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No. D-6/Nocel//Rehab/Vele/Id-12996/22-23/485  
Kolhapur - 416003, 90/07/2022  
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To,  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of forests,  
and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

**Sub:** - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980  
Diversion of 112.25 ha. Forest land of Mane Colony, Bholi & Dhangarwadi  
Tal. Khandala, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Vele, Tal. Jaoli, Dist.  
Satara from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve

**Ref:** - 1. GOI, MOEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.8-07/2022-FC Dated 31.05.2022.  
2. Your office letter No.desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-12996/2022-23 Dated 1.06.2022.  
3. This office letter D-6/Nosel/Vele/22-23/643 Dated 22.06.2022  
4. DCF, Satara letter No.A/D-6/land/2022-23/513 Dated 8.07.2022.

GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 31.05.2022 raised few queries. DCF  
Satara vide reference 4 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

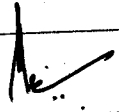
Sr. No.	Points	Remark
i	The Nodal Office has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part - IV of the proposal.	This matter related with Nodal Office.
ii	As per DSS analysis, the calculated forest area for diversion is found to be 114.873 ha. Instead of 112.25 ha as per proposal. Therefore, the correct KML file of 112.25 ha. shall be submitted.	The correct KML file of 112.25 ha. submitted herewith in CD. KML includes following items: - Polygon no.1:- Proposed Road for MIDC, Proposal under FCA 1980 in process. Polygon no. 2 :- Canal already approved under FCA 1980. Polygon no. 3: - Existing Road as per toposheet surveyed on 1888.89. Polygon no. 4. Area for Rehabilitation i) Gaothan ii) Agricultural land Polygon no. 1, 2 & 3 are within polygon No. 4. Area of Polygon no. 1, 2 & 3 has been deleted. Polygon No, 4 has been corrected and found to be 112.25 ha. (Kindly refer Map attached as <b>Annexure - 1</b> )
iii	The KML file of the forest village 'Vele' which is proposed to be re-located from the Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary shall be submitted/uploaded.	The KML file of the forest village 'Vele' which is proposed to be re-located from the Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary submitted in CD.
iv	Project report mentions that the total area of notified Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary is 423.55 sq. km. Out of which non forest area	Project report mentions that the total area of notified Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary is 423.55 sq. km. Out of which non forest area of 14 villages has been excluded, the boundaries of the Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary have been

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v	High-resolution satellite imagery shows that the plantations and pre-plantation operations have been carried out within the village Dhangarwadi, Bholi and Mane colony proposed for diversion. This needs clarification.	<p>Many forest land (patches) were scrutinized for settlement of proposed project affected persons (PAP's) of village Vele. Most of the forest land patches were unsuitable for agriculture so consent has not given by PAP's, but the said patch of 112.25 ha. is a continuous patch of which terrain is comparatively leveled also located near water canal and having better soil depth so consent has been given by PAP's.</p> <p>Land was 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>Gat No.</th> <th>Year of Plantation</th> <th>Area (in Ha.)</th> <th>Expenditure (in Rs.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bholi</td> <td>362,363</td> <td>2018 (4th)</td> <td>10</td> <td>1407367/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mane Colony</td> <td>250</td> <td>2018 (4th)</td> <td>25</td> <td>7084841/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dhanagarwadi</td> <td>389</td> <td>2019 (3rd)</td> <td>10</td> <td>2592672/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Though most of above expenses are going to be unfruitful due to lack of alternate suitable land with potential irrigation facilities compel us to divert the land which is under plantation. Another considerable point is that it is going to save expenses of leveling of land and bringing it under irrigation which is otherwise to be born up by department.</p>	Village	Gat No.	Year of Plantation	Area (in Ha.)	Expenditure (in Rs.)	Bholi	362,363	2018 (4th)	10	1407367/-	Mane Colony	250	2018 (4th)	25	7084841/-	Dhanagarwadi	389	2019 (3rd)	10	2592672/-
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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. ( <b>Annexure - 1</b> )																				
vii	The CCF, Kolhapur in his Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the proposal is for rehabilitation of Vele village from Chandoli National Park whereas the DCF, Satara in its Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the same is for Male village from Chandoli National Park. This needs clarification.	This proposal is for rehabilitation of Vele village from Koyna WLS. Hence revised site inspection report is submitted herewith <b>Annexure - 2</b> .																				
viii	The DCF and CCF in their site inspection reports have mentioned that the village is being relocated from Chandoli National Park,	This Village is Relocated from Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary.																				

	whereas the proposal is for relocation from Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary. This needs clarification.	
ix	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 3A and 3B. Village Vele proposed for rehabilitation is within core of STR and Koyna WLS. Map and notification showing Vele village well within core of STR and Koyna WLS is attached herewith <b>Annexure 3A &amp; 3B.</b>
x	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) <b>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</b>  - Certificate of non-availability of non-forest land within the vicinity of the protected area is attached herewith as <b>Annexure-4</b></p> <p>b) <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</b>  - Required certificate is furnished by District Collector, Satara and it is attached herewith as <b>Annexure- 4</b></p> <p>c) <b>The land identified for relocation/rehabilitation should not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat.</b>  - Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Satara about land identified for relocation/rehabilitation is not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat is attached herewith as <b>Annexure- 5</b></p> <p>d) <b>The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat.</b>  - Such Certificate is furnished by Deputy Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Kolhapur at Karad.  <b>Annexure - 6</b></p> <p>e) <b>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</b>  - Such Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest Satara. <b>Annexure - 7.</b></p> <p>f) <b>The land / villages within the forest which have been vacated shall be brought under the protected area network through enabling notification under the</b></p>

		<p><b>Wildlife Protection Act after extinguishing all the existing rights over the vacated land</b></p> <p>- Such undertaking is furnished by Deputy Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Kolhapur at Karad. Annexure - 8.</p> <p>g) <b>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.</b></p> <p>- Such Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest Satara. Annexure - 9.</p> <p>h) <b>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.</b></p> <p>- Already exempted by GOI Letter no. 5-3/2011-FC (VOL-I) dated 6 Jan. 2022.</p>																																		
xi	The State Govt. has reported that an area of 150.82 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of village Vele whereas the DCF, Satara has reported that an area of 435.07 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of Village Vele. This needs clarification.	After rehabilitation of Village Vele 642.27 ha. non forest will be made available to forest department. Details are given in Point no. xii.																																		
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xiii	The State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.	Village "Vele" proposed for relocation has 135 PAP's as per list prepared by Revenue Department. Out of 135 PAP's, 62 PAP's are already residing out of Vele village. 12 PAP's has given their consent for relocation in Raigad District. Hence this proposal is for remaining 61 villagers which will make the area devoid of any people and inviolate.																																		

Encl: As above.

  
 (R.M. Ramanujam)  
 Chief Conservator of Forests (T),  
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