

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

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Dated: 10th February, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 374.75 ha of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Rantalodhi Village of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in compartment No. 14-B, District Chandrapur of the State of Maharashtra -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 03.02.2022 wherein the State Govt. was requested to take further necessary action as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 14.12.2021.

In this regard, the Ministry has received a letter no. D-23(2)/Survey/C.No.02/2840/2021-22 dated 09.02.2022 from PCCF (Wildlife), Government of Maharashtra wherein it has been stated that in-spite of the orders of the Hon'ble court dated 15/12/2021 the proposal has not been accorded required sanction.

It is pertinent to mention here, that the proposals for diversion of forest land are processed online on PARIVESH portal. The channel of submission for the same is through the State Nodal Officer(FCA) and the State Government. The proposal for diversion of forest land for rehabilitation of Rantalodhi Village was considered by the FAC and as per the recommendations of FAC the State Govt. was requested to do the needful vide letter dated 20.04.2020. The online proposal is therefore still pending with the State Government.

Keeping in view the order dated 14/12/2022 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the letter dated 20.04.2020, the State Govt. is requested to submit the reply and send the proposal online through PARIVESH portal.

Yours sincerely


(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;

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2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.