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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 32.

Sir,

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2.0 The details of the forest land proposed for disforestation are as under:- (PPN-54)

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4.		Tambave Paike Kulyachiwadi	 Rukadi Tal. Hatkangle Dist. Kolhapur Male TalPanhala Kodoli Tal. Panhala Dist. Kolhapur 	60	40.25	45.33
5.		Tanali	Narande Tal- Hatkangle Dist. Kolhapur Kakhe Tal-Panhala Dist. kolhapur	94	125.60	94.13
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7.	Sangmeshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri	Gothane	 Dhanoli Tal Shirol Jainapur Tal. Shirol Warul Tal. Shahuwadi, Dist. Kolhapur Bhadole Tal. Hatkangle, Dist- Kolhapur Hativ, Dist Ratnagiri 	174	873.44	167.60
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As per above information total land required for rehabilitation purpose is 753.97 ha. this land will be utilize who were rehabilitation from Chandoli from national park, Earlier proposal of 215.42 ha. is submitted to the Central Govt. for rehabilitations purpose. Which have required in principal approval sanction & final sanction is aviated.

People of village Galgale have selected 63.091 ha. area of forest land at Hence, Kolhapur forest Division proposed proposal under Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980 for all 73 Khatedar of village Galgale who selected 63.091 ha. forest land at Kagal, Tahsil Kagal Dist. Kolhapur.

After disforestation of 215.42 ha. & 63.091 ha. proposal the remaining area for rehabilitation of Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary is 475.399 ha. for the purpose as Rehabilitation of people of village Chandel, Sonarli-Dhangarwada, Niwale, Tanbave-Kulyachivadi, Tamdalge, Ambapavadi, Male, Tasgao, Vadgao, Danoli Dist. Kolhapur selected land after disforestation will be use for rehabilitation peoples for agricultural use. Hence, Kolhapur forest Division submitting proposal of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Details of forest land required for rehabilitation is as below.

Sr. No.	Location	No of Khatedars	Land for Agriculture	Total forest Area Required
1.	Walur, Karnjoshi, Period, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Tal-Shauwadi Jeur Porle Tarfe Thane, Male Tal-Panhala, Madale Tal-Karveer Pargav, Ambapwadi, Vadgao, Tasgao Tal-Hatkangle Tamdalge, Danoli Tal-Shirol DistKolhapur	792	318.04 Ha.	318.04 Ha.

The concerned Project affected persons selected the forest area for agriculture use in village-Walur (Gut No. 19,15,157,242) Karnjoshi (Gut no. 83, 84,85,89,90,91), Perid (Gut No. 573, 575,576, 577,581,582), Kotoli (Gut No. 146, 477), Porle Tarfe Thane (Gut No. 1644), Male (Gut No.806) Tal-Panhala, Village-Madale (Gut No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,21) Tal.-Karveer, Village-Paragav (Gut No. 591) & Ambapwadi (Gut No. 1241), Vadgao, (483). Tagao (320, 321A) Tal.-Hatkangale, Village-Tamdalge (Gut no. 31,32,35,36,37,46,51,52,53,51,61,62), Danoli (1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1705,1710) Tal-Shirol, Dist.-Kolhapur. Forest Gut Number area is 318.04 ha. has been demanded will be required for this proposal. Hence, proposal has been submitted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation. (PPN. 07 to 09)

9.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur has certified that:-

- 9.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is the lowest minimum demand. (PPN-54)
- 9.2 Density and Eco-value class-I density is above 0.4 Dence Forest. (PPN-37)
- 9.3 The Project involves felling of total 64988 numbers of trees. The Girth wise abstract is as under:- (PPN-71 to 72)

		,	Tree Girth in C	m		
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	(>150)cm	Total
	20160	0207	2354	757	351	64988
23071	30168	8287	2334	131		

- 9.4 The proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve. (PPN-45, 64 & 65)
- 9.5 The Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance. (PPN-63 & 94)
- 9.6 There is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. (PPN-57 & 58)
- 9.7 The proposed forest area is beyond 16.58 kms from the boundary of Chandoli National Park. (PPN-84)

- 9.8 The proposed forest land for disforestation for distribution of agriculture purpose to PAPs from 7 villagers with area admeasuring 318.04 ha. is outside the Scheduled Tribes Area (PPN-85)
- 9.9 As per the guideline of the Central Government dt. 20/05/2019 & dt. 06/01/2022 there is exemption from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) and cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the said proposal. (PPN-67 & 68)
- 9.10 Agrees to defray the cost of felling of trees. (PPN-69)

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10.0 Government of India vide letter dated 3/12/2018 of F.No.11-43/2013-FC has issued guidelines regarding compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage-I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF & CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'

Hence the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur certified that, has applied for Gram Sabha resolution from Gram Panchayat Warul, Karanjoshi, Perid, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Jeur, Porle tarf Thane, Tamdalge, Ambapwadi, Madale, Pargaon & Gram Sabha Warul, Karanjoshi, Perid, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Jeur, Porle tarf Thane, Tamdalge, Ambapwadi, Madale, Pargaon, Male, Vadgao, Tasgao, Danoli & It requires more times for it. Proposed diversion of forest land for disforestation for distribution of agriculture purpose to pap's from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary in district Kolhapur Maharashtra. Gram Panchayat resolution under FRA 2006 will be attached along Stage I comply of Project. (PPN-100)

- 11.0 The KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion is enclosed and placed in the file at the top.
- 12.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur have recommended the proposal for disforestation of 318.04 ha. of forest land. (PPN-43 & 47)
- 13.0 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-
- 13.1 Legal status of the forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Niwale, Tanahali, Dhakale, Tambave Paiki Kulyachivadi, Sonarli Paiki, Dhangarwada, Gothane from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve shall cease to be forest land.
- User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

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- 13.8 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.
- 13.9 Any other condition that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.
- 13.10 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)
- 14.0 Keeping in view of facts mention above, this proposal for disforestation of area 318.04 ha. for distribution of agriculture purpose to PAP's from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra is recommended for approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservator) Act, 1980.

Encl: (Proposal in Two copy)

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer

Copy forwarded for information to:-

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur.
- 2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur
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PART -IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force)

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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As per above information total land required for rehabilitation purpose is 753.97 ha. this land will be utilize who were rehabilitation from Chandoli from national park, Earlier proposal of 215.42 ha. is submitted to the Central Govt. for rehabilitations purpose. Which have required in principal approval sanction & final sanction is aviated.

People of village Galgale have selected 63.091 ha. area of forest land at Hence, Kolhapur forest Division proposed proposal under Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980 for all 73 Khatedar of village Galgale who selected 63.091 ha. forest land at Kagal, Tahsil Kagal Dist. Kolhapur.

After disforestation of 215.42 ha. & 63.091 ha. proposal the remaining area for rehabilitation of Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary is 475.399 ha. for the purpose as Rehabilitation of people of village Chandel, Sonarli-Dhangarwada, Niwale, Tanbave-Kulyachivadi, Tamdalge, Ambapavadi, Male, Tasgao, Vadgao, Danoli Dist. Kolhapur selected land after disforestation will be use for rehabilitation peoples for agricultural use. Hence, Kolhapur forest Division submitting proposal of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Details of forest land required for rehabilitation is as below.

Sr.	Location	No of	Land for	Total forest
No.		Khatedars	Agriculture	Area Required
1.	Walur, Karnjoshi, Period, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Tal-Shauwadi Jeur Porle Tarfe Thane, Male Tal-Panhala, Madale Tal-Karveer Pargav, Ambapwadi, Vadgao, Tasgao Tal-Hatkangle Tamdalge, Danoli Tal-Shirol DistKolhapur	792	318.04 Ha.	318.04 Ha.

The concerned Project affected persons selected the forest area for agriculture use in village-Walur (Gut No. 19,15,157,242) Karnjoshi (Gut no. 83, 84,85,89,90,91), Perid (Gut No. 573, 575,576, 577,581,582), Kotoli (Gut No. 146, 477), Porle Tarfe Thane (Gut No. 1644), Male (Gut No.806) Tal-Panhala, Village-Madale (Gut No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,21) Tal.-Karveer, Village-Paragav (Gut No. 591) & Ambapwadi (Gut No. 1241), Vadgao, (483). Tagao (320, 321A) Tal.-Hatkangale, Village-Tamdalge (Gut no. 31,32,35,36,37,46,51,52,53,51,61,62), Danoli (1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1705,1710) Tal-Shirol, Dist.-Kolhapur. Forest Gut Number area is 318.04 ha. has been demanded will be required for this proposal. Hence, proposal has been submitted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation. (PPN. 07 to 09)

9.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur has certified that:-

- 9.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is the lowest minimum demand. (PPN-54)
- 9.2 Density and Eco-value class-I density is above 0.4 Dence Forest. (PPN-37)
- 9.3 The Project involves felling of total 64988 numbers of trees. The Girth wise abstract is as under:- (PPN-71 to 72)

Tree Girth in Cm.						
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	(>150)cm	Total
23071	30168	8287	2354	757	351	64988

- 9.4 The proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve. (PPN-45, 64 & 65)
- 9.5 The Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance. (PPN-63 & 94)
- 9.6 There is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. (PPN-57 & 58)
- 9.7 The proposed forest area is beyond 16.58 kms from the boundary of Chandoli National Park. (PPN-84)
- 9.8 The proposed forest land for disforestation for distribution of agriculture purpose to PAPs from 7 villagers with area admeasuring 318.04 ha. is outside the Scheduled Tribes Area (PPN-85)
- 9.9 As per the guideline of the Central Government dt. 20/05/2019 & dt. 06/01/2022 there is exemption from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) and cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the said proposal. (PPN-67 & 68)

- 9.10 Agrees to defray the cost of felling of trees. (PPN-69)
- 10.0 Government of India vide letter dated 3/12/2018 of F.No.11-43/2013-FC has issued guidelines regarding compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage-I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF & CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'

Hence the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur certified that, has applied for Gram Sabha resolution from Gram Panchayat Warul, Karanjoshi, Perid, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Jeur, Porle tarf Thane, Tamdalge, Ambapwadi, Madale, Pargaon & Gram Sabha Warul, Karanjoshi, Perid, Kotoli, Bhairewadi, Jeur, Porle tarf Thane, Tamdalge, Ambapwadi, Madale, Pargaon, Male, Vadgao, Tasgao, Danoli & It requires more times for it. Proposed diversion of forest land for disforestation for distribution of agriculture purpose to pap's from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary in district Kolhapur Maharashtra. Gram Panchayat resolution under FRA 2006 will be attached along Stage I comply of Project. (PPN-100)

- 11.0 The KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion is enclosed and placed in the file at the top.
- 12.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur have recommended the proposal for disforestation of 318.04 ha. of forest land. (PPN-43 & 47)
- 13.0 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-
- 13.1 Legal status of the forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Niwale, Tanahali, Dhakale, Tambave Paiki Kulyachivadi, Sonarli Paiki, Dhangarwada, Gothane from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve shall cease to be forest land.
- 13.2 User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 13.3 Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan/NTCA guideline/CWLW.
- 13.4 No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project.
- 13.5 The boundary of the diverted land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

- 13.6 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 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.
- 13.9 Any other condition that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.
- 13.10 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)
- 14.0 Keeping in view of facts mention above, this proposal for disforestation of area 318.04 ha. for distribution of agriculture purpose to PAP's from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra is recommended for approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservator) Act, 1980.

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