

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for relocation of Village Khamda & Malni part 5 from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh - reg.**

1. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-5/893/2019/10-11/3237, Bhopal dated 15.10.2019 (Pg 1 to 216 /c) submitted a fresh proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for relocation of Village Khamda & Malni part 5 from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh.
2. Details indicated in the proposal submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh dated 15.10.2019 are as below:

**FACT SHEET**

1.	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	<b>Proposal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for relocation of Village Khamda &amp; Malni part 5 from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh</b>
2.	<b>Location:</b>	
(i)	State	Madhya Pradesh.
(ii)	District	Hoshangabad.
(iii)	Category	Rehabilitation.
(iv)	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted (in year).	100
3.	<b>Detail of user agency</b>	
(i)	Name of the user agency	State Forest Department, M.P.
(ii)	Nature of user agency	State Government.
4.	<b>Particular of Forests</b>	
(i)	Name of Forest Division	Hoshangabad (T)
(ii)	Area of Forest land for Diversion	100.00 Ha.
(iii)	Legal Status of Forest land	Protected Forest = 100.00 Ha.
(iv)	Density of Vegetation	Area = 100.00 Ha. Density = 0.3 Eco class = 3
5.	<b>Maps</b>	
	i. Differential GPS map of the area proposed for diversion	<b>(Pg. 172 &amp; 173/ physical file).</b>
	ii. Differential GPS map of the area identified for raising CA	<b>Not Applicable.</b>
	iii. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area proposed for diversion	<b>(Pg. 174/ physical file).</b>
	iv. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area identified for CA	<b>Not Applicable.</b>
	v. Land use plan	<b>Not given.</b>

	vi. Forest Cover map	Not given.
6.	Vegetation	
	i. Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees.	Details of Species - wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees are available in the file and the same is available at (Pg. 174 'A'/ Physical file).
	ii. Density	0.3
	iii. Number of trees to be felled	10979 As reported by the State Government.
	iv. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion.	The area is prescribed under working plan prescription.
7.	Vulnerability of area to soil erosion	The area is free from any type of erosion.
8.	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion;	Tiger, Leopard, Blue bull, Rabbit, Jackal etc.
9.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	-0-
10.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so, the details of the area the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	-No-
11.	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so, details thereof.	-No-
12.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	-No-
13.	Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of the protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ):	Yes, <b>Details of Protected Area and comments on the impact of Project on the ESZ:</b> Though the area proposed for diversion is within 10 km of the protected area of Satpura Tiger Reserve Hoshangabad, but it is selected with the consent of villagers to be shifted from the Tiger Reserve Hoshangabad. And without their willingness the relocation of village from the protected area cannot be carried out.
14.	Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located	-No-

	within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion;	
15.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	-Yes-
16.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still under progress.	-No-
17.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:	Not applicable
	i. Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	
	ii. Map showing non-forest/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	
	iii. Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	
	iv. Total financial outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme.	
	v. Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.	
18.	Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land	<p><b>The Complete compliance of FRA, 2006 with the gram sabha resolution is under process at state level.</b></p> <p><b>As reported by the State Government</b></p>

	proposed to be diverted enclosed.	in his letter dated 15.10.2019 in para no.9. (Pg. <a href="#">2</a> /c)
19.	Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer	The Site Inspection Report carried out by the Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, copy of the same may kindly be seen at (Pg. <a href="#">39</a> - <a href="#">41</a> /c).
20.	Whether the project requires environment clearance.	EC Not applicable.
21.	Status of Wildlife clearance.	Not applicable.
22.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan.	Not applicable.
23.	Rehabilitation of Oustee	-Not Given-
	Number of SC Families	
	Number of ST families	
	Number of Backward Families	
	Copies of R&R Plan	
24.	Cost Benefit Analysis	Not applicable
25.	Total Cost of the project	<b>Rupees 9.30 Crore.</b>
26.	Employment Potential	Temporary = 10000 man days
27.	Undertakings to bear the cost of CA and NPV	Not applicable
28.	Profile of the District / Department / Hoshangabad Division.	
	Geographical Area of the Dist.	6689.89 Sq Km
	Total Forest Area	3059.04 Sq Km
	Total area diverted since 1980	Area- 3303.109 ha. Number of case - 36
29.	<b>Recommendation with Specific conditions, (if any)</b>	
	DFO	Recommended.(at page no. <a href="#">23</a> /c )
	CCF	Recommended. (at page no. <a href="#">25</a> /c )
	PCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)	Recommended. (at page no. <a href="#">214</a> /c )
	State Govt.	Recommended. (at page no. <a href="#">216</a> /c )

3. Ministry vide its letter dated 24.10.2019 (Pg [217](#) /c) requested Regional office (WZ), Bhopal to inspect the forest land proposed for diversion and submit its report for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

4. In pursuance of this Ministry letter dated 24.10.2019, the Regional office, Bhopal vide letter No. 6-MPA013/2019-BHO/922 dated 21.11.2019 (Pg. [218](#) -[222](#) /c) submitted a Site inspection Report of the instant proposal with following observations of AIGF, RO, Bhopal:

- a. *The SIR of CCF, Hoshangabad is not submitted.*
- b. *The alternative explored and comparative statement for the project is not submitted.*
- c. *The SIR of DFO, Hoshangabad reports the CD of area as 0.2 to 0.4. But as per the Stock Map and inspection by RO, Bhopal area with  $CD \geq 0.5$  was observed.*
- d. *The DSS shows presence of VDF in 28 Ha and MDF in 57 Ha and similar situation was also observed.*
- e. *No direct citing of wildlife was observed, but evidences of bear, wild boar, ungulates were observed.*
- f. *The efforts need to be carried out to select the forest area with  $CD < 0.4$  for relocation projects.*
- g. *The tree enumeration is not properly carried out and does not co-relates the ground situation. During site inspection no tree enumeration marking of tree was observed. The number of trees to be felled seems to be higher than that of reported by the DFO, Hoshangabad.*

#### **Recommendations of DDG (C), RO, Bhopal:**

The area was inspected on 18.11.2019 in view of the observation mentioned in the site inspection report of AIGF (C) the proposal is **not recommended** for diversion of diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for relocation of Village Khamda & Malni part 5 from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh with following observation:

1. *The efforts need to be carried out to select the forest area with  $CD < 0.4$  for relocation projects.*
5. The instant proposal has been examined by the DSS Cell of this Ministry and their report is enclosed at Pg. [223](#) -[226](#) /c.
6. Further, Ministry vide its letter dated 23.12.2019 (Pg. [227](#) /c) had requested State Government to reassess the site selected for relocation proposal.
7. In reference of this Ministry letter dated 23.12.2019, the reply vide letter dated 11.02.2020 (Pg. [229](#) -[231](#) /c) has been received from the Nodal officer, FCA, State Government of Madhya Pradesh wherein it is mentioned that the Field Director, Satpura Tiger Reserve vide his letter dated 27.01.2020 reported that the proposed forest area is falling under compartment No. P-188 having a total area of 347.149 Ha out of which 182.00 Ha is already diverted for Relocation with the approval of Govt. of India. Out of the remaining area of 165.149 Ha, the present proposal (area = 100 Ha) is submitted for relocation. Moreover, in the said letter it is reported that the relocation is carried out with the consent of the Villagers and the Villagers shown their wish to settled in the proposed area.
8. Further, the Nodal officer, FCA, State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the above said letter has requested to place the proposal in upcoming FAC meeting.

In view of the

above facts related to the proposal, it is proposed that proposal may be submitted to the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting scheduled to be held on 27.02.2020.