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No. D-6/Nocel/Rehab/Kolane/Id-13256/22-23/444
Kolhapur - 416003, 08/08/2022

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

Sub: - Proposal for the disforestation of area 76.17 ha Reserved 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

Ref: - 1. GOI, MOEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.8-14/2022-FC Dated 12.07.2022.
2. Your office letter No.desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-13256/894/2022-23 Dated 13.07.2022.
3. DCF, Satara letter No.A/D-6/land/2022-23/671 Dated 2.08.2022.

GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 12.07.2022 raised few queries. DCF Satara vide reference 3 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

Sr. No.	Points	Remark																				
i.	Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part-IV of the proposal.	This is related with Nodal Office.																				
ii.	As per DSS analysis, the calculated forest area for diversion is found to be 80.243 ha. instead of 76.17 ha. as per proposal. Therefore, the correct KML file of 76.17 ha. shall be submitted.	Corrected KML file of 76.17 ha submitted herewith in CD.																				
iii.	The KML file of the forest Village 'Kolane' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park shall be submitted/ uploaded.	The KML file of the forest Village 'Kolane' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park submitted herewith in CD.																				
iv.	High-resolution satellite imagery shows that the plantations have been carried out in past over the forest land proposed for diversion at village Sonaichiwadi, Malharpeth and village Marulhaveli. This needs clarification.	<p>Many forest lands (patches) were scrutinized for resettlement of proposed project affected persons (PAP's) of Village Kolane. Most of the forest land patches were unsuitable for agriculture so consent was not accorded by PAP's. But, the said patches of 76.17 ha is found a suitable patch of which terrain is comparatively leveled, also located near water source and having suitable for agri. So consent has been given by PAP's.</p> <p>Land being suitable for plantation so plantation activities carried out on the said patch as per description given below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Village</th><th>Com No.</th><th>Year of Plantation</th><th>Area (in Ha.)</th><th>Expenditure (inRs.)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sonaichiwadi</td><td>226 (Gut No.)</td><td>2011-12 (9th)</td><td>25</td><td>2897587/-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Malharpeth</td><td>448</td><td>2018-19 (3rd)</td><td>5</td><td>1465701/-</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marulhaveli</td><td>507</td><td>2019-20 (2nd)</td><td>10</td><td>1130273/-</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Village	Com No.	Year of Plantation	Area (in Ha.)	Expenditure (inRs.)	Sonaichiwadi	226 (Gut No.)	2011-12 (9th)	25	2897587/-	Malharpeth	448	2018-19 (3rd)	5	1465701/-	Marulhaveli	507	2019-20 (2nd)	10	1130273/-
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		<p>Though most of above expenses over plantation are going to be unfruitful but lack of alternate suitable land with potential irrigation facilities compel us to divert this land which is under plantation. Another considerable point is that, it is going to save expenses over leveling of land and bringing it under irrigation which is otherwise to be born up by department. Another justification is that at the cost of this territorial plantation we are going to save and develop very rich wildlife area forming an inviolate area as per Hon. Supreme Court Guidelines.</p>				
v.	<p>Satellite imagery shows that 80.243 ha area of reserved forest has been identified for diversion at three different sites. Aerial distance between proposed forest diversion site at Village Malharpeth and Village Sonaichiwadi is 2.89 Km and aerial distance between Village Sonaichiwadi and Village Marulhaveli is 1.98 Km. Therefore, the reason for not selecting the forest land for diversion in a single patch needs submission.</p>	<p>Due to non-availability of continuous patch of forest land at a stretch that accommodate all PAP's. Many forest lands (patches) were scrutinized for resettlement by proposed project affected persons (PAP's) of village Kolane. Most of the forest land patches were unsuitable for agriculture so consent was not accorded by PAP's. But the said patches were found a suitable due to following reasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terrain is comparatively leveled 2. Located near water canal 3. Having better soil depth. 4. Having better road connectivity 5. Better employment chances due to vicinity of Karad City. <p>So consent has been given by PAP's. A justification for site selection is attached herewith. Annexure - 9.</p>				
vi.	<p>Project report envisage that an another forest diversion proposal comprising 24.69 ha is under process at DCF, Sangli for rehabilitation of same forest village Kolane. Therefore, the reason for not submitting a comprehensive proposal needs submission.</p>	<p>According to the Maharashtra Government resolution on November 3, 2012 the Voluntary Rehabilitation policy is applicable while implementing the rehabilitation process of those affected by the sanctuaries, national parks and other forest projects. Out of 79 PAP's of Kolane village, 24 PAP's preferred the area in Sangli district and showed their readiness to go with the PAP's of neighboring villages. The core area of the national park will not be cleared unless these 24 PAP's are rehabilitated. Since the proposal for these 24 PAP's will be submitted at the level of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sangli along with other PAP's, a combined proposal has not been submitted.</p>				
vii.	<p>The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH</p>	<p>The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion uploaded on PARIVESH. (Annexure - 1).</p>				
viii.	<p>The State Govt. shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.</p>	<p>Certified map showing boundary of core area and location of village in core is attached herewith. Also notification showing Kolane Village well within core of Chandoli National Park is attached herewith (Annexure 2 A and 2 B).</p>				
ix.	<p>The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.</p>	<p>The Proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's Guidelines dated 20.05.2019. Details as per Guidelines -</p> <p>a) Resettlement/relocation within the boundaries of the notified forest land be considered only if suitable non-forest land is not available within the vicinity of the protected area from where the relocation is proposed</p> <p>- Certificate of Collector regarding non availability of non-forest land within the vicinity of the protected area from where the relocation is proposed is attached herewith as Annexure -3.</p> <p>b) The District Collector concerned shall furnish to the NTCA a certificate of non-availability of land suitable for relocation of the villages located within the Protected Area and Tiger</p>				

Reserves before any proposal of relocation within the forest is approved

- This certificate is furnished by District Collector, Satara and it is attached herewith as **Annexure -3**.

c) The land identified for relocation/rehabilitation should not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat.

- Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara about land identified for relocation/rehabilitation will not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat is attached herewith as **Annexure - 4**.

d) The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat.

- Such Certificate is furnished by Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as **Annexure-5**.

e) The relocation shall be undertaken only along the fringes of the forest such that all facilities to the resettled families can be provided without recourse to further diversion of forest land for providing infrastructure

- Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara is attached herewith as **Annexure-6**.

f) The land/villages within the forest which have been vacated shall be brought under the protected area network through enabling notification under the Wildlife Protection Act after extinguishing all the existing rights over the vacated land.

- Such undertaking is furnished by Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as **Annexure-7**.

g) The extent of land de-reserved/de-notified for resettlement shall not be more than the extent vacated by the settlers in the core area.

- Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara and Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as **Annexure-8**.

h) The payment of NPV and cost of CA may be exempted in all such cases of voluntary relocation/rehabilitation of families from the protected areas undertaken within the forest land.

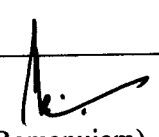
-Already exempted by GOI Letter no. 5-3/2011-FC (VOL-I) dated 6 Jan. 2022.

x. The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.

Sr.	Details	Number of PAP's	Land (Ha.)
1.	PAP's ready to relocation	79	128.89.90
	1. Out of total 79 PAP's 7 PAP's accorded their consent to relocate as per option I	7	
	2. Out of total 72 PAP's 48 PAPs accorded their consent to relocate in District Satara	48	
	3. Remaining 24 PAP's willing to relocate in District Sangli.	24	
Total		79	128.89.90
2.	Revenue Land		108.29.60

		Total	237.19.50			
		3.	Forest Land		248.45.40	
		Grand Total	485.64.90			
		After rehabilitation of village Kolne non forest area 237.19.50 ha will be made available to forest department.				
xi.	The State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.	Village "Kolane" proposed for relocation has PAP's as per list prepared by Revenue Department. Hence, out of total 79 PAP's 7 PAPs accorded their consent to relocate as per Option I and remaining 72 PAP's willing to relocate as per option II. Out of total 72 PAP's 48 PAPs accorded their consent to relocate in District Satara and remaining 24 PAP's willing to relocate in District Sangli. This proposal for relocation of 72 PAP's has been submitted. Hence, relocation of all PAP's will make this area devoid of any people and inviolate.				
xii.	Breakup showing the forest land, revenue land and other land made available after rehabilitation of village Kolane needs submission.	Breakup of the forest land, revenue land and other land made available after rehabilitation of village Kolane is as under -				
		Sr.No.	Revenue Land	Forest Land	Other Land	Total Land
		1.	108.29.60	248.45.40	128.89.90	485.64.90
xiii.	The comments of Chief Wildlife Warden in view of the Village to be rehabilitated shall be submitted.	This is related with Chief Wildlife Warden				

Encl: As above.


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 Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
 Kolhapur.

Ccopy submitted to: C.F & Field Director, STR, Kolhapur for information & necessary action.
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