around villages viz. Lai, Pailapathal, Alagdiha, Ghasitola, Sarju, Chanchu, Chorha, Ghasigarha and Gotag. Canopy density of the forest is 0.45 to 0.55. More than 60% of trees standing in the applied area falls in 0-30 cm girth class diameter which shows that even though canopy density is more than 0.4, it is basically a degraded forest. DFO, Latehar has mentioned that the area suffers from soil erosion problem.

It has taken more that 6 months to identify and choose a suitable resettlement site for villages lying in Critical Tiger Habitat of Palamau Tiger Reserve. DC, Latehar and DC, Palamu has expressed about non-availability of non-forest land suitable for resettlement. Also it was not possible to find a large tract of Raiyati land, which could accommodate whole village at same place, as demanded by villagers who are getting resettled. Hence, as a last resort, forest land was chosen for resettlement. To identify and choose a suitable land for resettlement, a team of 15 members of villagers including forest staff was made, who constantly searched for about 6 months in Latehar and Palamu district for ideal site for resettlement purpose. After thorough search and consideration of available sites, Lai-Pailapathal notified forest was found to be most suitable for resettlement and acceptable by villagers to be resettled.

The site is located at a distance of 15 km only from Latehar district headquarter. A block headquarter is under construction at a distance of only 2 km from site applied for diversion. Railway station is located at a distance of 10 km form applied site. Due to presence of Chaupat river, which flows for 8-10 months in a year, people resettling on both banks will not face any problem of scarcity of water for irrigation. Resettling villages at Lai-Pailapathal from deep inside thick, inaccessible forests, where there is no mettled road, no electricity, no means of communication would provide ample opportunity for development of future generation. Resettlement of villages from CTH of Palamau Tiger Reserve would make available around 335 Ha of land which would be used as meadow. Apart from this, an area more than 250 sq. Km(25000 Hectares) will be free from human disturbance, which would be available for breeding and protection of tigers, which would make it possible to recover the tiger population in Palamau Tiger Reserve.

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PART-III
(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

SI. No.	Project Details	Particulars
1.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forest (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	Yes. The site at Lai-Pailapathal Notified Forest was inspected on 01.10.2021. Observations made during the inspection is enclosed in form of inspection note.
2.	Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agrees with the information given in part II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests	Yes.
3.	Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	Recommended in the interest of P.T.R. as per the provisions of Forest Conservation Act/Rules.
	Signature:- Name:- Official Seal:- Date:- Place:-	 (Kumar Ashish) I.F.S KUMAR ASHISH I.F.S. Conservator of Forests Territorial Circle, Medininagar 01.10.2021 Medininagar.

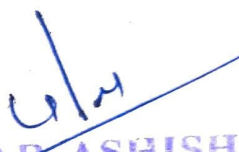
Review of Forest land diversion proposal of 166 ha. at Lai-Pailapathal Notified Forest for resettlement of Kujrum, Latu and other villages from Palamau Tiger Reserve in light of guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India vide letter no.- F-No- 8-34/2017-FC dated 20-05.2019

Sl. No.	Conditions	Compliance
a	Resettlement/ relocation within the boundaries of the notified forest land be considered only if suitable non-forest land is not available within the vicinity of the protected area from where the relocation is proposed	Resettlement site has been chosen in Lai-Pailapathal notified Forest as there was no non-forest land available for resettlement of village. A certificate to such extent issued by DC, Palamu and DC, Latehar has been annexed with hard copy of proposal as Annexure no XII.
b	The District Collector shall furnish to the NTCA a certificate of non-availability of land suitable for relocation of the villages located within the Protected Area and Tiger Reserves before any proposal of relocation within forest is approved.	Annexed as Annexure-XII with hard copy of Forest land diversion proposal.
c	The land identified for relocation/ rehabilitation should not result in fragmentation of the forest/ wildlife habitat.	The land identified for relocation is at fringe of Lai-Pailapathal Notified forest. Hence, it does not result in any fragmentation of forest/ wildlife habitat.
d	The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat.	The relocation activity is being undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve.
e	The relocation shall be undertaken only along the fringes of the forest such that all facilities to the resettled families can be provided without recourse to further diversion of forest land for providing infrastructure.	The land identified for relocation is at fringe of Lai-Pailapathal Notified forest. Hence, it would not require any further diversion of forest land for providing infrastructure. The resettlement site is located along Latehar-Sarju-Garu road.
f	The land/ villages within the forest which have been vacated shall be brought under the protected area network through enabling notification under the Wildlife Protection Act after extinguishing all the existing rights over the vacated land.	The villages to be relocated out of protected area are forest villages settled inside Reserve Forest of Baresanr. The land where these villages are currently settled is already notified as Core Area/ Critical Tiger Habitat under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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g	The extent of land de-reserved/ de-notified for resettlement shall not be more than extent vacated by the settlers in the core area.	The extent of land de-reserved /de-notified for resettlement is less than the area to be vacated after resettlement. Currently a total of 331.67 Hectares of Core area/ Critical Tiger Habitat is under human disturbance at Kujrum and Latu forest villages, whereas, only 299.64 Hectares of forest land is proposed for diversion for resettlement of these villages. A certificate stating extent of forest land granted as Van Patta in Kujrum and Latu villages issued by District Welfare Officer, Latehar has been annexed as Annexure-XIV.
h	The payment of NPV and cost of CA may be exempted in all such cases of voluntary relocation/ rehabilitation of families from the protected areas undertaken within the forest land.	NPV/ Cost of CA has been exempted in instant proposal.


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Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees to be felled

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Acacia Catechu	Khair	3	0	0	0	0	0
2	Adena Cardifolia	Karam	38	8	3	0	0	0
3	Others	Dhaura	96	49	14	3	0	0
4	Bombax Ceiba	Semal	0	0	0	11	0	3
5	Boswellia Serrata	Salai	3	11	0	11	11	0
6	Others	Piyar	814	351	187	55	8	0
7	Butea Monosperma	Palash	81	93	17	14	11	6
8	Cassia Fistula	Amaltas	3	3	0	0	0	0
9	Others	Bharhul	0	3	0	0	0	0
10	Diasporus Melanoxylon	Kendu	348	35	0	0	0	0
11	Emblica Officianalis	Amla	35	11	0	0	0	0
12	Eucalyptus	Eeglyptus	3	0	3	0	0	0
13	Others	Janiti	128	43	79	11	6	0
14	Ficus Bengalensis	Bargad	0	0	8	3	17	0
15	Ficus Religiosa	Pipal	0	0	0	0	0	3
16	Gmelin Arborea	Ganhar	0	3	0	0	0	0
17	Others	Koreya	325	8	0	0	0	0
18	Lagerstroemia Parviflora	Sidha	123	23	6	0	0	0
19	Others	Gijan	120	93	73	35	3	3
20	Madhuca indica	Mahua	265	191	147	106	55	7
21	Pterocarpus Marsupium	Bijasal	3	3	2	0	0	0
22	Others	Kari	8	8	3	0	3	0
23	Semecarpus Anacardium	Bhelwa	126	67	20	0	0	0
24	Shorea Robusta	Sakhua	5626	1318	960	796	351	41
25	Others	Rohan	0	6	0	5	0	0
26	Terminalia Bellarica	Bahar	0	11	14	3	3	0
27	Terminalia Chebula	Harre	49	11	6	3	0	0
28	Terminalia Tomentosa	Asan	910	322	126	14	14	3
Total			9107	2671	1668	1070	482	66
Sub Total (No of Trees.)			15064					

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