

Project Note

**Eco- Restoration of wildlife habitat and migration the hardship of
Human Habitants within Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary.**

Introduction:-

Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the important Protected area of the Maharashtra State, Which is located in / Western Ghat. Western Ghat area is considered among the top Bio-diversity hot spots of the world. Western Ghat area included in world heritage site by UNESCO'S world heritage committee on 1 July, 2015.

Govt. of Maharashtra has declared Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary vide notification No. WLP - 1085 CR-588/(I) dated 16th September 1985 under section 18 of Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972 for the purpose of protecting, propagating and development of Wildlife there in and its environment. The total area of notified sanctuary is 423.55 sq.Kms.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 26- A of the said Act and of all other power enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Maharashtra hereby, on recommendation of the National Board for Wildlife and as per proposed by the enquiry officer excluded non forest areas of 14 villages and altered the boundaries of the Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary and reconstituted the same with the area of 33530.41 Ha. (335.30 sq.km.)

The Maharashtra State Government vide the notification No. WLP - 1008/Pra. Kra.232/F-a, dated 5/1/2010 has notified and area of 741.22 Sq. Km. of the Chandoli National Park (317.67 Sq. Km.) and Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary (423.55 Sq. Km.) together as the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

The Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. These ranges form a common boundary between Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa. This area rich evergreen, semi- evergreen & moist deciduous forest. These forest areas encompass several river valleys like Krishna, Koyana etc. It is the first Tiger Reserve of Western Maharashtra & 4th Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra spreading over two protected Areas those of the Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary and Chandoli National Park.

The village Vele is situated in the core of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve and is also situated within the are of KWLS.

The central part of PA contains the Shivasagar Reservoir of Koyana River. As provided in the wildlife protection act and Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, the Collector has already enquired in to rights and concessions of the people and has also ascertained the willingness of the people to relocation. The village Vele has given voluntary consent and is ready for rehabilitation.

Human habitations are mostly been established in fertile lands with assured water supply. Such sites within the forest area are limited and therefore are ecologically significant. Flat grounds along major nullah can support revival of floral and faunal attributes and such attributes are completely lost, with the presence of intensive agricultural activities. Relocation in Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary have amply demonstrated the benefits of relocation, especially to wild herbivores and consequently to the whole eco-system. Relocation of village Vele will make available an area of about 106.51 ha. of private land of 61 PAP's, and area of 206.27 ha. of private land, from remaining 74 PAP's directly by negotiation. 328.56 ha. of revenue land and also area of 1473.26 ha. of forest area will be free from human disturbance.

Relocation of Village Vele will get land mentioned in following table of 328.56 ha. of PAP's and Revenue Land and huge check of Forest Land of core zone will have been free from biotic in therefore of rehabilitation and cattle's of Vele village.

Sr.no	Details	Number of PAP's	Land (Ha.)	Remarks
1	PAP's ready to relocation	61	106.51	Currently residing in the core Area
2	PAP's currently not residing in Vele Village	74	206.27	74 PAP's have not given consent for rehabilitation as they have presently migrated outside the core area. They are not resident to this village but their land belongs to Vele village, it is also needed to be acquired in due course of time
Total		135	312.78	-
3	Revenue Land	NA	328.56	-
Total Area			641.34	

The Sankalan list of the Project Affected Person's (PAP's) of Vele village is sanctioned by District Collector, Satara. The total number of PAP's is 135 out of which 61 PAP's have given consent to be relocated at village Dhangarwadi, Mane Colony and Bholi. Tahsil - Khandala, Dist. Satara. The remaining 74 PAP's has not yet demanded rehabilitation, But they are already residing outside. The 61 PAP's are currently residing in the core area and are demanding for rehabilitation, urgently. They have requested to give priority to the persons who are currently residing in the core area. Other PAP's are already staying outside the core area in the nearby cities long back and they are not yet approached and demanded for rehabilitation, hence they would be rehabilitate at later stage.

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The PAP's of Vele Village have selected forest land of villages Dhangarwadi Mane Colony and Bholi. Tahsil- Khandala, Dist. Satara. The total area required for Rehabilitation is 112.25 ha. which includes 94.20 ha. of agricultural land and 6.00 ha. for Gaathan and approximately 10 % area is considered as unsuitable land. Which makes the total required land for Rehabilitation to be 112.25 ha. Hence, proposal for diversion of 112.25 ha. RF land from villages Dhangarwadi, Mane Colony, and Bholi, Tahsil - Khandala, Dist.- Satara from the Gut No.s 389, 250, 362, 363 is prepared and submitted here with.

Hence the diversion proposal.

Location:

Village- Dhangarwadi; Manecolony & Bholi, Tal. Khandala, Dist. Satara.

Forest Gat no.389, 250, 362, 363

Proposed area for diversion.

112.25 ha.


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