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(Forest Conservation Division)  
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27<sup>th</sup>

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-5/1118/2022/10-11/1943 dated 01.06.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. As per information submitted by the state government, 46.11 ha area is under Agricultural use. However, on the analysis of the KML file of the forest village 'Neelgarh' it has been observed that 63.63 ha area is under the Agricultural use. The area under various other land use components is also not in consonance with KML file. (copy of DSS report enclosed).
  - ii. The KML file of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary submitted by the state gov. does not indicate the core zone of the Wildlife Sanctuary.
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

**Copy to:**

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;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

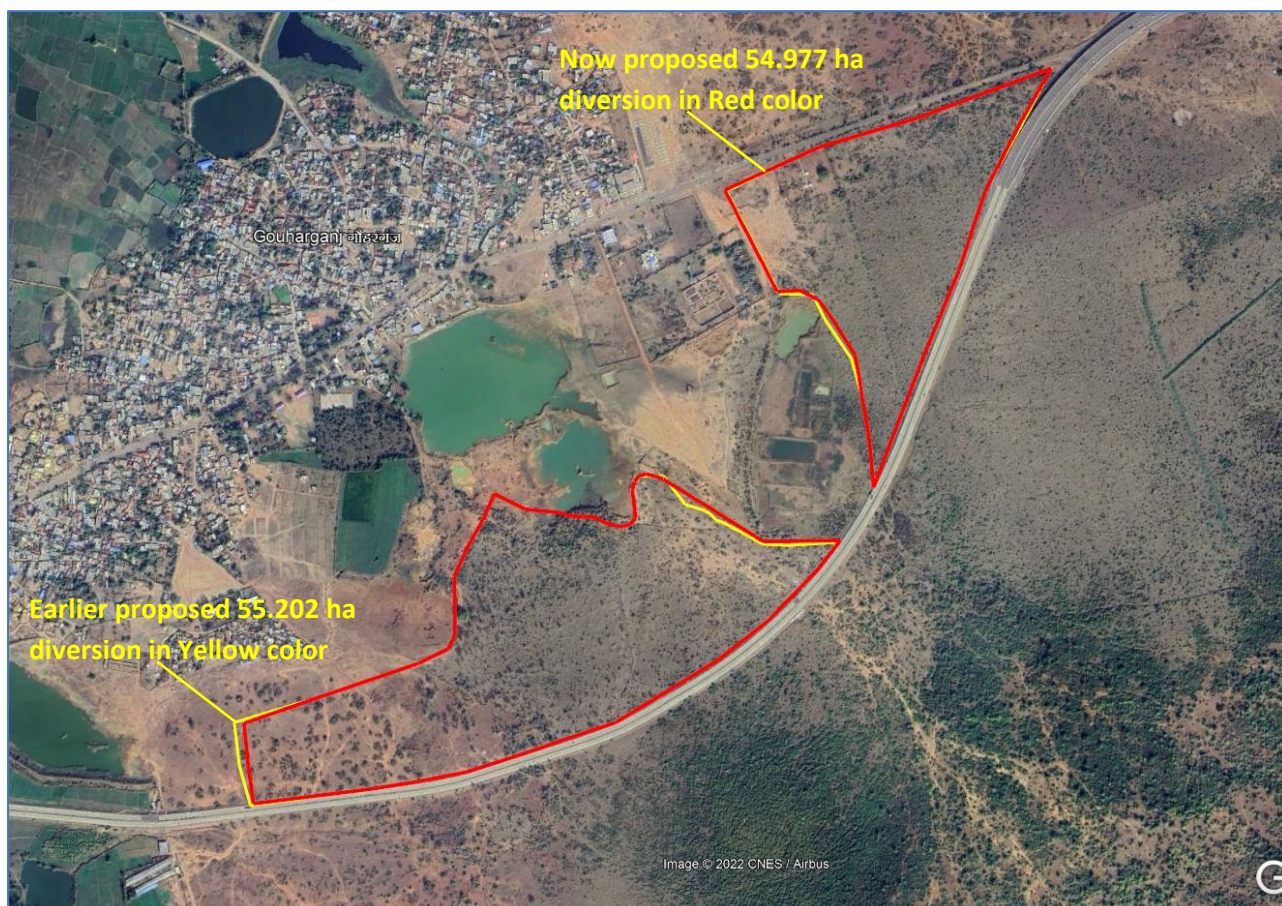
**File No.: 8-04/2022-FC**

**Proposal for diversion of 55 ha forest land in Compartment No – PF-881, PF-882, RF-315 & RF-316 of Goharganj Range, Obedullaganj Forest Division under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Neelgarh Village Recolation from the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary located under Raisen District of Madhya Pradesh State (online proposal No FP/MP/FVC/151576/2022)**

The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide letter No. F-5/1118/2022/10-11/1943 dated 01/06/2022 furnished point wise reply along with the KML files in response of the observations made by this Ministry vide its letter No 8-04/2022-FC dated 13.04.2022. The following have been observed after examination of the KML files through GIS-DSS tool:

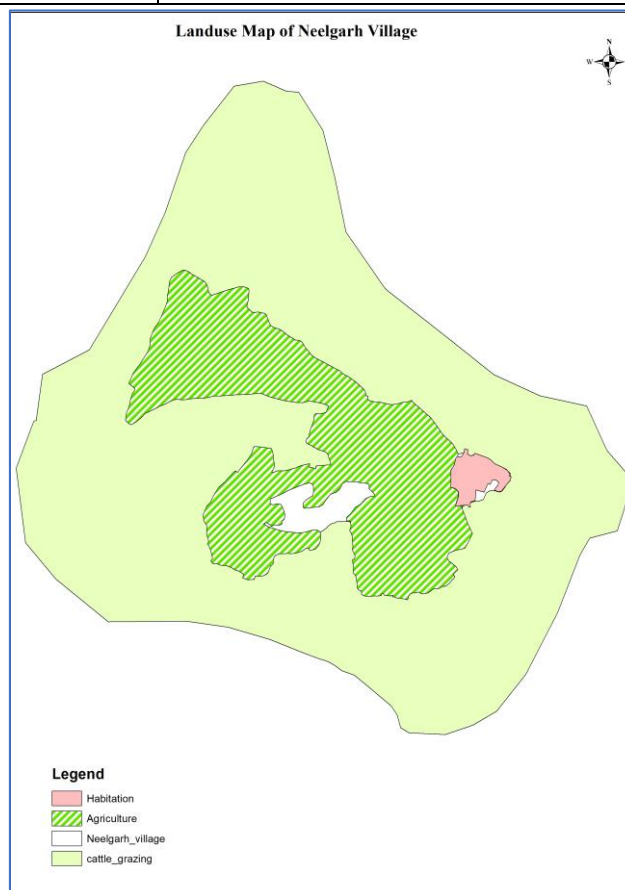
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iv	As per DSS analysis, the proposed diversion area is 55.202 ha instead of 55.00 ha. Therefore, correct KML/Shape-file of 55.00 ha needs submission.	In this regard, the State Govt. has now provided the revised KML file of forest land under diversion and the calculated area through its KML file is found 54.977 ha.  The changes made within the KML file of the forest land under diversion may kindly seen below

**Google imagery showing the changes made in the 55 ha forest boundary as uploaded on PARIVESH and now revised/ altered.**



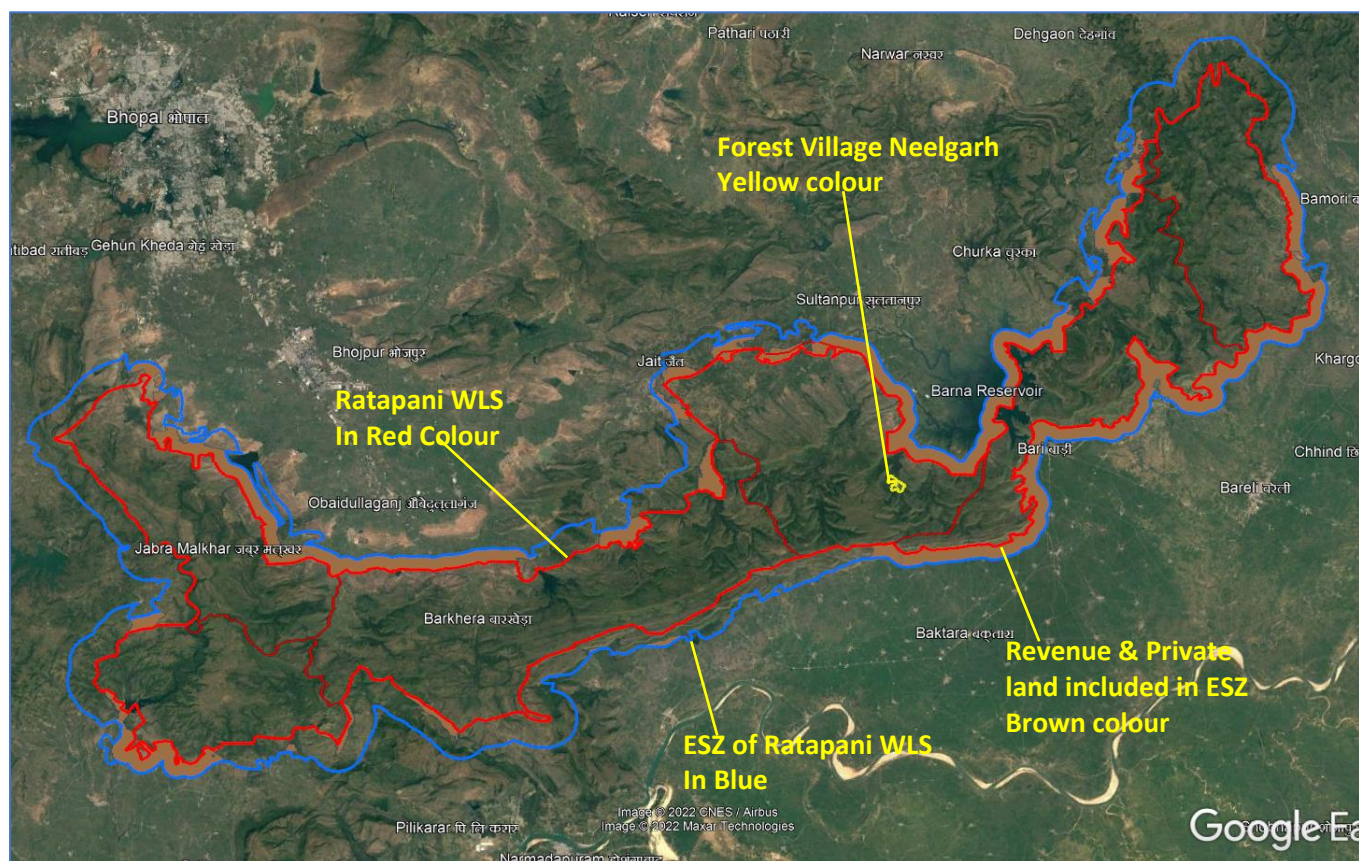


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v	The KML/Shape-file of the forest Village 'Neelgarh' which is proposed to be relocated has not been submitted.	<p>In this regard, the State has now provided the KML file of the forest Village Neelgarh which is proposed to be relocated along with KML file of various land use components i.e. Habitation, Agriculture land and Cattle grazing area.</p> <p>Now, various land use components and its calculated area from the given KML file are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="643 517 1522 958"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="643 517 718 584">S. No.</th> <th data-bbox="726 517 1002 584">Land use</th> <th data-bbox="1010 517 1286 584">Area (Ha) calculated through KML file</th> <th data-bbox="1294 517 1522 584">Area (Ha) given in Annexure-I</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="643 595 718 663">1</td> <td data-bbox="726 595 1002 663">Neelgarh Village</td> <td data-bbox="1010 595 1286 663">70.070</td> <td data-bbox="1294 595 1522 663">Information not available</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="726 667 1002 701">a) Habitation</td> <td data-bbox="1010 667 1286 701">2.520</td> <td data-bbox="1294 667 1522 701">2.521</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="726 705 1002 739">b) Agriculture</td> <td data-bbox="1010 705 1286 739">63.363</td> <td data-bbox="1294 705 1522 739">46.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="726 743 1002 799">c) Vacant land</td> <td data-bbox="1010 743 1286 799">4.187</td> <td data-bbox="1294 743 1522 799">Information not available</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="643 810 718 844">2</td> <td data-bbox="726 810 1002 844">Cattle Grazing</td> <td data-bbox="1010 810 1286 844">214.410</td> <td data-bbox="1294 810 1522 844">236</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="643 848 718 916">3</td> <td data-bbox="726 848 1002 916">Forest Road (17Km x 3m)</td> <td data-bbox="1010 848 1286 916">KML file not given</td> <td data-bbox="1294 848 1522 916">5.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="726 920 1002 954"><b>Total</b></td> <td data-bbox="1010 920 1286 954"><b>288.667</b></td> <td data-bbox="1294 920 1522 954"><b>289.731</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="643 969 1554 1140">It is observed that the total area of Neelgarh forest village is 70.070 Ha. Out of which 2.520 ha area is under Habitation and 63.363 ha area is under Agricultural use. Thus, land use of 4.187 ha [70.070 ha – (2.520 ha + 63.363 ha)] cannot be stated. Moreover, satellite imagery revealed that the said 4.187 ha land is not used as forest Road.</p>				S. No.	Land use	Area (Ha) calculated through KML file	Area (Ha) given in Annexure-I	1	Neelgarh Village	70.070	Information not available		a) Habitation	2.520	2.521		b) Agriculture	63.363	46.11		c) Vacant land	4.187	Information not available	2	Cattle Grazing	214.410	236	3	Forest Road (17Km x 3m)	KML file not given	5.10		<b>Total</b>	<b>288.667</b>	<b>289.731</b>
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vi	The KML file of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary indicating its core area and notified ESZ boundary needs submission	In this regard, the State has now provided the KML file of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary indicating its notified ESZ boundary. However, the KML file of core area of Ratapani WLS has not been submitted.

**Google imagery showing the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary indicating its notified ESZ boundary and forest Village 'Neelgarh'**



Submitted please

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08.06.2022