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No. D-6/Nocell/Rehab/Male/Id-12995/22-23/484.
Kolhapur - 416003, 9 008/2022

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

Sub: - Proposal for the diversion of 227.90 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Bahule, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara and Village Kharade, Helgaon, Hanbarwadi and Gosavewadi, Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Male, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

Ref: - 1. GOI, MOEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.8-11/2022-FC Dated 30.06.2022.
2. Your office letter No.desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-12995/2022-23 Dated 8.07.2022.
3.DCF, Satara letter No.A/D-6/land/2022-23/594 Dated 18.07.2022.

GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 30.06.2022 raised few queries. DCF Satara vide reference 3 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

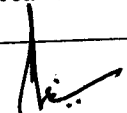
Sr. No.	Points	Remark										
i	The Nodal Office has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part - IV of the proposal.	This matter related with Nodal Office.										
ii	As per DSS analysis, the calculated forest area for diversion is found to be 239.301 ha. instead of 227.90 ha as per proposal. Therefore the correct KML file of 227.90 ha. shall be submitted.	The correct KML file of 227.90 ha. submitted herewith in CD.										
iii	The KML file of the forest village 'Male' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park has not been submitted, which is required to be done.	The KML file of the forest Village 'Male' 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 within the forest land proposed for diversion at village Gosavewadi, Hanbarwadi, Kharade and village Bahuli. This needs clarification.	Many forest lands (patches) were scrutinized for resettlement of proposed project affected persons (PAP's) of village Male. Most of the forest land patches were unsuitable for agriculture so consent was not accorded by PAP's. But the said patches of 227.90 ha. is found a suitable patch of which terrain is comparatively leveled, also located near water source and having better soil depth. So consent has been given by PAP's. Land being suitable for plantation so plantation activities carried out on the said patch as per description given below.										
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			510			
		Kharade	653	2003-04	9.15	193000/-
		Helgaon	653	2014-15	15	1162198/-
				2019-20	15	72425/-
		Hanabarwadi	653	2015-16	29	2000000/-
				2016-17	20	2266000/-
		Gosaviwadi	653	2016-17	20	2400000/-
				Total		10957243/-
		<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	Satellite imaginary shows that the forest land proposed for forest diversion at village Hanbarwadi, Helgaon, and village Kharade is neither continuous nor on plain surface. Identification of such fragmented patches for diversion on the on the undulating surface which may be susceptible to erosion can further lead to degradation of nearby forest areas owing to human incumbencies and activities. This need clarification.	<p>Many forest lands (patches) were scrutinized for resettlement by proposed project affected persons (PAP's) of village Male. 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. Appropriate soil and moisture conservation (SMC) measures can be taken on remaining forest land near the diverted area in order to minimize possible degradation.</p>				
vi	The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.	The complete DGPS Map of forest land sought for diversion uploaded on PARIVESH. (Annexure - 1)				
vii	The State Govt. shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.	Certification is attached herewith as annexure No 2A and 2B. Village Male proposed for rehabilitation is within core of STR and Chandoli National Park. Map and notification showing Male village well within core of STR and Chandoli National Park is attached herewith Annexure 2A & 2B.				
viii	The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.	<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</p>				

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		<p>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 Reserves before any proposal of relocation within the forest is approved</p> <p>- This certificate is furnished by District Collector, Satara and it is attached herewith as Annexure -3.</p> <p>c) The land identified for relocation/rehabilitation should not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat.</p> <p>- 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</p> <p>d) The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat.</p> <p>- Such Certificate is furnished by Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as Annexure-5.</p> <p>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</p> <p>- Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara is attached herewith as Annexure-6.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>- Such undertaking is furnished by Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as Annexure-7.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>- Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara and Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as Annexure-8.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>- Already exempted by GOI Letter no. 5-3/2011-FC (VOL-I) dated 6 Jan. 2022.</p>
ix	The State Govt. has reported that an area of 1660.63 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of village Male whereas the DCF, Satara has reported that an area of 519.49 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of village Male. This needs clarification.	After rehabilitation of Village Male Non forest area of 519.49 ha. will be made available to forest department. Details are given in Point No.X.

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		Sr.	Details	Number of PAP's	Land (Ha.)
x	The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.	1.	PAP's ready to relocation	120	261.88
		2.	Out of total 140 PAPs 20 PAPs accorded their consent to relocate as per Option I	20	
			Total Number of PAPs	140	261.88
		3.	Revenue Land		257.61
			Total		519.49
		4.	Forest Land		1141.15
			Grand Total		1660.64
xi.	The State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.	Village "Male" proposed for relocation has 140 PAP's as per list prepared by Revenue Department. Hence, out of total 140 PAP's 20 PAP's accorded their consent to relocate as per Option I and remaining 120 PAP's willing to relocate as per option II. This proposal for relocation of 120 PAP's has been submitted. Hence, relocation of all PAP's will make this area devoid of any people and inviolate.			

Encl: As above.


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