

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

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Dated: 5th August, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
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 in the State of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/MP/FVC/39952/2019) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter no. F-5/891/2020/10-11/2578 dated 27.07.2022 from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer (FCA,1980), Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above captioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard it has been observed that:

- i. The letter no. F-5/891/2020/10-11/2397 dated 30.07.2020 of Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh mentions that the total area of forest village Karmajhiri proposed to be relocated is 367 ha. The KML file submitted with the proposal is also for an area of 367 ha. However, the copy of notification dated 27.07.2022 mentions that the area of Forest Village is 323.800 ha. This needs clarification.
 - ii. High-resolution satellite imagery dated 23.05.2008 & 27.04.2016 has revealed that plantations activities have been carried out within the proposed forest land for diversion. Further a road is also passing through and some encroachments are also visible in the area proposed for diversion. In this regard a clarification/justification from the state government is required.
2. It is therefore requested that the information as indicated above may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Digitally Signed by Suneet

Bhardwaj

Date: 05-08-2022 13:29:28

Reason: Approved

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Forest, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;

4. User Agency;
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