

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

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Dated: 24th May, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 133.64 ha of forest land for rehabilitation of village Lato from Palamau Tiger Reserve to Polpol Kalan PF of Khundri Range, Medininagar Forest Division (Jharkhand)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. Van Bhumi-20/2021-1536/ V.P. dated 27.04.2023 of Government of Jharkhand on the above mentioned subject forwarding report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 14.12.2022 and inform that the following shortcoming have been observed in the reply:-

- i. In compliance to condition no. A (i) of Stage-I approval, the State Government informed that the villages to be resettled namely Kujrum and Lato are forest villages situated inside the Core Area of Palamau Tiger Reserve and are already part of Baresanr Reserve Forest. However, the notifications/documentary evidence indicating that the areas to be vacated are already a part of the notified forest has not been submitted.
- ii. As per the Tiger reserve boundary of NTCA there is a minor overlap between the boundaries of PTR and proposed forest area. The State Govt shall therefore re-examine the matter and comply with the Condition A(ii) of the Stage-1 approval.
- iii. The State Government has not furnished the FRA certificate for the 133.64 ha forest land proposed for rehabilitation of village Lato from Palamau Tiger Reserve in view of condition no. A (iv) of Stage-I approval. Therefore a copy of FRA certificate over an area of 133.64 ha needs to be furnished along with all necessary documents.
- iv. The undertaking as submitted by user agency are not commensurate or in line with the specific condition no. B (x) and (xvii) of Stage-I approval. Therefore the revised undertakings as per specific condition need

submission.

2. Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

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 Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.