

File No: 8-09/2022-FC (E- 181054)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated:

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 50.00 ha (Originally proposed 55.00 ha) forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for relocation of Village Dhunwani from the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, District Raisen of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/FVC/152645/2022)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no.F-5/1129/2022/10-11/1850 dated 26.05.2022 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. The proposal was accorded '*In-Principle*' (Stage-I) approval by the Central Government vide letter dated 09.01.2023. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported/submitted the compliance report vide letters dated 24.11.2025 and 08.01.2026 to the conditions stipulated in the '*In-Principle*' approval and requested for grant of final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide letters dated 24.11.2025 and 08.01.2026, Stage-II/Final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of 50.00 ha (Originally proposed 55.00 ha) forest land under the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, for relocation of Village Dhunwani from the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, District Raisen of Madhya Pradesh State, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land may be changed to non-forest land by the state in accordance with Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 28.01.2019 in IA No. 3924 of 2015 in WP(C) and Ministry's Guidelines dated 20.5.2019.
- ii. The State Government shall ensure that the area under the Dhunwani Village becomes inviolate and no families are left within this village for further relocation. The area to be made available as inviolate on account of relocation of village Dhunwani will be used for Wildlife conservation.
- iii. The State Government shall take effective steps to ensure that the villagers who are relocated do not return to the area.
- iv. The Forest Department shall encourage rehabilitated families in relocated forest area for Improvement of their livelihood based on tree/forest based economic opportunities by providing appropriate training and imparting skill

- sets in ecotourism, Bamboo and Medicinal plants and other NTFPs through sustainable collection, processing, value addition and marketing etc. to help in conservation of forest area around rehabilitation.
- v. The area to be vacated shall be mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF under relevant sections of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or the State Forest Act as the case may be.
 - vi. The State Government shall ensure that the land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village will be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan/NTCA Guidelines.
 - vii. The State Government shall ensure that the relocation package is implemented with due regard to specific court orders and Government norms in this regard.
 - viii. The State Government shall ensure that no fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project.
 - ix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the 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.
 - x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
 - xi. The State Govt. shall 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 proposed village, at natural groves.
 - xii. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
 - xiii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
 - xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
 - xv. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
 - xvi. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
 - xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year.
 - xviii. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
 - xix. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 - xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications

issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry on dated 29.12.2023.

- xxi. The State Government shall ensure the compliance of all other conditions as mentioned in the Stage-I approval.
- xxii. The State Government after receiving the 'Final Approval' of the Central Government under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Adhiniyam, and after fulfillment and compliance of the provisions of the all other acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes or Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act. 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion.

Yours sincerely,

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