

Government of Maharashtra

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No. FLD-2322/C.R.73/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date:- 06.03.2023

To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

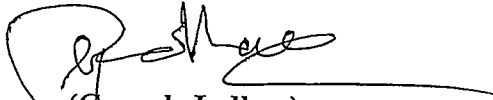
Sub.: - Forest Land - Kolhapur

Diversion of 63.091 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation of forest land at Village-Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District-Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary of the State of Maharashtra.(FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021)

- Ref:** 1. Your Office Letter No. 8-22/2022-FC, Dt.16.11.2023.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-121398 /Kolhapur/3243, Dt.22.02.2024

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India has sought information with respect to proposal for diversion of 63.091 ha. forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation of forest land at Village-Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District-Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village-Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary of the State of Maharashtra, vide letter under reference No.1.

2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted compliance report to the Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference no.2, Compliance Report submitted by the APCCF & Nodal Officer is attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter.



(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to
the Government of Maharashtra
Under Secretary

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Copy to:

- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
- 3) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
- 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur.

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**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force),
Maharashtra State.**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer,

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No.Desk-17/FCA/S1/PID-121398/Kolhapur/3243
Nagpur, Date: 22/02/2024

To,

Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

Sub: Proposal for the diversion of area 63.091 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation of forest land at village Kagal Tal. Kagal, Dist. Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary of the State of Maharashtra.

Ref: 1) Government of India, MoEF&CC, (Forest Conservation Division), Indra Paryavarn Bhawan, Jog Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi letter No. 8-22/2022-FC, Date 16/11/2023.

2) The CCF (T), Kolhapur Letter no.Desk-6/Nocell/Laxmi Tekadi/ID-12880/1745, Dt. 07/02/2024.

Sir,

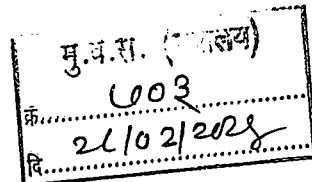
Government of India, MoEF&CC, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi vide letter under reference No.1 has raised query on 04 points.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance reports on 04 points to this office. The compliance report on 04 points as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 16/11/2023 is being submitted as under:

Sr. No.	Points	Remark
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.	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest (T), Kolhapur and Forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur mentioned that: 1. Approach Road connecting mines does not fall in Gat – 536 as per Land Records Map. Gat no 536 is not even near by the forest area referred. 2. Approach Road connecting mines fall outside forest area in Gat No. 213, 214,215. The part existing road of the mines which was earlier in gat no. 213 was since completely closed. Hence the agency is using road in private area outside the forest boundary.

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		<p>3. The existing mines do not fall within the forest boundary. The corrected KML file is enclosed. Attached as Annexure- I.</p> <p>4. Revised KML soft copy is enclosed after ground Truthing.</p>
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.	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest (T), Kolhapur and Forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur mentioned that as per DSS maps mines area falls in Gat No 536 but as per land records map, Gat No.536 is not even near by the forest area referred. Mines area falls in 216,217and 218 as seen in the revised KML.
iii	Again the KML file of 159.30 ha. village 'Nivale' located in Chandoli National Park has not been submitted and same needs submission.	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest (T), Kolhapur and Forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur mentioned that KML file of 159.30 ha. Village 'Nivale' is attached herewith in CD.
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.	As per the Compliance submitted by Deputy Conservator of Forest (T), Kolhapur and Forwarded by Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur mentioned that 63.091 ha. forest land at Kagal, which is proposed for diversion is actually on area where Compensatory afforestation has been done against Patagaon irrigation project. The forest department has already got 159.30 ha. inviolate area inside the Chandoli National Park. The forest department will take up plantation of suitable fruit species in 63.091 ha. land out of 159.30 ha. inviolate area obtained because of relocation. The plantation will be taken up in such a way that it will create suitable habitat for wildlife as well.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approval under section-2 Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 at the earliest.

Encl.: As above-2 Copies

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
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(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur.



Government of Maharashtra
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To,
 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
 and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

Sub: - Proposal for the diversion of area 63.091 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for disforestation of forest land at Village Kagal, Tal. Kagal, Dist. Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary of the State of Maharashtra.

- Ref:** - 1. GOI, MOEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.8-22/2022-FC Dated 16.11.2023.
 2. Your office letter D-17/FCA-51/PID-121398/Kolhapur/2456 Dated 21.11.2023
 3. This office letter D-6/Nocell/L.Tekadi/23-24/2524 Dated 22.11.2023
 4. DCF, Kolhapur letter No.A/Nodal/2023-24/1541 Dated 24.01.2024.

GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 16.11.2023 raised few queries. DCF Kolhapur vide reference 4 submitted the query compliance, as shown below


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Encl: As above.


(G. Guruprasad)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Kolhapur.

Copy submitted to: CF & Field Director, STR, Kolhapur for information & necessary action.
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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Kolhapur Dt. 24/01/2024.

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.

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2. Add. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal) Nagapur Letter No. Desk- 17/ FCA/ID-121398/2456, Dt. 21-11-2023.
3. Your's Office letter No. Desk-6/Nosel/2524, Dt. 22-11-2023.

With reference to the above subject cited Refere the Government of India has sought query on 4 point. The Query Compliance is submitted as under.

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