

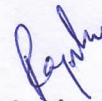
Justification of the relocation

As there is no non-forest land available in the district and a certificate to that extent has been issued by the District Commissioner, Lakhimpur hence the Reserve Forest land has been selected for rehabilitation of Forest Village Dodhia. As the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park is very flood prone and the notification of Wildlife Sanctuary itself speaks about the relocation of the forest village, the fruits of rehabilitation will accrue to the rehabilitated families in the shortest possible time.

The relocation will lead to the improvement of the habitat of the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park. After the complete relocation of the both Forest Villages Dodhia and Laika the core area of the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park will be completely free of anthropogenic pressure and in future many wildlife activities like introduction of Rhinoceros can be taken up. It is pertinent to mention that Dibru- Saikhowa National Park harbours 500 plus species of birds, Gangetic Dolphin, Hoolock Gibbon, wild Feral Horses among many prominent wildlife species.

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