

F. No. 8-29/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 27th October, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

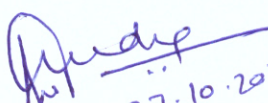
Sub: Diversion of 100.00 ha of Forest land (PF -188) for Relocation of Village "Khamda and Malani Part 5" from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh-reg.

Sir,

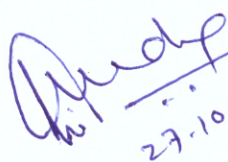
I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-5/893/2019/10-11/3237 dated 15.10.2019 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section - 2(i) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid act.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the FAC in the meeting dated 21.09.2020, **Stage-I/ In-principle approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 100.00 ha of Forest land (PF -188) for Relocation of Village "Khamda and Malani Part 5" from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh State subject to the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation/rehabilitation of villages from National Parks/Sanctuaries/ Tiger Reserves shall cease to be forest land;
- ii. The State Govt. shall endeavour to ensure that the whole of a hamlet of a village is relocated at the same time as far as possible.
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the rehabilitation plan includes all need based facilities for the villagers.
- iv. The State Govt. shall ensure all essential facilities are provided to the villagers by the district administration in order to avoid any possibility of reverse migration.
- v. Details of relocation shall be provided to the NTCA for onward legal action/compliance in IA No. 3924 of 2015 in WP (C) 202/1995.


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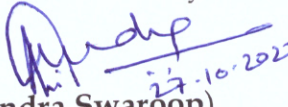
- vi. **Details of de-notification/de-reservation to be made due to this approval shall also be made part of record of State Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh and Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.**
- vii. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the de-notified forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- viii. Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan/NTCA Guideline/CWLW.
- ix. No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project;
- x. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xi. The forest land vacated by the villagers inside the Satpura Tiger Reserve shall be afforested/developed as per the prescriptions of the management plan of the Tiger Reserve;
- xii. State Govt. would carry out relocation, social economic analysis which would be submitted to this Ministry;
- xiii. 100% enumeration of the existing tree growth in the proposed site be carried out and all fully grown trees like Tamarind, Neem etc. which are part and parcel of the daily life of villagers are retained;
- xiv. State Forest Department at appropriate level shall be made part of the body responsible for preparing detailed layout plan of the village so as to ensure that as far as possible naturally growing trees are retained along the roads, in the school, other Government / public utility complexes around the boundaries of the village, as natural groves;
- xv. Connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the nearest possible metal road should be worked out in advance;
- xvi. The boundary of the de-notified forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Officer;
- xvii. Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xviii. Activities which may adversely impact the biodiversity of the area and adjacent forest area shall not be carried out;
- xix. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions;


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- xxi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xxii. The complete compliance report with undertakings and plans/schemes will be uploaded on the web-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,


(Brijendra Swaroop)
27.10.2022

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The PCCF, Department of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Department of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi.