

PROJECT NOTE

Name of the Proposal – Diversion of 21.790 ha of protected forest land of village saundad Tahsil sadak arjuni, District Gondia, for providing land for cultivation to relocated villagers in lieu of land on which individual forest rights were recognized under FRA 2006 inside Navegaon National Park.

As per Government of Maharashtra's notification No. PGS-1375/121758/F-1 Dated 22.11.1975 the forest area admeasuring 133.884 Sq.Km had been decided to be declared as a Navegaon National Park. Then as per Government of Maharashtra's final Notification no. WLP-10/2000/ CR-192/F-1 dated 21.12.2000, the area admeasuring 129.55 Sq.Km was declared as a Navegaon National Park.

As per the provisions given under section 19 to 25 of Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Sakoli was appointed as a settlement officer vide notification No.WLP/1684/3478/F-5 dated 22.11.84. The Settlement Officer has recommended for relocation of the five villages namely Kawlewada, Kalimati, Zankargondi, Tumdimendha and Malkazari inside the Navegaon National Park. It is very essential to relocate these villages as they are in the core area of the Navegaon National Park and to 226.82 ha land will be available for wild life management.

The committee was formed under the chairmanship of Collector Gondia as per Government of Maharashtra resolution no. WSP -1099/CR-191/F-1 dated 17 July 2000.

Deputy Conservator of Forest, Gondia Forest Division Gondia has been appointed as a Project Officer for the rehabilitation vide Government of Maharashtra's order no. WLP/10-2000/CR-161/F-1 dated 05.01.2007.

The villages namely Kawlewada, Kalimati & Zankargondi Tahsil Sadak Arjuni and village Malkazari & Tumdimendha Tahsil Arjuni Morgaon District Gondia were situated inside the area of Navegaonbandh National Park.

The site for relocation was examined at District Collector level for non forest land. Alternate non forest land not being available with the District Collector, the zudapi jungle forest