

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

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**Dated: 12th January, 2023**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 76.17 ha Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Malharpeth, Sonaichiwadi, Marulhaveli & Girewadi, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Kolane, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in the Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/149807/2021) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. LD-2022/CR-129/F-10 dated 06.12.2022 uploaded on PARIVESH portal on dated 16.12.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Govt. has mentioned that after rehabilitation of village Kolane, 237.19.50 Ha non forest area will be made available to forest department. Whereas, the Nodal Officer in Part-IV has mentioned that 88.36 ha non forest land will be received under this project to forest department. This needs clarification.
- ii. The State Govt. has provided the revised KML file of proposed forest land for diversion. However total area of proposed forest land for diversion is found to be 73.246 ha instead of 76.17 ha as per proposal. Therefore, the correct KML file of 76.17 ha needs to be submitted /uploaded.
- iii. The State Govt. has now provided the KML file of village 'Kolane' which is proposed to be re-located from Chandoli National Park. Total area of village 'Kolane' which is proposed to be re-located is found 475.754 ha instead of 485.649 ha (including forest area) reported by the State Govt. Therefore, the correct KML file of Village Kolane is required to be submitted /uploaded.
- iv. The State Govt. has informed that the plantations during different time span were carried out in the forest land proposed for diversion. In this regard, it shall be clarified whether the said plantations were part of CompensatoryA scheme of any project or not.
- v. The State Govt. has not submitted the reason for not submitting a comprehensive proposal involving another forest diversion proposal comprising 24.69 ha which is under process at DCF, Sangli for rehabilitation of same forest village Kolane. The same shall be submitted.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
 (Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.