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5.5.2. Any resettlement or modification of forest rights approved by the District Level Committee under sub-section (5) of section 6 of the FRA, 2006 must be approved in writing by the Gram Sabha concerned, and the record of forest rights must be modified accordingly.

5.5.3. The Forest Department should work with CSOs working in the field of tribal welfare and wildlife conservation to engage with the forest dwelling communities within the CWH, for achieving the final decisions regarding modification or resettlement of rights in CWH.

5.5.4. The determination and notification of CWH should lead to the implementation of the recommendations of the EC. The following procedure may be followed for the purpose:

5.5.4(a). In case of recommendations of co-existence with modified rights by the Expert Committee: On receipt of the notification of the CWH from the MoEF, the State Government shall set in motion the due process of implementing the recommendations of the Expert Committee, with the overall objective of making the CWH inviolate. The EC should discuss with the communities the potentially detrimental impact of their activities on wildlife conservation and discuss the necessary modification of rights. Modification of rights will require the final approval of the Gram Sabha.

In areas where co-existence has been agreed upon, the Forest Department, with the forest-dwelling communities, should prepare a joint management plan for the CWH, in the light of the modified rights. This should also include scientific inputs by appropriately qualified ecologists and social scientists to balance the dual objectives of livelihood security and wildlife conservation.

5.5.4(b). In case of recommendation of resettlement by the Expert Committee: On receipt of the notification of the CWH from the MoEF, the State Government should initiate the due process of implementing the steps necessary to facilitate re-settlement of forest dwellers. This should follow the provisions of the FRA, 2006. Collector and the Park Manager in consultation with the Gram Sabha and civil society shall prepare a resettlement package acceptable to the forest dwellers residing within the area of the CWH. After obtaining written consent of the Gram Sabha, for acceptance of this package, the resettlement process should be initiated and completed within a reasonable time frame. Civil society representatives and the Forest Department should ensure appropriate dispensation of the resettlement package and adherence of the forest dwellers to the agreed terms and conditions of the package.

## 6. CLARIFICATIONS AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

6.1. For a CWH to be really inviolate, it will be essential that an objective assessment of the current pressures and future demands on forest resource for a variety of uses is made. Present and future levels of human-wildlife conflict will also need to be factored in and discussed with the local communities to evaluate the long term viability of residing and earning livelihood within the area of the CWH.