

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: 25th August, 2022

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 421.00 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation of Village Bagcha from Kuno National Park, District Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/REHAB/152389/2022) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-5/1151/2022/10-11/2951 dated 24.08.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- I. The State Govt. need to clarify that the area being vacated is a part of the Core/Critical Tiger Reserve or Core of the Protected Areas (National Park or Sanctuary) or not.
- II. The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.
- III. The State govt. shall clarify that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.
- IV. As per the DSS analysis it has been reported that the forest village ' Bagcha ' which is proposed to be re-located is falling outside the Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary. Moreover, the Shape-file of Tiger Reserve and Tiger corridor available on the NTCA website also revealed that the forest village ' Bagcha ' is not located inside the Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary. The same be examined and factual position be intimated.
- V. As per site inspection report of DFO the area proposed for diversion has a density varying from 0 to 0.1, however the total number of trees in entire 421 ha have been reported to be 49 only, which may be looked into and clarified.
- VI. High-resolution satellite imagery dated 01.11.2016 shows that the forest land proposed for diversion at Rambadi Compartment No 193 Part-I (121 Ha) and Dabli West Compartment No 192 Part (86 Ha) is having plantation work, which needs clarification
- VII. The District Collector, Sheopur vide their letter dated 07.10.2019 mentioned that a total of 265 no. of families are to be rehabilitated in the instant case. However the justification submitted by the State Government mentions that the proposed relocation

encompasses 191 units. This needs clarification.

VIII. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that the proposed diversion area is found 419.814 ha instead of 421 ha, which needs clarification.

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/-

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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;
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