

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

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Date: As per E-Sign

To,

The Dy. DGF (Central),
Regional Office,
MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

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's letter No. FLD-2322/C.R.73/F-10 dated 03.09.2024 on the above cited subject.

In this regard, keeping in view the recommendations of the Regional Office in the SIR and the fact that the village has already been rehabilitated in the year 1999, the justification for seeking diversion of forest land for the village already relocated in the year 1999 needs to be examined.

Further, once approved, the legal state of forest land in case of diversion for village relocation can be changed. Therefore the justification to restrict the land use as recommended by the RO for agriculture purpose only needs to be examined in light of the same. The Regional Office is therefore requested to holistically examine the matter and give its comments/recommendations to the Ministry for further necessary action.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 19-09-2024 19:44:18

Yours sincerely,

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

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1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;

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