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

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Dated: 21st December, 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 Malni 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. The proposal was examined on 21.09.2019 by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid act. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) and with due approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change accorded *Stage-I/In-principle* approval for the above mentioned proposal vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 27.10.2020, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh's vide letter No. F-5/893/2019/10-11/3962 dated 25.11.2020, approval of the Central Government is hereby accorded for *Stage-II/Final approval* under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 100.00 ha of Forest land (PF -188) for Relocation of Village "Khamda and Malni 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 endeavor 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

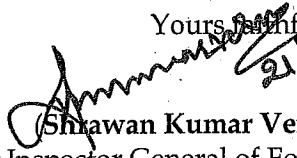

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- based facilities for the villagers;
- iv. The State Govt. shall ensure all essential facilities are provided to the villagers by the district administration in order to avoid any possibility of reverse migration;
 - v. The State Govt. shall ensure 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;
 - vi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the details of de-notification/de-reservation to be made due vide this approval shall also be made part of record of State Forest Department of Madhya Pradesh and Forest Survey of India, Dehradun;
 - vii. 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 Guideline/CWLW;
 - viii. The State Government shall ensure that the relocation package is implemented with due regard to specific court orders and Government norms in this regard;
 - ix. The State Government shall ensure that the no fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project;
 - x. The 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;
 - xi. The 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;
 - xii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
 - xiii. The complete compliance of FRA, 2006 as per norms shall be ensured before relocation.
 - xiv. The State Govt. shall ensure that 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;
 - xv. The State Govt. would carry out relocation, social economic analysis which would be submitted to this Ministry;
 - xvi. 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;
 - xvii. The 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;
 - xviii. Connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the nearest possible metal road should be worked out in advance;
 - xix. 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;

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- xx. Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxi. Activities which may adversely impact the biodiversity of the area and adjacent forest area shall not be carried out;
- xxii. 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;
- xxiii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and 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;
- xxiv. 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;

Yours faithfully,


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Department of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Member Secretary (NTCA); with a request to monitor the implementation of the relocation as appropriate.
3. The DDG (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
5. User Agency;
6. Monitoring Cell (FC Division), MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

