

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

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Dated: November, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 63.091 ha forest land at Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District Kolhapur under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-2322/C.R.73/F-10 dated 17.10.2023 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that the State Govt. informed that an approach road connecting the mine falls in gat No. 536 which is outside the boundary of the forest area. However, as per revised KML file submitted by the State Govt. the part of existing mine is falling in the forest land. Moreover, an approach road connecting the existing mine is passing through the forest land. Therefore the State Govt. shall revisit the KML file and submit a detail report in this regard.
- ii. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that the State Govt. informed that the mine falls in gat No. 536 whereas as per the DGPS map the said mine falls in Gat No. 216, 217 and 218. Therefore, the same needs clarification.
- iii. Again the KML file of 159.30 ha. village 'Nivale' located in Chandoli National Park has not been submitted and same needs submission.
- iv. The State govt has requested for waiving off the requirement of plantation as the forest department has already got 154 ha. inviolate area. However, the area proposed for diversion is actually an area where Compensatory Afforestation has been done against another project. The State has not given any justification as to how the loss of Compensatory afforestation done against Patgaon Irrigation Project will be made good. The State shall examine the matter and submit the requisite details.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above-mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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