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

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**Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 55.00 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation of Village Neelgarh from Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, District Raisen, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/FVC/151576/2022) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-5/1118/2022/10-11/1163 dated 29.03.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Govt. has not provided the basic details of the area being vacated by relocating the Village Neelgarh. The complete details of the area including the area under habitation, agriculture, nistar rights and other land-use categories along with documentary evidence may be submitted.
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the instant proposal fulfills all the conditions of Voluntary village relocation guidelines dated 20.05.2019 issued by the Ministry.
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the area being vacated is a part of the Core/Critical Tiger Reserve or Core of the Protected Area (National Park or Sanctuary).
- iv. As per DSS analysis, the proposed diversion area is 55.202 ha instead of 55.00 ha. Therefore correct KML/Shape-file of 55.00 ha needs submission.
- v. The KML/Shape-file of the forest Village 'Neelgarh' which is proposed to be relocated has not been submitted.
- vi. The KML file of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary indicating its core area and notified ESZ boundary needs submission.
- vii. The total number of "villagers" to be rehabilitated in the Village 'Neelgarh' along with the number of 'families' entitled for relocation or rehabilitation under the scheme may be submitted.
- viii. Site Inspection Report of DFO mentions that the canopy density of the forest land proposed to be diverted is 0.3 to 0.4 whereas as per information submitted only 28 number of trees are getting affected through instant proposal. This needs clarification.

- ix. The basis of calculation of the total area of the village being vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.
- x. The State Govt shall ensure that the instant proposal is for the relocation of entire Neelgarh village. A certificate that the area under Neelgarh Village will become inviolate and no families/persons will be left within this village for further relocation shall be submitted.

2. It is therefore requested that the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Sd/-  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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