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No. D-6/Nocel/Laxmi Tekadi/ID-12880/22-23/827  
Kolhapur - 416003, 15/11/2022

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 16.09.2022.  
2. Nodal office letter No.desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/(28)/ID-1521/2022-23 Dated 19.09.2022.  
3. DCF, Kolhapur letter No.B/Nodal/2022-23/1949 Dated 31.10.2022.

GOI, MoEF&CC, (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 16.09.2022 raised few queries. DCF Kolhapur vide reference 3 submitted the query compliance, as shown below

Sr. No.	Points	Remark
i	The KML file of of forest land proposed for diversion has not been upload on PARIVESH portal.	KML file of 63.091 ha. is submitted herewith in CD.
ii	Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal inPart-IV of the proposal.	The matter is related with Nodal Office.
iii	The KML file of the forest village 'Nivale' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park has not been upload on PARIVESH	The KML file of the forest village Nivale which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli national Park has been attached with CD.
iv	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.1A and 1B. Village Nivale proposed for rehabilitation is within core of STR and Chandoli National Park. Map and Notification showing Nivale Village well within core of STR and Chandoli National Park is attached herewith <b>Annexure 1A &amp; 1B</b>
v	The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the	The Proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's Guidelines dated 20.05.2019. Details are as

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follows.

a) 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  
- Certificate of Collector regarding non availability of non-forest land within the vicinity of the protected area from where the relocation is proposed is attached herewith as **Annexure -2.**

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, Kolhapur and it is attached herewith as **Annexure -2.**

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, Kolhapur about land identified for relocation/rehabilitation will not result in fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat is attached herewith as **Annexure - 3.**

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 attached herewith as **Annexure-4.**

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, Kolhapur is attached herewith as **Annexure-5.**

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 attached herewith as

**Annexure-6.**

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, Kolhapur and Divisional Forest Officer Chandoli National Park is attached herewith as **Annexure-7**.

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.

vi Breakup showing the forest land, revenue land and other land made available after rehabilitation of village Nivale shall be submitted.

Sr.	Details	Number of PAP's	Land (Ha.)
1.	PAP's ready to relocation	73	158.81
<b>Total</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>158.81</b>
2.	Revenue Land		0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>158.81</b>
3.	Forest Land		0
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>158.81</b>

After rehabilitation of village Nivale non forest area 158.81 ha. will be made available to forest department.

vii The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided which is required to be given.

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viii The State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.

Village "Nivale" proposed for relocation has 73 PAP's as per list prepared by Revenue Department. All have given option II for rehabilitation. Total area will be inviolate after relocation of the village.

ix The DCF, Kolhapur in his Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the proposed forest area is CA land and the said area transferred to Forest Department under Patagaon Irrigation project for Compensatory Afforestation. Therefore the complete details of

At village Galgale in Kagal, 64.50 ha. land was given to forest department as alternate land for Patgaon irrigation project same land was planted during year 2003-2004 and expenditure made was Rs. 8,06,057/-

The villagers of nivale have selected the site since the same is convenient for them. Such extent of revenue land for distribution for agricultural purpose is not available near to this site of relocation. The site is also partially

	CA plantation including the year of execution and the amount spent may be provided. The justification for selection of this site for the purpose of relocation may also be provided.	degraded and not much vegetation is there on this land. Hence the same is proposed for relocation of Nivale Village.
x	The State Govt. in online part-I reported that a total of 73 number of families are to be displaced from the area proposed for diversion. The same needs clarification along with details R&R plan.	All 73 families from village Nivale were rehabilitated in the year 1999. Since it is mandatory to provide the agricultural land to PAP's, the same is proposed for all 73 families of Nivale village. R&R plan is enclosed herewith <b>(Annexure 8)</b> .

**Encl:** As above.

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

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