

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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No.FE-DIV-FLD-0017-2020- 20164 /F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated the 14.12.2020  
10F (Cons) 130/2020

**ORDER**

Sub: Diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division.

WHEREAS, Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha had applied for diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Odisha.

And whereas, the Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide their letter No.5-ORB429/2020-BHU dtd.16.09.2020 in consideration of the relevant proposal of the State Government furnished vide letter No.12843/F&E dtd.25.08.2020 have communicated their approval for diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division (**Annexure-I**) subject to fulfillment of conditions as stipulated therein.

Now, therefore, Govt. of Odisha do hereby allows diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division subject to fulfillment of the conditions as stipulated by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar in their approval Letter referred above. The details land schedule of the Revenue forest land as received from PCCF, Odisha vide his letter No.13374 dtd.13.07.2020 is appended herewith as **Annexure-II (Two Pages)**.

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The Collector, Keonjhar and Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division are authorized to allow for use of the forest land in question for the purpose of creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanaou Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division subject to compliance of Court's order if any, following due procedure of law.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division is also directed to monitor compliance to the conditions stipulated for such diversion in the respective forest clearance order and to report violations, if any, to the Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Odisha and to the Forest & Environment Department.

By order of Governor

*d. 14/12/2020*  
(Lingaraj Otta)

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20165 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of Annexure-I and Annexure-II referred above forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for kind information and necessary follow up action.

Appropriate instruction to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division and the applicant agency may be imparted for required follow up action at their end. The applicant agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer of Keonjhar Wildlife Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances.

*d. 14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20166 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the Asst. Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, JorBagh, Aliganj Road, New Delhi, Pin-110003/ Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Government of India, IRO, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary follow up action in compliance to the order of the Hon'ble NGT dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Govt. vide their F.No.7-23/2012-FC dtd.24.07.2013.

*d. 14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20167 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Director, Environment, F&E Department for information and necessary action.

*d. 14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20168 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve-cum-Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Baripada Circle / Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division for information and immediate necessary compliance.

The applicant agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances by them.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Wildlife Division is also instructed to ensure that the direction given to the applicant agency is executed immediately.

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20169 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the ST & SC Development Department / Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary follow up action.

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20170 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the Private Secretary to Minister of Forest & Environment Department for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20171 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy along with the copy of annexures as above forwarded to the Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha for information and immediate necessary action.

The user agency is asked to take following actions immediately as per orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Government vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012-FC dtd.24.07.2013.

- i. *They shall publish the entire forest clearance granted in verbatim along with conditions and safeguards imposed by the Central Government in their approval order for forest clearance in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the Project for use of forest land for non-forest purposes.*
- ii. *They shall submit the copies of forest clearance orders granted by the Central Government/State Government to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government, who in turn, has to display the same for 30 days from date of receipt.*
- iii. *Detailed action taken in compliance to the above order of State Government shall be intimated to the DFO, Keonjhar Wildlife Division / Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle /PCCF, Odisha/ F&E Department for reference.*

*The applicant agency shall furnish compliances to the conditions prescribed in the forest/wildlife clearance order to the Divisional Forest Officer of Keonjhar Wildlife Division in every quarter, for the purpose of monitoring by him.*

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20172 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this order along with its enclosures in the website of Forest & Environment Department **immediately** for information of all concerned. **This is required in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.7/2012. Hence this may be done unflinchingly.**

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 20173 /F&E, Date 14.12.2020

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Under Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest & Environment Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.12939/F&E dtd.16.07.2016.

*14/12/2020*  
Special Secretary to Government



Government of India/ भारत सरकार

Ministry of Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change/ पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

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No. 5-ORB429/2020-BHU

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020  
16<sup>th</sup>

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Forest & Environment Department,  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar - 751 001.

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U.S.C. Division  
29/10/2020

Sub:- Diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No10F(Cons)130/2020-12843/F&E dated 25.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change **hereby conveys approval** for diversion of 4.928 ha of Revenue forest land in favour of Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil of Keonjhar District for creation of land bank for relocation of villagers of Pitanau Hamlet located in side Hadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary of Keonjhar Wildlife Division, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions.

- i. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall be changed to revenue land.
- ii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- iii. The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- iv. The land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of village shall be developed as per approved Wildlife Management Plan/NTCA guideline/CWLW.
- v. No fragmentation of forests/wildlife habitat should take place due to the relocation of project.
- vi. The relocation activity shall be undertaken solely as a process of consolidation of the wildlife habitat.

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- vii. The land/villages within the forest which have been vacated shall be brought under the protected area network through enabling notification under Wildlife Protection Act after extinguishing all the existing rights over the vacated land.
- viii. The extent of land de-reserved/de-notified for resettlement shall not be more than the extent vacated by the settlers in the core area.
- ix. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- x. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xi. The user agency and the State Govt. shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- xii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the user agency.
- xiii. The detailed approved relocation plan specifying no. of families relocated, land allotted to each family, building plan, their livelihood options in the relocated place and other details may be submitted to this office, which should include sustainable and eco-friendly community living spaces.
- xiv. The people resettled in the forest land should be homogenous in the social strata so as to ensure that there is no conflict of religion, culture and social living standard which will enable them to adapt better to new surroundings.
- xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter-1 of Handbook of comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
- xvi. The State Govt. shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,

*Padma Mahanti*

(Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
2. The Tahasildar, Hatdihi Tahasil, Hatdihi, Dist: Keonjhar, Odisha.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

DETAILS LAND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED REHABILITATION AREA  
FOR RELOCATED FAMILIES FROM PITANAU WEST HAMLET OF  
HADAGARH SANCTUARY IN JHANJHANA MOUZA OF HATADIHI  
TEHSIL

Sl No	District	Tahasil	Mouza	Non Forest Land	Forest Land					Remarks
					Khata No.	Plot No.	Area in Ha	Type of Forest	Kissam	
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Keonjhar	Hatadihi	Jhanajhana	Nil	177	162	4.093	Revenue Forest land	Jungle -2	--
						98	0.835			

Date-----

Place-----

Countersigned

Tahasildar, Hatadihi Tahasil.

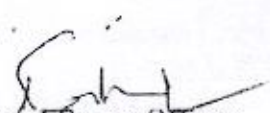
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Tahasildar, Hatadihi.  
KEONJHARSignature of User Agency.  
Tahasildar, Hatadihi  
KEONJHARDivisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Wildlife Division,  
Anandapur.

**ANNEXURES**  
**CHECK LIST SERIAL NUMBER: - 07**  
**STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF FOREST AREA**  
**PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION**

Sl. No.	Division	District	Range/Block/village limit	Survey/Compartment Number/KM. Stone	Forest area proposed for diversion (ha.)	Legal status of Forest area	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.	Keonjhar	Hadagarh Wildlife Range	Khata No. 177, Plot No. 162 & 98 of Jhanajhana Mouza (Sadha RI Circle)	4.928	Jungle -2 (Dui)	

Date-----

Place-----

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur.

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Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar (WL) Division  
Anandapur