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Karnataka: Forest department proposes to enhance rehabilitation

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force)

Sanjai Mohan said, "Yes, we had submitted a proposal to the state government to enhance the package."

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In Karnataka, 1,355.26 hectares of forest land has been diverted for non-forestry purposes in the p
five years. (Representational image)

The Karnataka forest department has proposed to the state government to enhance the rehabilitation package of families volunteering to move out from protected

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The families which choose to move out of protected areas a
Under the first option, the Karnataka government gives a fi
10 lakh to the families that volunteer to move out of protected areas without the
help of the forest department.

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Under the second option, relocation is carried out by the forest department thro
construction of houses and other amenities under a Rs 15-lakh package.

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the provision of the package should also cover people living in the buffer areas the tiger reserves.

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"It is important to enhance the funding assistance for voluntary village relocation from Rs 10 lakh per family to Rs 15 lakh per family (for Option-I of package) to t people living inside Sanctuaries and National Parks which have not been notific Tiger Reserves and also extend it to the buffer areas of the Tiger Reserves.



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voluntary village rehabilitation for their better future. As a result, this would al
fasten the rehabilitation process which would ultimately be a win-win situation
both people and wildlife, an important initiative in reducing
conflict,” Kulkarni stated in his memorandum to the minist
department.

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