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

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**Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

**To**

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

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 160 ha of Forest land for relocation of forest village Karmajhiri in Seoni District under Pench Tiger Reserve Buffer Zone in the State of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/MP/FVC/39952/2019) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter no. F-5/891/2020/10-11/2397 dated 30.07.2020, from Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer (FCA,1980), Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above captioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this regard, it is informed that the proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 11.05.2022. The FAC, after deliberations and discussions, **deferred the proposal** for diversion of 160 ha. of forest land for relocation of forest village Karmajhiri, because the said proposal does not come under the preview of Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019 regarding relocation of villages from National Parks, Sanctuaries and Tiger reserves, which are based on Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders in IA No. 3924/2015 in WP (Civil) 202/1995 dated 28.01.2019.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is therefore advised to furnish the notification of declaration of the area in question either as Core/Critical Wildlife Habitat of a Protected Area or Core/Critical Tiger Habitat under Pench Tiger Reserve.

Yours sincerely

**Sd/-**

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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