

Justification of the Project

414.08 Sq Km of Palamau Tiger Reserve has been notified as Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) or Core Area, where no biotic interference is expected to ensure proper availability of inviolate area for tiger habitat. Core Area of Palamau Tiger Reserve has 8 forest villages. Out of them, forest villages-Kujrum and Latu, are situated in the deep of the forest, creating huge biotic interferences. There is a guideline of National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi for voluntary relocation of forest villages from Core Area / CTH of Tiger Reserve.

Relocation of Kujrum and Latu Forest village from the Core Area / CTH is desirable to maintain inviolate area for tiger and its prey. The relocation will make available more than 300 ha land from these 2 forest villages. Area vacated after relocation of these villages will be developed as meadow and will be available for a wide range of wildlife ranging from small insects to large herbivores, and simultaneously will form prey-base for the carnivores. Other adverse biotic interference would be reduced to minimum, hence enabling the eco-system to strike an equilibrium. The relocation of these forest villages from the Core Area / CTH is necessary for creation of inviolate area required for breeding of tigresses.

The rehabilitated villagers will be provided with the necessary financial and social benefits in addition to infrastructural facilities as per NTCA guidelines. A total of 299.64 of forest land (133.64 ha at Polpol Kalan, PF, Medininagar Forest Division and 166 ha at Lai-Pailapatthal PF, Latehar Forest Division) has been identified for resettlement of Kujrum and Latu forest villages with consent of villagers of Kujrum and Latu forest villages. The area proposed for diversion will be later on used for agricultural land and for construction of houses, other community facilities such as road, playground, school etc.

Since the rehabilitation is proposed to be done at the Polpol Kalan PF and Lai-Pailapatthal PF, so prior sanction to divert this forest land for rehabilitation purpose, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is a legal obligation.


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