

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: November, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 133.64 ha of forest land for Polpol Kalan PF of Khundri Range, Medininagar Forest Division for Relocation of Kujrum, Latu & other villages from Palamu tiger Reserve, Daltonganj, Jharkhand –reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-20/2021-3480/ V.P. dated 12.09.2023 on the above subject requesting for modification/deletion of condition no. A (ii) of Stage-I/In-principle approval conveyed vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 14.12.2022 i.e. *"The State Government shall obtain approval of the Standing Committee of the NBWL as some portion of the area proposed for rehabilitation falls within the buffer area of the Tiger Reserve"*. The matter was examined by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 20.10.2023. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting may be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

The Advisory Committee observed that the area proposed for diversion (133.64 ha of Polpol Kalan PF) lies in Medininagar territorial forest division and the proposed area is part of a territorial division and doesn't fall within any protected area and also the revised correct KML file of Palamau Tiger Reserve has been submitted to NTCA and on perusal of same by NTCA, it has been observed that the proposed forest area identified for relocation of the villages falls outside the boundaries of Palamau Tiger Reserve with no overlap. The area is not a part of any least cost pathway tiger dispersal corridor delineated by NTCA and WII.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and with due approval of the competent authority, the Central Government hereby accords its approval to delete the following condition at Sr. no A (ii) of the Stage-I/In-principle approval dated 14.12.2022 for diversion of 133.64 ha of forest land:

*A (ii) "The State Government shall obtain approval of the Standing Committee of the NBWL as some portion of the area proposed for rehabilitation falls within the buffer area of the Tiger Reserve".*

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Signed by  
Suneet Bhardwaj  
Date: 22-11-2023 10:06:07

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi.
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