

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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## Date: 45<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

TO,

The Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

## Sub: Diversion of 20.00 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli for rehabilitation of Village- Dicholi, Tal. Patan, District- Satara due to Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary to Gut. No. 422/1 at Village- Khambale Bhalavni, Tal. Khanapur, District-Sangli in the State of Maharashtra - Regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2119/CR-59/F-10 dated 28.02.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and State Government letter no vide letter no. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12581/105/19-20 dated 10.06.2020 forwarding additional information as desired by this office vide letter dated 24.12.2019 and to say that said proposal has been examined and recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Section - 4 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the proposal by the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby accords Formal Approval under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 20.00 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sangli for rehabilitation of Village-Dicholi, Tal. Patan, District- Satara due to Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary to Gut. No. 422/1 at Village-Khambale Bhalavni, Tal. Khanapur, District- Sangli in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of villages from Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary shall ceases to be forest land.
- ii. The Revenue Land vacated by villagers inside Sanctuary shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department. Further, after transfer and mutation, the said land shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Formal approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section 5 or under the relevant Section 6 original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant sections of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record.
- iii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

- iv. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- v. Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan / NTCA guideline / CWLW.
- vi. No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project.
- vii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- ix. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project
- x. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.

This issue with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC (WCZ), Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

6/03/2 (Suresh Kumar Adapa)

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Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 3. User agency.
- 4. Guard file.

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