

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

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated: January, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 421.00 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation of Village Bagcha from Kuno National Park, District - Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/REHAB/152389/2022) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/1151/2022/10-11/101 dated 04.01.2024 on the above subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 09.11.2022 and to say that on examination of the said information the following has been observed:

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted the documentary evidence/certificate indicating the extent of Nistar/community rights as per condition no. A (ii).
- ii. The State Govt. has not submitted documentary evidence showing that the area to be vacated is already notified RF/PF under relevant sections of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or the State Forest Act as per condition no. B (ii).
- iii. As per the condition A(iv) of the Stage-1 approval it has been mentioned that the SIR submitted by IRO Bhopal mentions that Rambadi Villagers have encroached upon the forest area near the village. The State Government shall initiate legal action for eviction of said encroachments on forest land. In response to which the State has submitted the copies of internal communications between its own officers. In this regard the State is again requested to initiate legal action for the eviction of said encroachments.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for according Final/Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

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

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.