

Justification of the Project

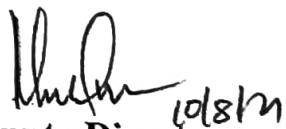
36% of the Palamau Tiger Reserve is declared as the Core Area and rest are declared as Buffer Area. The Core Area is also called as the Critical Tiger Habitat or CTH, where less or no human interaction is allowed to ensure proper development of inviolate area for tiger habitat.

The Core Area of Palamau Tiger Reserve has 8 forest villages. Out of them, 2 forest villages- Kujrum and Latu, are situated in the depth of the forest. There is a guideline of National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi on the relocation of forest villages from the core Area of Tiger Reserve.

Relocation of Forest villages from the core area is desirable to maintain inviolate area for tiger and its prey. The relocation will make available vacant area which will be exclusively meant for development 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 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. The forest land proposed to be diverted includes the agricultural land and land for construction of house, other community development programs road, playground and other facilities.

Since the rehabilitation is proposed to be done in the Polpol Kalan, Lai and Pailapathal Protected Forests land, so prior sanction to divert this forest land for rehabilitation purpose, is a legal obligation.


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