

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

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Dated: 16th September, 2022

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 63.091 ha forest land at Kagal, Taluka -Kagal, District Kolhapur under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2322/CR-73/F-10 dated 08.08.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The KML file of forest land proposed for diversion has not been uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
- ii. The Nodal Officer has not provided his own specific recommendation for the proposal in Part-IV of the proposal.
- iii. The KML file of the forest village 'Nivale' which is proposed to be re-located from the Chandoli National Park has not been uploaded on PARIVESH.
- iv. The State Govt shall certify that the Village proposed to be relocated is within the core of a National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
- v. The State Govt. shall ensure that the proposal fulfills all the conditions laid down in the Ministry's guidelines dated 20.05.2019.
- vi. Breakup showing the forest land, revenue land and other land made available after rehabilitation of village 'Nivale' shall be submitted.
- vii. The basis of calculation of the total area getting vacated has not been provided, which is required to be given.
- viii. The State Govt shall clarify whether the proposed relocation of villagers will make the total area under the village inviolate or not.
- ix. The DCF, Kolhapur in his Site Inspection Report has mentioned that the proposed forest area is CA land and the said area was transferred to Forest Department under

Patgaon Irrigation project for Compensatory Afforestation. Therefore the complete details of CA plantation including the year of execution and the amount spent may be provided. The justification for selection of this site for the purpose of relocation may also be provided.

- x. The State Govt. in online part -1 reported that a total of 73 number of families are to be displaced from the area proposed for diversion. The same needs clarification along with detail R&R plan.

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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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.