

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

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**Dated: 29th December, 2022**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 46.06 ha Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Bopegaon, Tal. Wai, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Deur, Tal. Jaoli, Dist. Satara from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/139268/2021) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2022/C.R.87/F-10 dated 06.12.2022 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 not provided the basic details of the area to be vacated by relocating the Village Deur. The complete details of the area under different components including habitation, agriculture, nistar rights and other land-use categories along with documentary evidence shall be submitted.
- ii. The correct KML file of 46.06 ha area proposed for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- iii. The State has intimated that no plantation work has been carried out in the area proposed for diversion, whereas apart from the satellite imagery, the site inspection report submitted by the CF, Kolhapur & the DCF, Satara mentions about the mixed species plantations of 15 to 17 years old within the area selected for diversion. This needs clarification.
- iv. High-resolution satellite imagery forest village 'Deur' shows the presence of Wind mills and a Road connecting the Wind mills. Keeping this in view, the area will not be inviolate despite the relocation of villagers. This needs justification.
- v. As per the satellite imagery only four settlements are visible within the forest village 'Deur'. Whereas the State has mentioned the

number of PAPs as 28, which needs justification.

- vi. As per DSS Analysis, the area of kml file submitted for forest village 'Deur' is found to be 2132.768 ha instead of 2140.19 ha as reported by the State Govt. Therefore, the correct kml file of 2140.19 ha shall be submitted.
- vii. As per DSS Analysis, the calculated area of kml file of Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary is found to be 333.054 Sq. Km instead of 335.30 Sq. Km. Therefore, the correct KML file of Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary (335.30 sq. Km) shall be submitted.
- viii. The total number of "villagers" to be rehabilitated in the Village 'Deur' along with the number of 'families' entitled for relocation or rehabilitation under the scheme shall be submitted.

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

**Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj**

**Date: 29-12-2022 10:33:33**

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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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.