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Kolhapur Dt. १/02/2025.

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Kolhapur.

Subject - Diversion of area 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.

Ref.- 1. Government of India MoEF&CC Letter Dt. 19-09-2024.

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), M.S. Nagapur Letter No.Desk- 17/ FCA/pID-121398/1508, Dt. 30-09-2024.

Apropos the above reference letter the following justification was sent vide our reference letter number dated No. Desk-Nosel/563, Dt. 7-8-2024.

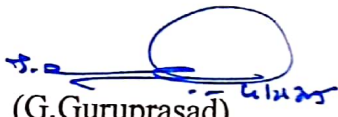
“The 73 PAP's from Nivale village (inside chandoli National park) were rehabilitated in the year 1998-99 as per the special GR dated 31st March 1995, the Maharashtra Project affected persons rehabilitation Act, 1999 Government of Maharashtra as dated 17th July 2000 issued for villages relocated from sanctuary/National park. As per the guidelines the PAP'S were supposed to be given alternate agricultural in lieu of land acquired and further notified as forest land inside Chandoli National Park. No agricultural land is given till date to all the 73 PAP'S from Nivale village which is relocated at Galgale village of Kagal taluka. The Beneficiary / PAP's have selected the said forest patch for agricultural purpose and hence the same was recommended by the state Government.”

In addition to this following justification is given as below:

1. There is no alternate revenue land or other government Land available near by Galgale village which is suitable for agricultural purpose for the PAP's.
2. The Forest department has already notified 159.30 ha land acquired after relocation of Nivale village as Reserve forest inside Chandoli National Park.
3. The Nivale village was relocated by State Government in the year 1999 and Since then the PAP's are not given alternate land in lieu of agricultural land acquired.
4. All 73 PAP'S have Selected the said forest patch of the agricultural land in lieu of acquired land.

5. The State Government is bound by the rules under the Maharashtra project affected persons rehabilitation Act, 1999 to given alternate agricultural land after relocation.
6. The state Government early^{ly} also in their reply, have not mentioned about requirement of only 16 ha. for 73 PAP's of Nivale village. Even in the previous reply as well as in the proposal for diversion we have requested 63.091 ha. (53.45 ha. for agricultural land purpose for 73 PAP'S, Main road 0.261 ha. and approach road to agricultural land 9.35 ha.)

We have only mentioned that the State Government had earlier acquired 16 ha. for gavthan and other amenities in Galgale village. Due to Hon'ble High Court of Bombay orders the entire land aquisition was squashed and the 16 ha. land was returned to the Original land holders. The review petition is filed by state Government against the orders of the Hon'ble High Court. Since the inception of their proposal we have clarified that the 73 PAP's from relocated Nivale village, presently Galale village need 63.091 ha. forest land for agricultural purpose in lieu of land acquired having relocation as mentioned earlier.


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