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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 7-7/2021-NTCA

New Delhi, the April 9, 2021

To,

The Member Secretary,
Central Empowered Committee,
New Delhi

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 374.75 ha. of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Rantalodi Village of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in compartment No. 14-B, District Chandrapur of State of Maharashtra-reg.

Ref: (i) Your letter No. 2-77CECSC/2019-Pt.VIII dated 04.03.2021 received from Member Secretary, Central Empowered Committee.
(ii) Your letter No. Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/CR.No.02(2009-10)/53/2021-22 dated 08.04.2021 received from PCCF(WL), Maharashtra. (Copy Enclosed)

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject and correspondence cited above. Thereafter, Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra was requested to provide justification in respect of extent of land proposed to be de-reserved/de-notified for resettlement being more than the extent vacated in Core Area of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.

Now, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra has submitted requisite justification as below;

1. There are 244 families in in the village Rantalodi proposed for rehabilitation. Out of these 244 families, 90 families of village Rantalodi have opted for option I i.e to accept the one time cash compensation of Rs. 10 lakh per family and get relocated on their own outside the Tiger Reserve. Remaining 145 families have opted for option II to get rehabilitated at a new village by availing the option of getting at least 2 Ha. agriculture land and basic 18 civic amenities in the proposed village as per existing State Government Act/Norms).
2. Though the land required in the instant case i.e. 374.75 Ha is more than land vacated i.e. 175.26 Ha, at state level the total land vacated is 8613.63 Ha for 66 villages rehabilitated from Core Area of Tiger Reserve is far more than the land diverted i.e. 265.67 ha for rehabilitation.
3. Though the land vacated in Rantalodi is 175.26 Ha but the biotic interference in the adjoining forest areas is far more than the area of village. This village relocation shall lead to making an approximate area of 4024 Ha as inviolate.
4. The increase in inviolate area in Core of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve will

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further help in accommodating increasing tiger population in adjoining area, which is leading to human tiger negative interaction in Chandarpur in present scenario.

In view of above, this Authority is in agreement with the justification given by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra in aforesaid matter. The relocation of Rantalodi village shall definitely help in increasing the inviolate area in Critical Tiger Habitat of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve while benefiting the overall tiger conservation in the landscape. Therefore, I am directed to request you to consider the request of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra for de-reservation of 374.75 Ha of Forest land for rehabilitation of Rantalodi village from Core Area of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra to Chandarpur Forest Division.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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