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No. FLD-2322/C.R.73/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Date: 12/03/2025.

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

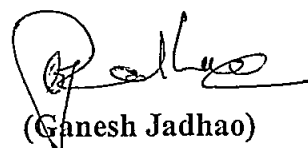
Sub.:- Forest Land-Kolhapur

Diversion of 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 in the State of Maharashtra.

Ref: 1. Your Office Letter, Dt.19.09.2024.
2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-121398/Kolhapur 25-25/2743/Nagpur, Dt.10.03.2025.

MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to proposal for diversion of 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 in the State of Maharashtra 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. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur.
4. Conservator of forests & Field Director STR, Kolhapur.

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Maharashtra State.**

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No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-121398/Kolhapur/24-25/2743

Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 10/03/2025

✓ To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

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) The Government of India, MoEF&CC, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi letter Dated: 19/09/2024.

2) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur letter No. D-6/Nocell/L.Tek/ID-12880/24-25/1508, Dated: 21/02/2025.

Sir,

The Government of India, MoEF&CC, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi vide letter under reference has raised query.

Accordingly, The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance reports to this office. The same may be submitted as under:

Sr. No.	Point	Justification/reply
i	In this regard, it is to inform that it was observed that the State Govt. has given the same justification which was already available. However, no justifiable reason has been given as to how the requirement of land has increased from 16 ha on revenue land to 53.45 ha now proposed. The reply to other observations is also not specific. Accordingly, it is requested to submit 23 well-reasoned justification/reply on the points raised by the Advisory Committee as communicated vide Ministry letter of even no. dated 26.07.2024 to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.	"The 73 PAP's from Nivale Village (inside Chandoli National Park) were rehabilitated in the year 1998-99 as per the special GR dated 31 March 1995. As per the guidelines issued by the Maharashtra Project Affected Persons Rehabilitation Act, 1999 and Maharashtra Government's Resolution dated 17/07/2000 the PAP's were supposed to be given alternate agricultural land in lieu of land acquired and further notified as forest land inside Chandoli National Park. But no agricultural land is given till date to all the 73 PAP's from Nivale Village, which is relocated at Galgale Village of Kagal Taluka. The beneficiary/PAP's have selected the said forest patch for agricultural purpose and hence the same was recommended by the State Government." In addition to this following justification is given as below:

Desktop/Kolhapur/Diversion of 63.091 ha.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no alternate revenue land or other government land available nearby Galgale Village, which is suitable for agricultural purpose for the PAP's. 2. The Forest Department has already notified 159.30 ha land which was acquired after relocation of Nivale Village as Reserve Forest inside Chandoli National Park. 3. The Nivale Village was relocated by State Government in the year 1999 and since then the PAP's have not been given alternate land in lieu of land acquired. 4. All 73 PAP's have selected the said forest patch of the agricultural land in lieu of acquired land. 5. The State Government is bound by the rules under the Maharashtra Project Affected Persons Rehabilitation Act, 1999 to be given alternate agricultural land after relocation. 6. The State Government also in their earlier reply and with respect to proposal for diversion have not only mentioned regarding requirement of only 16 ha. for 73 PAP's of Nivale Village, but also mentioned that we have requested 63.091 ha. (53.45 ha. for agricultural land purpose for 73 PAP's, main road 0.261 ha. and approach road to agricultural land 9.35 ha.). <p>We have only mentioned that; the State Government had earlier acquired 16 ha. for Gavthan and other amenities in Galgale Village. Vide Hon'ble Bombay High Court's order the entire land acquisition was quashed and the 16 ha. land was returned to the original land holder. The Review Petition is filed by State Government against the order of the Hon'ble High Court. We have clarified that, the 73 PAP's relocated from Nivale Village to Galgale Village needs 63.091 ha. forest land for agricultural purpose.</p>
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In view of the above facts, the aforesaid compliance submitted for further necessary action.

Encl: As above (2 copies)

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(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, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur.



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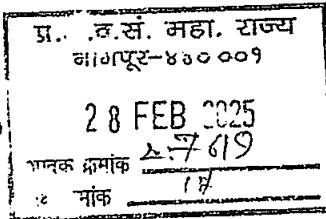
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No.D-6/Nocell/L.Tek/ID-12880/24-25/1508
Kolhapur - 416003, Date - 21/02/2025

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

Sub: - Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 63.091 ha forest land at Village -Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State (Online No.FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021) - regarding.

- Ref: - 1. This office letter No.D-6/Nocell/L.Tekadi/ID-12880/23-24/577, Dated 8.08.2024
2. Letter Dated 19.09.2024, from GOI, MOEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi.
3. Letter No.D-17/FCA-51/PID-121398/Kolhapur/1508, Dated 30.09.2024 from APCCF & Nodal Office.
4. Letter No.A/Nosel/2024-25/1379, Dated 4.02.2025 from DCF Kolhapur.



GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 19.09.2024 raised few queries.
DCF Kolhapur vide reference 4 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

Sr. No.	Points	Remark
1	<p>In this regard, it is to inform that it was observed that the State Govt. has given the same justification which was already available. However, no justifiable reason has been given as to how the requirement of land has increased from 16 ha on revenue land to 53.45 ha now proposed. The reply to other observations is also not specific.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is requested to submit a well-reasoned justification/reply on the points raised by the Advisory Committee as communicated vide Ministry letter of even no. dated 26.07.2024 to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.</p>	<p>As per the above reference letter No.1 the following justification had been sent.</p> <p>"The 73 PAP's from Nivale Village (inside Chandoli National Park) were rehabilitated in the year 1998-99 as per the special GR dated 31st March 1995. As per the guidelines issued by the Maharashtra Project Affected Persons Rehabilitation Act, 1999 and Maharashtra Government's Resolution dated 17/07/2000 the PAP's were supposed to be given alternate agricultural land in lieu of land acquired and further notified as forest land inside Chandoli National Park. But no agricultural land is given till date to all the 73 PAP's from Nivale Village, which is relocated at Galgale Village of Kagal Taluka. The beneficiary/PAP's have selected the said forest patch for agricultural purpose and hence the same was recommended by the State Government."</p> <p>In addition to this following justification is given as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no alternate revenue land or other government land available nearby Galgale

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		<p>Village, which is suitable for agricultural purpose for the PAP's.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Forest Department has already notified 159.30 ha land which was acquired after relocation of Nivale Village as Reserve Forest inside Chandoli National Park. 3. The Nivale Village was relocated by State Government in the year 1999 and since then the PAP's have not been given alternate land in lieu of land acquired. 4. All 73 PAP's have selected the said forest patch of the agricultural land in lieu of acquired land. 5. The State Government is bound by the rules under the Maharashtra Project Affected Persons Rehabilitation Act, 1999 to be given alternate agricultural land after relocation. 6. The State Government also in their earlier reply and with respect to proposal for diversion have not only mentioned regarding requirement of only 16 ha. for 73 PAP's of Nivale Village, but also mentioned that we have requested 63.091 ha. (53.45 ha. for agricultural land purpose for 73 PAP's, main road 0.261 ha. and approach road to agricultural land 9.35 ha.). <p>We have only mentioned that, the State Government had earlier acquired 16 ha. for Gavthan and other amenities in Galgale Village. Vide Hon'ble Bombay High Court's order the entire land acquisition was quashed and the 16 ha. land was returned to the original land holder. The Review Petition is filed by State Government against the order of the Hon'ble High Court. We have clarified that, the 73 PAP's relocated from Nivale Village to Galgale Village needs 63.091 ha. forest land for agricultural purpose.</p>
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Encl: As above.

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

Copy submitted to: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur for Information.

Copy submitted to: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) West, Mumbai for information.

Copy submitted to: Conservator & Field Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, Kolhapur for information.

Copy submitted to: Deputy Conservator of Forest, Kolhapur for information and necessary action.



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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No. A/Desk-Nosel/2024-25/ 1379

Kolhapur Dt. 4/02/2025.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
Kolhapur.

Subject - Diversion of area 63.091 ha. Forest land at Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District-Kolhapur under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021- regarding.

Ref.- 1. Government of India MoEF&CC Letter Dt. 19-09-2024.

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), M.S. Nagapur Letter No.Desk- 17/ FCA/pID-121398/1508, Dt. 30-09-2024.

Apropos the above reference letter the following justification was sent vide our reference letter number dated No. Desk-Nosel/563, Dt. 7-8-2024.


"The 73 PAP's from Nivale village (inside chandoli National park) were rehabilitated in the year 1998-99 as per the special GR dated 31st March 1995, the Maharashtra Project affected persons rehabilitation Act, 1999 Government of Maharashtra as dated 17th July 2000 issued for villages relocated from sanctuary/National park. As per the guidelines the PAP'S were supposed to be given alternate agricultural in lieu of land acquired and further notified as forest land inside Chandoli National Park. No agricultural land is given till date to all the 73 PAP'S from Nivale village which is relocated at Galgale village of Kagal taluka. The Beneficiary / PAP's have selected the said forest patch for agricultural purpose and hence the same was recommended by the state Government."

In addition to this following justification is given as below:

1. There is no alternate revenue land or other government Land available near by Galgale village which is suitable for agricultural purpose for the PAP's.
2. The Forest department has already notified 159.30 ha land acquired after relocation of Nivale village as Reserve forest inside Chandoli National Park.
3. The Nivale village was relocated by State Government in the year 1999 and Since then the PAP's are not given alternate land in lieu of agricultural land acquired.
4. All 73 PAP'S have Selected the said forest patch of the agricultural land in lieu of acquired land.

5. The State Government is bound by the rules under the Maharashtra project affected persons rehabilitation Act. 1999 to give alternate agricultural land after relocation.
6. The state Government early^{er} also in their reply, have not mentioned about requirement of only 16 ha. for 73 PAP's of Nivale village. Even in the previous reply as well as in the proposal for diversion we have requested 63.091 ha. (53.45 ha. for agricultural land purpose for 73 PAP'S, Main road 0.261 ha. and approach road to agricultural land 9.35 ha.)

We have only mentioned that the State Government had earlier acquired 16 ha. for gavthan and other amenities in Galgale village. Due to Hon'ble High Court of Bombay orders the entire land acquisition was squashed and the 16 ha. land was returned to the Original land holders. The review petition is filed by state Government against the orders of the Hon'ble High Court. Since the inception of their proposal we have clarified that the 73 PAP's from relocated Nivale village, presently Galale village need 63.091 ha. forest land for agricultural purpose in lieu of land acquired having relocation as mentioned earlier.


(G. Guruprasad)
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Kolhapur Division, Kolhapur.