

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CCF (WILDLIFE) & CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, ODISHA, PRAKRUTI BHAWAN, PLOT NO.1459, GREEN PARK NURSERY, SAHIDNAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-751007.

No. 4525 / 3WL-79/2021 Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 35th 122021

To

The Director, ENV-cum-Special Secretary to Government,

Forest & Environment Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar /

District Collector, Mayurbhanj /

Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve-cum- RCCF, Baripada /

RCCF-cum- Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Angul /

Deputy Director, Similipal (North) /(South) Division /

Divisional Forest Officer, Karanjia Forest Division /

Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar (WL) Divission /

Divisional Forest Officer, Satkosia (WL) Division.

Sub: Proceeding of the meeting dated.08.4.2021 on village relocation from Protected Areas under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on VC Mode.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above captioned subject, I am directed to enclose herewith the Proceeding of the meeting dated. 8.4.2021 on village relocation from Protected Areas under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on VC Mode for kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Wildlife Conservation Officer

Memo No. 4526 /Dt. 30.04.2021

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the meeting forwarded to the P.S to Principal CCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for kind information.

Wildlife Conservation Officer

Memo No. 4527 /Dt. 30.04.2021

Copy along with copy of the proceedings of the meeting forwarded to the Wildlife Conservation Officer / Deputy Conservator of Forests (CAMPA) for kind information.

Tahasildar

Wildlife Conservation Officer

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No. PT2-FE-WL-WLF-0021-2016/ 7366 /F & E, Dt. 19 64-24

Sri Lingaraj Otta, IFS Special Secretary to Government

The PCCF (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha

ub: Proceeding of the meeting dated. 08.04.2021 on village relocation from Protected Areas under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on VC Mode.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to send herewith the approved proceeding of the meeting dated. 08.04.2021 on village relocation from Protected Areas under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on VC Mode for taking necessary action and to ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Special Secretary to Government

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Member Presents: Annexure

The Chief Secretary, Odisha in his opening remarks emphasized the need to relocate villages voluntarily from protected areas for better management and protection of these PAs. After detailed deliberations and discussions the following decisions were taken.

- Main focus should be laid on relocating villages situated in Similipal Tiger Reserve & Satkosia Tiger Reserve particularly in core and interior areas on priority basis. Similarly, core and interior area of other important sanctuaries should be targeted for relocation.
- 2. Degraded forest land of about 800-1000 Ha. should be indentified in the periphery of Similipal Tiger Reserve, to be applied for diversion and inclusion in the District Land bank specifically to be used for rehabilitation for villages being relocated from within the Sanctuary. This land can be used for providing Housing, agriculture & creation of other civic amenities.
- Tahasildar will be the applicant for such diversion proposals and processing of the proposals shall be actively taken up by the Field Forest officials.
- 4. The Collector, Mayurbhanj to explore the possibility of finding out Non-Forest Government land or private land available for purchase preferably in Karanjia for rehabilitation of villages upstream of Deo irrigation Project. For the purpose, Rs.50 Crores deposited by Water Resource Department with Collector, Mayurbhanj can be utilized. Any additional requirement of fund can be raised with Water Resources Department. Package of village relocation as per Forest Department norms may be adopted for these villages. DFOs of the area will also be actively involved in this relocation process.
- A Retired Senior Forest Officer well conversant and having adequate experience in village relocation need to be pressed into service on reengagement basis to assist in the relocation works in the field.
- 6. Apart from CAMPA & State fund from Head "2406-01-102-3328-Social and Farm Forestry-Relocation of villages for Reserve Forest and Sanctuary", Funds can also be mobilized from OMBADC following due procedure.
- Unmarried daughter and widows should also be included in definition of "Family" for the purpose of village relocation.
- Revised guidelines for relocation should be framed accordingly incorporating the decision taken in the meeting dated 20.10.2020 on village relocation from Protected Areas under the Chairmanship of DC-cum- ACS, Planning & Convergence Department and as discussed in today"s meeting within a week.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair

Tahasildar Angul oniei Secretary

Odisha

## Annexure-1

## The meeting was attended by:

- 1. The Additional Chief Sectretary, Forest & Environment Department
- 2. The Director, Environment-cum- Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department.
- 3. PCCF (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha.
- 4. The Field Director- cum- Regional Chief Conservator Forest, Baripada.
- 5. The Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve-cum- RCCF, Baripada
- 6. The RCCF, Angul -cum- Field Director Satkosia Tiger Reserve.
- 7. The District Collector, Mayurbhanj
- 8. The Deputy Director, Similipal (North)/ (South) Division.
- 9. The Divisional Forest Officer, Karanjia Forest Division.
- 10. The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) Division, Anandpur
- 11. The Divisional Forest Officer, Satkosia (WL) Division.

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