

Dated: 30.11.2017.

To,

Shri Vipul Patel,
Senior Officer (ROU),
Gujarat Gas Limited,
301-304, 3rd Floor,
IT Tower - 1, Infocity,
Gandhinagar - 382 009.

Subject : Proposal from Gujarat Gas Limited for diversion of 0.9756 ha Protected Forest land of laying of underground Natural Gas Pipeline in village Naroli of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, in favour of Gujarat Gas Limited, Gandhinagar

Reference :

- i) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 16.10.2000.
- ii) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 31.10.2001.
- iii) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 23.12.2002.
- iv) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 19.09.2003.
- v) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 21.11.2005.
- vi) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 08.04.2009.
- vii) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-09/98-FC dated 07.11.2014.
- viii) Ministry of Environment & Forests letter No. 11-09/98-FC dated 07.09.2015.

Sir,

As per the powers conferred under reference above by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi the request of the Gujarat Gas Limited, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for diversion of 0.9756 ha. of Protected Forest land for laying of underground Natural Gas Pipeline in Naroli Panchayat in the U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is considered and in-principle approval is accorded subject to the following conditions:-

- i The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged i.e. shall remain Protected forest.
- ii No felling of tree shall be involved in the implementation of the proposal.
- iii The maximum size of the trench shall not be more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width.
- iv The pipeline shall be along the road within existing right of way not falling in National parks and Wildlife sanctuaries.
- v Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department at the cost of the user agency and the same shall be maintained for 10 years. Only indigenous/nature forest tree species shall be used for such plantations. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the State Forest department.


- vi The User agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time.
- vii Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- viii The User agency shall seek permission from Forest Department, Dadra & Nagar Haveli for carrying out any maintenance;
- ix The User agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora / fauna in the surroundings and therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- x The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance before issue the formal order, if applicable.
- xi All statutory provisions under various Acts, Rule there under and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
- xii The User Agency shall transfer the fund to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency (CAMPA) in Saving Bank Account NO.SB01025204 (Compensatory Afforestation Fund(CAF) Dadra & Nagar Haveli) in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi-110003.
- xiii The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- xiv The user agency has to pay ₹.9,16,088/- towards Net Present Value of land and ₹.19,36,488/- towards Compensatory Afforestation including maintenance for 10 years.

You are therefore, requested to deposit an amount of ₹.28,52,576/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh, Fifty Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Six only) in favour of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Dadra & Nagar Haveli through RTGS/NEFT mode in the below mentioned account and copy of the proof/evidence may be submitted to this office :-

**Corporation Bank,
Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi
Account No.SB01025204
RTGS/IFSC No.CORP000371.**

The formal order for diversion of forest land to User Agency will be issued after above conditions are complied. In no case the work shall be started without a formal order from this office.

Yours faithfully


**Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
Silvassa**

Copy to :

- (1) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Western Regional Office, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Link Road No.3, E-5 Area Colony, Bhopal-462016(M.P.).
- (2) The Deputy Conservator of Forest(T), Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Silvassa for information and necessary action.