

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh
Mahanadi Bhawan, Naya Raipur
(Chhattisgarh)

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 255.3 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Dy Director Achanakmar Tiger reserve for relocation of villages in Mungeli Forest Division from the core area of Achanakmar Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Bilaspur District (Chhattisgarh) - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. No. F 5-13/2020/10-2 dated 14.10.2020 on above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and letter no. F 5-13/2020/10-2 dated 24.03.2021 and 9.04.2021 forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry vide its letters of even number dated 1.10.2020 and 24.03.2021 and to say that proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 30.03.2021. Minutes of the meeting of the FAC may kindly be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>. The FAC, after thorough deliberation and discussion with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Chief Wild life Warden Chhattisgarh and Regional officer (IRO Raipur), and in view of the fact that proposed relocation is to take place in an ESZ area, decided to defer the proposal and desired the following information to take a comprehensive view on the proposal.

- i. A confirmation letter from the Government of Chhattisgarh that the restrictions related to ESZ within which the villages are to be relocated, have been discussed with the villagers.
- ii. Comments of CWLW on the issues related to human-animal conflict in the area selected for proposed relocation.

On receipt of the above information, a view may be taken also considering the details of regulated, prohibited and permitted activities in the ESZ.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information, as per the above observation of the FAC, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

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Copy to:

1. The Principle Secretary (Forest), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
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