

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

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Dated: 25th August, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 160 ha. of Forest land for relocation of forest village Karmajhiri in Seoni District under Pench Tiger Reserve Buffer Zone in the State of Madhya Pradesh - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-5/891/2020/10-11/2397 dated 30th July 2020 on the above-mentioned seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that after examination of the said proposal the Ministry has observed the following:

- i. Blue line compasses i.e. Site which is being relocated from Pench Tiger Reserve comprises of good forest patches. This issue shall be looked as per the Para (g) of guideline issued by the Ministry vide order no. 8-34/2017-FC dated 20.05.2019. It has been noticed that village boundary proposed diversion does not conform to compartment boundary and this includes good forest patches.
- ii. As per the online proposal submitted, the name of the proposal is 'Relocation of forest village Karmajhiri' whereas forwarding letter of State Government mentions proposal for diversion of 160 ha. of Forest land for relocation of forest village Karmajhiri in Seoni District under Pench Tiger Reserve Buffer Zone in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The State Government shall clarify this variation in the name of the proposal.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to the State Government to submit the above information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Brijendra Swaroop)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & (HoFF) Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi