

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: 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 318.04 ha forest land for distribution of agriculture purpose to PAP's from 7 villages from Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/151541/2022) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra's letter no. 17/FCA-S1/PLD-151541/Kolhapur/24-25/2253 dated 09.01.2025 (uploaded online on 06.02.2025) on the above-cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that

- i. The State Govt. was requested to submit a clarification regarding total 22 forest patches proposed for diversion through instant proposal and the same has not been submitted which needs submission.
- ii. The State Govt. was requested to submit the comments of Chief Wildlife Warden and the same has not been submitted which needs submission.
- iii. As per DSS analysis, the KML file area of the acquired area has been found as 1605.0203 instead of 1592.04 ha. Therefore, the State Govt. shall provide the correct Village wise KML file of 1592.04 ha acquired land under Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary.
- iv. The State has not clarified whether the 1592.04 ha private land which was

acquired under the Chandoli National park has become inviolate or not? Further it has been mentioned that process of mutation/Notification is under process. In this regard the updated status on the land mutated and notified till date out of 1592.04 ha shall be submitted.

- v. As per the information submitted by the state it has been observed that the condition no. 12 (c) as laid down in the Para 12.8, Chapter-12 of the Consolidated guidelines & clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 will not be fulfilled. The condition as above has been imposed in view of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in this regard the State has to ensure that the land identified for the relocation should not result in the fragmentation of the forest/wildlife habitat. The State shall therefore re-examine the area proposed for relocation, take necessary action and ensure the compliance of the above condition.
- vi. The required details indicating Village's relocated/to be relocated, Number of person/ families rehabilitated/ to be rehabilitated, purpose of forest diversion proposal etc. in all the mentioned proposals forest diversion proposals comprising an area of 596.551 ha (215.42 ha + 63.091 ha + 318.04 ha) has not been submitted.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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