

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

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Dated: 16th September, 2021

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion 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,

Kindly refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12741/408/20-21 dated 29.06.2021 uploaded online (Parivesh) on 09.08.2021 along with the letter No. Desk-17/NC/1/ID-12741/20-21/1057 dated 18.01.2021.

In this regard, it is informed that the FAC in its meeting dated 27th Feb. 2020 has already examined the proposal and it was observed that the proposal is not in conformity to the guidelines dated 22.05.2019 of the Ministry. The state govt. was accordingly requested to take necessary action vide letter dated 20.04.2020 and letter dated 12.05.2020 issued by this Ministry.

It is pertinent to mention here that in this regard the Central Empowered Committee vide letter No. 2-77CEC/SC/2019-Pt-VIII dated 04.03.2021 has also sought the views of the Ministry on the letter dated 03.03.2021 of Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra.

The inputs on the same were therefore requested from NTCA, as well as the other concerned Divisions of the Ministry, which are still awaited. Keeping above facts in view, it may not be possible to place the matter before FAC for reconsideration at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As Above

**Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Asst. Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;

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5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.