

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

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To

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

**Sub: Diversion of 227.90 ha Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of Village Bahule, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara and Village Kharade, Helgaon, Hanbarwadi and Gosavewadi, Tal. Karad, Dist. Satara for rehabilitation of Village Male, Tal. Patan, Dist. Satara from Chandoli National Park of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/143272/2021) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2022/CR-111/F-10 dated 26.05.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal submitted by the State Govt:

- i. Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation in Part-IV of the proposal.
- ii. As per DSS analysis, the calculated forest area for diversion is found to be 239.301 ha instead of 227.90 ha as per proposal. Therefore, the correct KML file of 227.90 ha shall be submitted.
- iii. The KML file of the forest village ' Male ' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park has not been submitted, which is required to be done.
- iv. High-resolution satellite imagery shows that the plantations have been carried out within the forest land proposed for diversion at village Gosavewadi, Hanbarwadi, Kharade and village Bahule. This needs clarification.
- v. Satellite imagery shows that the forest land proposed for diversion at Village Hanbarwadi, Helgaon and Village Kharade is neither contiguous nor on a plain surface. Identification of such fragmented forest patches for diversion on the undulating surface which may be susceptible to the erosion can further lead to the degradation of nearby forest areas owing to human encumbrances and activities. This needs clarification.
- vi. The complete DGPS map of forest land sought for diversion shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- vii. The state govt shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core

of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.

- viii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.
- ix. The State Govt. has reported that an area of 1660.63 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of forest village 'Male' whereas the DCF, Satara has reported that an area of 519.49 ha will be made available after rehabilitation of village Male. This needs clarification.
- 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.
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.