

**Sub: Diversion of 50.00 ha Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at S. No. 673, village Khodamba Ta. Mandvi of Surat District in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Surat Forest Division, Surat.**

1. The State Government of Gujarat vide their letter No. FCA-1018/10-51/17/S.F-38/F dated 12.03.2018 submitted the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 12.03.2018 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

**FACT SHEET**

1.	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 50.00 ha Reserved Forest land for Leopard Park with rescue centre at S. No. 673, village Khodamba Ta. Mandvi of Surat District in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Surat Forest Division, Surat.
2.	Location (i) State (ii) District	Gujart Surat
3.	Particulars of Forests: (i) Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved. (ii) Legal status/Sy. No. (iii) Map	Surat Forest Division 50.00 ha  Reserved Forest  <b>Toposheet submitted : 153/c</b>
4.	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	No
5.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	-
6.	Species-wise (scientific name) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL. FRL. Meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.	In this regard, it is reported by DCF, Surat that No Trees are Falling under the proposed route. (pg. 111/c)
7.	(ii) Density	Not seen
8.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden	No
9.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof	No
10.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	No
11.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been	No

	carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	
12.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes.
13.	Compensatory Afforestation	
	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	<b>All other information are provided except, Whether the area is bearing any root stock of Vegetation. (pg. 119/c)</b>
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	Map not enclosed.
	(iii) Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Detailed scheme of CA 15.00 ha to be carried out in lieu of 50.00 of Reserved Forest land to be diverted in Surat district. (pg. 119-127/c)
	(iv) Total financial outlay for CA	50.88 lakhs.
	(v) Certificate from the competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	Yes, pg. 133/c
14.	Catchment Area Treatment	NA
15.	Rehabilitation of Out see a) No. of families involved b) Category of families c) Details of rehabilitation plan	NA NA NA
16.	Employment likely to be generated	NA
17.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	NA
18.	Site Inspection Report by DFO/CCF with their specific recommendation	SIR by DCF, Nagpur at Pg-113A-115/c SIR by CCF, Nagpur at pg-113/c
19.	Cost Benefit Ratio	NA (pg. 13/c)
20.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 17.25 Crore (Pg-13/c)
21.	Recommendation  i. DCF ii. CCF iii. Nodal Officer/PCCF iv State Government	Recommended (Pg-17-19/c) Recommended (Pg-21/c) Recommended (pg-23/c) Recommended (Pg-24/c)

<b>22.</b>	District Profile	
	(i) Total Geographical area of the district	4212.20. Sq. Km.)
	(ii) Total Forest area/ Divisional Forest area	49399.75 ha
	(iii) Total area diverted since 1980	86.8367 ha (21 cases)
	(iv) Total CA stipulated since 1980 (Forest land)	
	a. Forest land including penal CA	30.3300 ha
	b. Non Forest Land	47.2449 ha
(v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation		
a. Forest land		
b. Non Forest land	29.3320 ha	
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**3.** The layout plan for KLRRC&S will be divided into 2 part (pg. **59-61/c**);

**a.** First part will have below facilities in 5 ha area out of total 50 ha area

**i.** Visitors facility

1. Theme based gate
2. Parking area
3. Reception center and ticketing counter
4. Rest Shed
5. Amphitheater
6. Canteen
7. Souvenir shop
8. Toilets
9. Landscaped garden
10. Interpretation center
11. Safari bus bay

**ii.** Office administration building

**b.** Second part will have below facilities in 45 ha area out of total 50 ha area;

**i.** Safari area (40 ha)

1. Chain linked fencing at periphery
2. Safari area entrance gate
3. Three big closed enclosures to house leopards
4. Open enclosure with design specific leopard behavior ( to keep 10 leopards)
5. Open safari area with freely roaming ungulates with water holes
6. Road network well connected with enclosures
7. Water towers

**ii.** Restricted area (5 ha)

1. Animal houses and required cage structures
2. Feeding & water facilities
3. Veterinary hospital

4. Quarantine room
5. Postmortem room

4. The area involved has been declared as a Reserved Forest land vide Government of Bombay Notification No. S-35/17/19431, dated 05.11.1934.
5. This project being established to mitigate the rising challenge of human wildlife conflict, to create awareness and show care the need for construction of animal in the region.
6. No trees are required to be cut in the demanded area.
7. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as Certified by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
8. The Project area is not a part of Protected area /Sanctuary/National Park and the project area is 125.00 Km. away from the Vansada National Park.
9. Project authority has submitted undertakings regarding willingness to pay the cost of CA, NPV and any increase thereof. (Pg. 99-105/c)
10. CA is proposed at 15 ha forest land at Comp. NO. 12, village-khodamba, Ta. Mandvi, Dist. Surat. Scheme of CA is given.
11. **However, the shape file/ KML file for Compensatory Afforestation has not been given by the user agency.**
12. Site inspection report of the Project area is provided by the concerned CCF & DCF.
13. **APCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Gujarat State, Gandhinagar has recommended the proposal.**
14. Additional conditions under chapter-5 of FCA, 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No. FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, dated 12.06.2015. The user agency has be bound to comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution. The project authority has submitted undertakings for the same.

In view of above facts related to the proposal, if approved, the proposal may be placed before FAC in its forthcoming meeting for their examination and appropriate recommendation scheduled to be held on 23.03.2018.

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