

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

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 63.091 ha forest land at Village -Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2322/CR-73/F-10 dated 08.08.2022 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 (1) (ii) Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 04.07.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and sought clarification on the following for further consideration in the matter:

- i. The justification for seeking approval for a village already relocated in the year 1999.
- ii. The justification for seeking 53.45 ha land for agriculture now instead of 16 ha proposed earlier on revenue land.
- iii. The Regional office has recommended the proposal subject to condition that the purpose for which the diversion is proposed (i.e. agriculture) should not be changed. Further, the approval is subject to conditions mentioned in para 12.8 and 12.9 of the Guidelines. The State shall give its comments/recommendations in this regard.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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