Government of Maharashtra

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No. FLD-2022/C.R.87/F-10

Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.

Date: .03.2023

To,

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

Sub.:- Forest Land-Satara

Diversion of 46.06 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Disforestation of forest land at Village Bopegaon, Tal.Wai, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Deur, Tal. Jaoli, Dist.Satara in Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Maharashtra.

Ref: 1. Your Office Letter No. 8-14/2022-FC, Dt.29.12.2022

2. APCCF & Nodal Officer Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/ Kolhapur /12922(28) /3163/2022-23, Dt.21.02.2023

Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India has sought additional information with respect to proposal for diversion of 46.06 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Disforestation of forest land at Village Bopegaon, Tal.Wai, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Deur, Tal. Jaoli, Dist.Satara in Koyana 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

Revenue and Forests Department Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya

Encl: As above. Copy to:

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2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Nagpur.

3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.



Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Maharashtra State

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No.Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-12922(28)/3 63 /2022-23 Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 21 /02/2023

To,

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

Sub:- Diversion of 46.06 ha. Forest land under Forest (Construction) Act, 1980 of Village Bopegaon, Tal. Wai, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Deur, Tal. Jaoli, Dist. Satara from Koyana Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/139268/2021)- regarding.

Ref:- 1. Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter F.No.8-14/2022-FC/, dated 29/12/2022

- 2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur letter No.D-6/Nocel/Deur/ID-12922/22-23/1393, dated 13/01/2023.
- 3. Deputy Conservator of Forest (T.), Satara Letter no. Desk-6/land/2022-23/1575, Dated 24/01/2023.

Sir.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide letter under reference No.1 has sought compliance on 8 points. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the compliance of shortcomings on 8 points to this office. The compliance report on 8 points as desired by the Government of India vide letter dated 29/12/2022 is being submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Points	Rema	rks
1	The State Govt. has not provided the basic details of the area to be vacated by relocating the village Deur. The complete details of the area under different components including habitation, agriculture, nistar rights and other land-	The land-use categories Department records is as Land-Use Category Cultivable Land Uncultivable Land Forest Area Irrigation Department	
	use categories along with documentary evidence shall be submitted.	Total Note:- Revenue record	2140.19

		Deur is attach here with. (ANNEXURE – A)
		Due to error in totaling the area in form no. 1 (Revenue record), it has been shown 2141.09 ha. instead of 2140.9 ha.
2	The correct KML file of 46.06 ha area proposed for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.	The Correct KML File of 46.06 ha. area uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.
3	The State has intimated that no plantation work has been carried out in the area proposed for diversion, whereas apart from the satellite imagery, the site inspection report submitted by the CF, Kolhapur & the DCF, Satara mentions about the mixed species plantations of 15 to 17 years old within the area selected for diversion. This needs clarification.	It is clarified that, in working plan Volume-II of Satara Forest Division (2010.11 to 2019.20) it has been mentioned that mix plantation was taken in the year 2003 on 20.00 ha. area of village Bopegaon. Records shows that no plantation activity has been taken up since 2003 in this village. Copy of related pages of working plan attached as - ANNEXURE – B.
4	High-resolution satellite imagery forest village 'Deur' shows the presence of Wind mills and a Road connecting the Wind mills. Keeping this in view, the area will not be inviolate despite the relocation of villagers. This needs justification.	Wind mills and a road connecting the wind mills seen in the High-resolution satellite imagery of village 'Deur' are outside the area of the village Deur. These structures are within the limits of village Chalakewadi which is adjacent to the village Deur. The village Chalakewadi is in the buffer of Sayhadri Tiger Reserve. Also there is large altitudinal difference in the area occupied by wind mills and majority area of village Deur. Habitants of village Deur are largely dependent on fishing & agriculture for livelihood which is causing disturbance in the area. Hence their relocation is going to make the area inviolate. Corrected KML File is attached herewith.
5	As per the satellite imagery only four settlements are visible within the forest village 'Deur'. Whereas the State has mentioned the number of PAPs as 28, which needs justification.	entitled for rehabilitation. The satellite imagery of village Deur shows 4 settlements.11PAP's along with there families stay in these 4 settlements. The remaining PAP's are migrated to the near by villages due to harsh conditions in the core areas. The PAP's have given consent for the rehabilitation and there rights are to be settled and these areas has to be acquired for making the core area inviolate.
6	As per DSS Analysis, the area of KML file submitted for forest village 'Deur' is found to be 2132.768 ha. instead of	The correct KML file of village Deur is submitted here with in CD.

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	2140.19 ha as reported by the State Govt.	
	Therefore, the correct KML file of	
	2140.19 ha. shall be submitted.	
7	As per DSS Analysis, the calculated area of KML file of Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary is found to be 333.054 sq.km instead of 335.30 sq. km. Therefore, the correct KML file of Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary	The correct KML file of Koyna Wildlife sanctuary is submitted here with in CD.
	(335.30 sq.km) shall be submitted.	
8	The total number of "villagers" to be rehabilitated in the Village 'Deur' along with the number of 'families' entitled for relocation or rehabilitation under the scheme shall be submitted.	As per the PAP's list prepared by the revenue department 28 PAP's of village Deur are entitled for rehabilitation. These 28 PAP's are having 32 major person's (above 18 years age on decided date) called "Families" and total population of village is 66 as per 2011 census. Screen shot of www.census2011.co.in as ANNEXURE-D

The compliance report as submitted above may kindly be forwarded to the Central Government for further consideration of the proposal. χ

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.
- 3. The Deputy Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Kolhapur at Karad.