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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,

> New Delhi – 110003 **Dated: As per E-sign**

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 63.091 ha forest land at Village -Kagal, Taluka-Kagal, District Kolhapur for rehabilitation of Village Nivale in Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/REHAB/121398/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-2322/C.R.73/F-10 dated 03.09.2024 on the above cited subject.

In this regard, it is to inform that it was observed that the State Govt. has given the same justification which was already available. However, no justifiable reason has been given as to how the requirement of land has increased from 16 ha on revenue land to 53.45 ha now proposed. The reply to other observations is also not specific.

Accordingly, it is requested to submit a well reasoned justification/reply on the points raised by the Advisory Committee as communicated vide Ministry letter of even no. dated 26.07.2024 to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 19-09-2024 19:43:17 Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
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> 3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur; 4. User Agency;

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