

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

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**Dated: As per e-Sign**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 421.00 ha forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for relocation of Village Bagcha from Kuno National Park, District - Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/REHAB/152389/2022) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/1151/2022/10-11/2951 dated 24.08.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. After careful examination and recommendation of the proposal by the Advisory Committee, constituted under Section-3 of the aforesaid act and with due approval of the competent authority *Stage-I/In-principle* approval for the above mentioned proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 09.11.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. F-5/1151/2022/10-11/101 dated 04.01.2024, letter No. F-1/1151/2022/10-11/859 dated 07.02.2024 and letter No. F-5/1151/2022/10-11/3722 dated 16.07.2024 '**Stage-II/Final approval**' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for non-forest use of 421.00 ha forest land for relocation of Village Bagcha from Kuno National Park, District - Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh State subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land(except 55ha proposed to be utilized for plantation) 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) 202/1995 and Ministry's Guidelines dated 20.05.2019;
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the legal status of 55 ha forest area (out of 421 ha) which is unfit for agriculture and is proposed to be utilized for plantation shall remain unchanged;
- iii. The SIR submitted by IRO Bhopal mentions that Rambadi Villagers have encroached upon the forest area near the village. The State Government

- shall ensure to take legal action for eviction of said encroachments on forest land;
- iv. The State Government shall ensure that the land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of village becomes inviolate and no families are left within this village for further relocation;
  - v. The State Government shall ensure that under no condition either encroachment or reverse migration by the people voluntarily relocated be allowed;
  - 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, as 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 and State Govt. shall ensure compliance of the provisions of 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) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023;

- xxi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the 'Stage-I/In-principle' approval letter dated 09.11.2022 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, or the time being in force, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, before handing over the forest land to the user agency.

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

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2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.