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**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

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To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai

**Sub: Diversion of 76.17 ha Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Malharpeth, Sonaichiwadi, Marulhaveli & Girewadi, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Kolane, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in the Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/149807/2021) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2022/CR-129/F-10 dated 09.06.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part-IV of the proposal.
- ii. As per DSS analysis, the calculated forest area for diversion is found to be 80.243 ha instead of 76.17 ha as per proposal. Therefore the correct KML file of 76.17 ha shall be submitted.
- iii. The KML file of the forest village ' Kolane ' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park shall be submitted/uploaded.
- iv. High-resolution satellite imagery shows that plantation work has been carried out in past over the forest land proposed for diversion at village Sonaichiwadi, Malharpeth and village Marulhaveli. This needs clarification.
- v. Satellite imagery shows that 80.243 ha area of reserved forest has been identified for diversion at three different sites. Aerial distance between proposed forest diversion site at Village Malharpeth and Village Sonaichiwadi is 2.89 Km and aerial distance between Village Sonaichiwadi and Village Marulhaveli is 1.98 Km. Therefore, the reason for not selecting the forest land for diversion in a single patch needs submission.
- vi. Project report envisage that another forest diversion proposal comprising 24.69 ha is under process at DCF, Sangli for rehabilitation of same forest village Kolane. Therefore, the reason for not submitting a comprehensive proposal needs submission.

- vii. The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- viii. The State Govt. shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.
- x. The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.
- xi. The State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.
- xii. Breakup showing the forest land, revenue land and other land made available after rehabilitation of village Kolane needs submission.
- xiii. The comments of Chief Wildlife Warden in view of the village to be rehabilitated 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 Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.