JUSTIFICATION

To ensure proper development of inviolate area for tiger habitat i.e. the Bori Sanctuary, relocation of the existing **Malani & Khamda** village from the core area is desirable. The relocation will make available 87.170 ha land form Malani forest village and 496.330 hact. land from khamda forest village, out of which 350.00 hact. will be exclusively meant for desirable meadow and approximately 200.00 hact. Area around vanity of village will also 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 factors would be reduced to minimum, hence enabling the eco-system to strike on equilibrium.

The rehabilitated villagers will be provided with the necessary financial and social benefits in addition to infrastructural facilities. For evacuation of villages and resettlement of affected persons 100 hact. of forest land will be diverted for the use at new site. This area includes the agricultural land, @2 hact./family and for construction of house, other community development programme and nistar facilities.

Since the rehabilitation is proposed to be done in the compartment of the protected forest land, so prior sanction to divert this forest land for rehabilitation purpose, is a legal obligation.

This document contains a proposal to seek prior approval of the State Govt. to divert the 100 hact. of forest land for rehabilitation of 48 families of village. Malani and Khamda of Bori Sanctuary is a unit of Satpura Tiger Reserve, Hoshagabad, District Hoshangabad, M.P. Entire package amount is 10 lacs/family. Out of total 77 family units, 29 are under option-I and 48 under option-II. For these 48 units under option-II, 100 ha land is required for relocation purpose villages have given there willingness for compt. P-188 of range Sohagpur of Hoshangabad Territorial Division.

The resettlement of the existing village from core area is proposed with the consent of villagers.

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