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No. FLD-2022/C.R.129/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 06/12/2022

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


Sub:- Forest Land-Satara

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. Your Office Letter No. 8-12/2022-FC, Dt.12.07.2022
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-13256/1974/2022-23, Dt.09.11.2022

MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to 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 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 self-explanatory and attached herewith for further necessary action in the matter.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to
the Government of Maharashtra

Under Secretary
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Encl: As above.

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.



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Maharashtra State**

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No.Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(29)/ID-13256/1974/2022-23

Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 09/11/2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai -400032

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Ref:- 1. Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi letter dated 12/07/2022 of File No.8-12/2022-FC.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur letter No.D-6/NC/Rehab/Kolane/ID-13256/22-23/556, dated 07/09/2022.
3. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Maharashtra State letter No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/CR. No.198/2109/2022-23, dated 02/11/2022.

Sir,

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi vide letter under reference No.1 had sought compliance on 13 points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance of shortcomings on 12 points to this office. Remarks of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State on 1 point related to the Wildlife Wing have been received by this office vide reference No.3. The compliance report on 13 points as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 12/07/2022 is being submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Points	Compliance report
i	The Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part -IV of the proposal.	Revised Part-IV including the specific recommendation of the Nodal Officer for the proposal is enclosed herewith as Annexure- 10 .
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.	The correct KML file of 76.17 ha. in C.D. is enclosed herewith as Annexure 1A .
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 in C.D. is enclosed herewith as Annexure 1A .
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	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

	clarification.	<p>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><tr><th>Village</th><th>Com No.</th><th>Year of Plantation</th><th>Area (in Ha.)</th><th>Expenditure (inRs.)</th></tr><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><tr><td>Girewadi</td><td>448</td><td>2017-18 (4th)</td><td>6</td><td>1596329/-</td></tr></table> <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>	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/-	Girewadi	448	2017-18 (4th)	6	1596329/-
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v	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>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 leveled2. Located near water canal3. Having better soil depth.4. Having better road connectivity5. Better employment chances due to vicinity of Karad City. <p>So consent has been given by PAP's. A justification for site selection is enclosed herewith as Annexure - 9.</p>																									
vi	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>The complete DGPS Map of forest land sought for diversion uploaded on PARIVESH is enclosed herewith as Annexure -1.</p>																									
vii	The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH	<p>Certified map showing boundary of core area and location of village in core is attached herewith. Also this fact has been certified by DFO Chandoli and DCF Satara. Certificates of same has been enclosed herewith as Annexure 2 A and 2 B</p>																									
viii	The State Govt. shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core of a National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary.	<p>The Proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's Guidelines dated 20.05.2019. Details as per Guidelines -</p> <p>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</p>																									

		<p>the relocation is proposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate of Collector regarding non availability of non-forest land within the vicinity of the protected area from where the relocation is proposed is enclosed herewith as Annexure -3. 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 - This certificate is furnished by District Collector, Satara and it is enclosed 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 enclosed 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 enclosed 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 enclosed 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 enclosed 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 enclosed 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.
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	<p>the forest is approved. Required certificate is furnished by District Collector, Satara and it is enclosed herewith as Annexure- 4.</p> <p>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 is not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat is enclosed herewith as Annexure- 5.</p> <p>d) The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat. Such Certificate is furnished by Deputy Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Kolhapur at Karad and it is enclosed herewith as Annexure- 6.</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. Such Certificate is furnished by the Deputy Conservator of Forest Satara and it is enclosed herewith as Annexure -7.</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. Such undertaking is furnished by Deputy Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Kolhapur at Karad and it is enclosed herewith as Annexure - 8.</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. Such Certificate is furnished by Deputy Conservator of Forest Satara and it is enclosed herewith as Annexure - 9.</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. Already exempted by GOI Letter no. 5-3/2011-FC (VOL-I) dated 6 Jan. 2022.</p>																																								
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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 PAP's 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 PAP's 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.	<table><tr><th>Sr.No.</th><th>Revenue Land</th><th>Forest Land</th><th>Other Land</th><th>Total Land (ha.)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td colspan="4">(in ha.)</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>108.29.60</td><td>248.45.40</td><td>128.89.90</td><td>485.64.90</td></tr></table>	Sr.No.	Revenue Land	Forest Land	Other Land	Total Land (ha.)		(in ha.)				1.	108.29.60	248.45.40	128.89.90	485.64.90	After rehabilitation of village Kolane non forest area 237.19.50 Ha. Will be made available to forest department.							
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xiii	The comments of Chief Wildlife Warden in view of the village to be rehabilitated shall be submitted.	<p>The comments of Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State in view of the village to be rehabilitated are as under:-</p> <p>This Proposal is for the disforestation of area of 76.17 ha. Reserve Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Kolane, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.</p> <p>As per the direction received from MoEF & CC, Government of India Vide it's letter dated 20th May 2019, 'the extent of land de-reserved /de-notified for resettlement shall not be more than the extent vacated by the settlers in the come area'. In the present proposal, as per the details received from the Addl. Principle Chief Conservator (Wildlife), West Mumbai following area will be acquired after rehabilitation of Kolane village.</p> <table><tr><th>Name of Village</th><th colspan="4">Land to be acquired after rehabilitation</th></tr><tr><td></td><th colspan="4">(Area in ha.)</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Kolane</td><th>Private</th><th>Foerst</th><th>Revenue</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>128.90</td><td>-</td><td>108.29</td><td>237.19</td></tr></table> <p>From the above details, it is clear that the total area proposed for disforestation (76.17 ha.) is less than the total land that will be acquired after (237.19 ha.) rehabilitation. Hence, this office agrees with the disforestation proposal.</p>					Name of Village	Land to be acquired after rehabilitation					(Area in ha.)				Kolane	Private	Foerst	Revenue	Total	128.90	-	108.29	237.19
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The compliance report as submitted above may kindly be forwarded to the Central Government for further consideration of the proposal.

Encl.: As above in two copies.



(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, Satara Forest Division, Satara.

PART -IV**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

Sub.:- Proposal for the disforestation of area 76.17 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Malharpeth, Sonaichiawadi, Marulhaveli & Girewadi, Tal. Patan, Dist.Satara for rehabilitation of Village Kolane, Tal.Patan, Dist.Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as under-

Sr. No.	Location	Com No.	Gat No.	Land Available ha.	No. of PAPs	Land for agriculture ha.	Area required for houses	Gaothan Area ha.	Unsuitable land ha.	Total Area Required ha.
1	Malharpeth	448	811	7.86	48	65.60	25900 sq. mtrs. 2.60 ha.	5.26	2.71	76.17
2	Sonaichiawadi	-	226	52.00						
3	Marul Haveli	507	1067	10.49						
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Total				76.17	48	65.60	2.60	5.26	2.71	76.17

Specific recommendation of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer area as under:-

Total 76.17 ha. forest land will be diverted under this project, but 88.36 ha. non-forest land will be received under this project to forest department, which will higher than diverted forest land. Rehabilitation of Kolane village from the core area of Chandoli National Park (Sahyadri Tiger Reserved) will help to make the core area in voilet, which will definitely aid in wildlife Conservation.

Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF,) M.S. Nagpur is enclosed herewith.



(Naresh Zurmure)

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer**

Date: 09 / 11 / 2022

Place: Nagpur

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Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State with regard to acceptance or otherwise of the proposed supported by reasons.

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. The proposal has been initiated by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara. The non-forest area does not involve in this project. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara is enclosed on page no.21 to 23 and The site inspection report of the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur is enclosed on page no.23A to 23C.

2.0 The details of the forest land proposed for disforestation are as under:- (PPN-29)

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3.0 Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is the first Tiger Reserve of Western Maharashtra and 4th Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra State spreading over two protected areas ie. Koyna WLS and Chandoli NP and its adjoining area of 1165.57 sq.kms area. STR is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. STR is northern most tiger habitat in western ghats protected by declaring it as Tiger Reserve on 5th Jan, 2010.

4.0 It is one of the World Heritage Sites from Western Ghat declared by UNESCO. STR is highly important for conservation due to its unparallel biodiversity & endemism of species of flora & fauna. Hence it is part of one of the Biodiversity Hotspot. Koyna WLS is declared as "Important Bird Area" by Birdlife International. Forest area near Navja village is declared as "Medicinal Plant Conservation Area" by FRLHT, Bangalore. These areas constitute rich evergreen, semi-evergreen and moist deciduous forests.

5.0 The area is spread over 4 districts namely, Satara (Mahabaleshvar, Medha, Satara & Patantahasils), Sangli (Shairala tahasil), Kolhapur (Shahuvadi tahasil) and Ratnagiri (Sangameshvar, Khed tahasils).

Name of Protected Area	Core Area (Sq.Km)	Buffer Area (Sq.Km)	Total Area (Sq.Km)
Chandoli National Park	313.84	3.83	317.67
Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary	286.28	123.27	423.55
Area Outside PA	-	424.34	423.34
STR Total Area	600.12	565.45	1165.57

6.0 The Northern Western Ghats extends from Dang in Gujarat to Dandeli in Karnataka. This range however is fragmented at many locations owing to human habitation hindering the movement of tigers and other such large mammals. However, these fragments do provide essential cover to

extant species here. Tigers have also been reported previously to range and move around in this stretch, but camera trap records within the limits of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve dates back to 2011 & 2018.

7.0 Govt. of Maharashtra has declared Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary vide notification No. WLP-1085 CR-588/(I) dated 16th September, 1985 under section 18 of Wildlife (Protection) Act- 1972 for the purpose of protecting, propagating and development of Wildlife therein and its environment. The total area of notified sanctuary is 308.17 sq. kms. Then it is upgraded as Chandoli National Park adding one village Amboli of Kolhapur District and notified total area of 317.67 sq.kms vide Government of Maharashtra notification dated 14 May, 2004. This area is notified as part of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve on 5th January, 2010.

8.0 As provided in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1864 the concerning Collectors has already enquired into rights and concessions of the inhabitants and has also ascertained the willingness of the people to relocation. The status of rehabilitation of 33 villages from Chandoli National Park is as follows:

- **Villages relocated by Irrigation Dept.:**

Dist. Sangli : Shiddheswar, Ambole, Bhogiv, Devare, Konoli, Javali (Part), Aloli (Part), Petlond (Part), Takale (Part), Zolambi (Part), Khundlapur (Part), Nandoli (Part), Chandoli Bk. (Part)

Dist. Kolhapur : Durgewadi, Karade, Wadihudumb, Amboli, Sonarli (Part), Tambave (Part).

- **Villages relocated by Forest dept. :**

Dist. Sangli (during 1997 to 1999): Rundiv, Jaoli, Chandoli Kd., Gave, Lotiv, Nivale, Aloli Dhangarwada, Vetti, Petlond Dhangarwada, Takale, Zolambi, Nandoli, Khundlapur, Chandoli Bk.

Dist. Kolhapur (during 1998 to 1999): Chandel, Dhakale, Nivale, Tanali, Sonarli Paiki Dhangarwada, Tambave Paiki Kulyachiwadi.

Dist. Ratnagiri (during 2000 to 2012): Gothane

- **Village under enquiry :** Village Amboli dist. Kolhapur was not included in the Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, it is added in Chandoli National Park by notification dt. 14.05.2014. Total population in this village is rehabilitated by Irrigation dept in 1977 due to Warana Irrigation Project; only land above submergence is under enquiry.

- **Villages yet to be relocated by Forest dept:**

Sr. No.	Name of Village	No. of PAP's	Required land for rehabilitation Ha.	Proposed Location	Remarks
1	Male	140	227.90	Bahule, Kharade, Helgaon, Hanbarwadi and Gosavewadi, Dist. Satara	Proposal is submitted by DCF Satara
2	Kolane	79	24.69	Kille Machindragad Dist. Sangli	Proposal under submission by DCF Sangli
			76.17	Malharpeth, Sonaichiawadi, Marul Haveli, Girewadi Dist. Satara.	Current Proposal
3	Patharpunj	106	230.05	Forest land at Dhanewadi, Yede, Tondoli and Upalewangi is selected by PAP's	Proposal under submission by DCF Sangli
4	Khundlapur Paiki Dhangarwada	72	105.00	Yetgaon dist. Sangli	Proposal is submitted for 105.00 ha by DCF Sangli

5	Chandoli Bk. PaikiJanaiwadi	10	25.00	Gairan land at Ghogaon Dist. Sangli is selected by PAP's	Sankalan is not finalized, figures are approximate
6	Ambole	01	--	No habitation	SDO enquiry undergoing
	Total	408	697.64		

9.0 Human in-habitations are mostly been established in fertile lands with assured water supply. Such sites within the forest area are limited and therefore are ecologically significant. Flat grounds along major nalas can support revival floral and faunal attributes and such attributes are completely lost, with the presence of intensive agricultural attributes. Relocation in Chandoli National Park have amply demonstrated the benefits of relocation, especially to wild herbivores and consequently to the whole eco-system. Relocation of village Kolane will make available an area of 128.89.90 ha. of private & 108.29.60 ha. of Revane land and also an area of 248.45.40 ha. of Forest area will be free from human interference.

10.0 The Collector Satara had prepared Sankalan Register of 79 project affected persons of Kolane Village, out of which 76 are Land holders and 3 are landless From this 7 PAPs accorded consent to Option-I with Rs 10 lakh package, remaining 72 PAPs accorded consent to Option-II of land to land and gaonthan rehabilitation. One group of 24 PAPs from this have selected two nearby patches of forest land 13.60 ha of Gat no. 380 of village Kille Machindragad and 11.09 ha of Gat no. 222 of village Lavanmachi of Walwa Tahsil, Dist, Sangli for Gaonthan and land for agriculture. Second group of remaining 48 PAPs have selected four patches of forest land, 07.86 ha of Gat no. 811 of village Malharpeth, 52.00 ha of Gat no. 226 of village Sonaichiawadi, 10.49 Ha. of Gat no. 1067 and 2.71 Ha. Gat no. 1566 of village Marul Haveli and 3.11 Ha. of Gat no. 101/1 of village Girewadi of Patan Tahsil, Dist, Satara.

Details of land requirement are as follows:-

Sr. No	Location	No. of PAPs	Land for agriculture ha. (as per sankalan register of collector)	Area of plot for home	Gaonthan Area ha.	Unsuitable land in between ha.	Total Area Required ha	Remarks
1.	Kille Machindragad, Lavanmachi Dist. Sangli	24	26.6	12025 sq.mt. 1.20 ha.	0.00	0.00	24.69	Requirement & Remaining land will be identic&fulfilled in adjoining area.
2	Sonaichiawadi, Marul Haveli, Girewadi, Malharpeth, Dist. Satara	48	65.60	25900 sq.mt 2.60 ha.	5.26	2.71	76.17	
Total		72	92.2	3.80	5.26	2.71	100.86	

11.0 Hence, the proposal for diversion of 76.17.00 ha. Reserve Forest land from gat no.811 of Malharpeth, gat no 226 of Sonaichiawadi, Gat no. 1067 and 1566 of Marul Haveli, Gat no 101/1 of Girewadi Tal Patan from Satara Forest Division is submitted.

12.0 As per para 1.15 of Handbook issued vide Government of India's letter dated 28/03/2019, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara has submitted complete justification for locating the project in the forest area to prove the project is site-specific as under:-

'The Project is in the larger interest of the nature conservation & hence for the rehabilitation of Village Kolanetahasil - Patan at Malharpeth, Girewadi, Marulhaveli & Sonaichiwadi Tal. - Patan, Dist. Satara. The topographical and geological situation the alignment given area verified by Dy. Conservator of Forest Satara and its Site Specific in nature. The implementing agency is Dy. Conservator of Forest Satara. Hence the proposal is categories as "Site Specific".

13.0 **The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara has certified that:-**

13.1 No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is the lowest minimum. (PPN-37)

13.2 Density and Eco-value class:- Density is above 0.4 (Mixed plantation area). (PPN-21)

13.3 The Project involves felling of total 13779 number of trees. The Girth wise abstract is as under:- (PPN-57)

Tree Girth in Cm.						Total
0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-150	(>150)cm	
5310	7456	863	109	31	10	13779

13.4 The proposed area does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve. (PPN-47)

13.5 The Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance. (PPN-46)

13.6 There is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. (PPN-41)

13.7 The proposed forest area is beyond 10 kms from boundary of protected area i.e. away 20 km. from Chandoli National Park. (PPN-59)

14.0 Government of India vide letter dated 3/12/2018 of F.No.11-43/2013-FC has issued guidelines regarding compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006. As per these guidelines:-

'Accordingly, it is clarified that within the time period stipulated for compliance of Stage-I condition, Deputy Commissioner shall complete the process of compliance of FRA (including forwarding its findings to be concerned CF), hence for the purpose of the MoEF & CC, as per the provisions under the Forest (Conservation) amendment rules, 2016 the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval. This has to be furnished by the State Government for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval'

Hence the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara has certified that FRA certificate of Collector Satara has been applied and the same will be submitted on receipt from the Collector Satara, before Stage-2 clearance for the proposal, as per MoEF Guideline F.No.11-43/2013-FCD, dated 03/12/2018. We are bounded to submit FRA certificate before Stage-2 and we are promising you to submit it before Stage-2 clearance. (PPN-83)

15.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara has submitted the undertaking that:-

- 15.1 As per the guideline of the Central Government dt. 20/05/2019 & dt. 06/01/2022 there is exemption from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) and cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the said proposal. (PPN-34 & 49)
- 15.2 Agrees to defray the cost of felling of trees. (PPN-54)
- 16.0 The KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion is enclosed and placed in the file at the top.
- 17.0 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur have recommended the proposal for disforestation of 76.17 ha. of forest land. (PPN-13 to 17)
- 18.0 Nodal officer on 08/03/2022 had requested the Chief Wildlife Warden to offer their remarks in accordance with the Central Government's guideline dated 20/05/2019 for the said proposal. The Chief Wildlife Warden vide office note No.Desk-23(2)/WL/Survey/C.R.198 (Nodal)/3492/2021-22, dated 29/03/2022 has conveyed his remarks as follows:-

“Following area would be acquired due to rehabilitation of Village Kolane.

Name of Village	Area to be acquired after rehabilitation.			
	Private Area (Ha.)	Forest Area (Ha.)	Revenue Area (Ha.)	Total Area (Ha.)
Kolane	128.90	-	108.29	237.19

As per the details given above, the area to be disforested as per proposal of disforestation is 76.17 Ha. and in lieu of this, 237.19 Ha. land will be acquired and therefore approval to the proposal of disforestation has been accorded.”

19.0 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

- 19.1 Legal status of the forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Kolane, Tal.Patan, Dist.Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve shall cease to be forest land.
- 19.2 User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 19.3 Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of Village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan/NTCA guideline/CWLW.
- 19.4 No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project.
- 19.5 The boundary of the diverted land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 19.6 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 19.7 The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 19.8 Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt. 29/01/2018.
- 19.9 Any other condition that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.


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