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Kolhapur - 416003, 9/10/2023

To,

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

Sub: - Proposal for the diversion of 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 19.06.2023.
2. DCF, Kolhapur letter No.A/Nodal/2023-24/865 Dated 4.10.2023.


GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 19.06.2023 raised few queries. DCF Kolhapur vide reference 2 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

Sr. No.	Points	Remark
i	It has been observed that a forest patch near Kagal town is also sought for diversion as per the DGPS map. However, the KML file of the same has not been submitted/ uploaded. This needs clarification.	The revised KML file as well as revised DGPS Map showing the exact Forest gat No. 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205 & 181 is submitted. Attached as Annexure- I & II. The revised KML of the same is also uploaded on parivesh portal.
ii	An approach road connecting the existing mine can be seen through the satellite imagery as per new KML file of proposed diversion uploaded online. This needs clarification.	The approach road connecting the mines falls in gat No. 536 which is outside the boundary of the forest area. The revised KML is uploaded on parivesh portal.
iii	The shape & extent of the proposed area KML file is not matching with the shape & extent of the proposed diversion as reflected in the DGPS map & Sol map. Therefore, the correct DGPS map & Sol map in accordance with KML file of proposed diversion	The revised KML file as per the revised DGPS map and Sol map is enclosed here with. The same is uploaded in the online portal. Attached as Annexure- II.

	shall be submitted/uploaded.	
iv	The KML file of 159.30 ha of forest village 'Nivale' which is proposed to be relocated has not been found uploaded on PARIVESH portal. The same shall be submitted/ uploaded.	The KML file of 159.30 ha. of forest village 'Nivale' is enclosed as Annexure-I .
v	The DCF, Kolhapur in its Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the proposed forest area is CA land and the said area was transferred to Forest Department under Patgaon Irrigation project for Compensatory Afforestation. Also the State Government vide their letter dated 06.12.2022 has submitted that at village Galgale in Kagal, 64.50 ha. land was given to forest department as alternate land for Patgaon irrigation project and same land was planted during year 2003-2004 and expenditure made was Rs. 8,06,057/-. Therefore, the User Agency has to provide the cost of plantation to be carried out on double the degraded forest land along with fresh CA Scheme.	The proposed land for diversion for village Galgale in Kagal 64.50 ha. is CA land obtained against diversion of forest land for patgaon irrigation project. In the year 2003-04, the area was planted with Gliricidia tree spending Rs. 8,06,057/- The proposed area has not much ecological value since the area is covered with Gliricidia trees. Inturn forest department will get 154 ha. area inside the Chandoli National Park which is more than the double area (238%) proposed for diversion, and is totally inviolate for wildlife purpose. Further, the inviolate 64.50 ha. forest land is proposed only for relocation purpose. Hence it is requested to waive off the requirement of plantation in double the degraded forest land as the forest department has already got 154 ha. inviolate area inside the Chandoli National Park.
vi	The State Government has submitted the project resettlement plan of Village Nivale. However, in online part-I it has been reported that a total of 73 no. of families are to be displaced from the area proposed for diversion i.e. Kagal Forest area. Therefore, the State Govt. needs to provide the clarification in view that as in online part-I it has been reported that a total of 73 no. of families are to be displaced from the area proposed for diversion along with detailed R&R Plan.	The project resettlement plan is enclosed herewith as Annexure-III . 73 No. of families were relocated from Nivale village located in, Chandoli National Park to Galgale village in Kagal taluka. The village / gavthan is provided in gat no. 536 revenue land. Out of 73 shifted families. 70 families are land holders for which 53.45 ha. Agricultural land is required. 9.35 ha. is for internal approach road and 0.261 ha is for one main approach road.
vii	Further, since it is being reported that a total of 73 no. of families are to be displaced from the area	The 73 families from Nivale village taluka Shahuwadi inside Chandoli National Park were shifted to Galgale village of Kagal taluka. The village/Gaonthan is located

	<p>proposed for diversion which was notified as forest and part of CA compliance of Patgaon Irrigation project. The State Government may clarify whether the settlements of these families in this forest land is post notification of said land as forest and why this shall not be treated as violation of FC Act, 1980 & violation of conditions for CA stipulated while granting approval for the irrigation project. Further, the State Govt. may provide the details of action taken for violation if any, in this regard.</p>	<p>on revenue land gat no. 536. No forest land is involved for gaonthan purpose. The forest land is proposed only for agricultural land purpose. There is no violation of FC Act, 1980 as on date.</p> <p>Through the proposed site falling in Forest gat no. 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205 & 181 measuring 63.091 ha. is obtained as CA land against Patgaon Irrigation Project and the same was afforested with Gliricidia in the year 2003.-04, the proposed site is not of much importance from ecology biodiversity point of view. Futher 154 ha. private land of Nivale village inside Chandoli National Park will be taken as forest land, post relocation of village. Hence it is requested to consider this proposal as special case as mentoned above.</p>
viii	<p>The State Government shall submit the reason/justification for increasing the land under agriculture for the 73 PAP's.</p>	<p>There is no increase in proposed agricultural land for 73 PAP's. Only 63.091 ha. in Forest gat no. 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205 & 181 is proposed for agricultural land purpose which includes main approach road and internal approach road. (Agricultural land - 53.45 ha. Main approach road - 0.261 ha. Internal approach road 9.38 ha.)</p>

Encl: As above.


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