



No. C/FCA/17/ 257-262 /2020-21

Dt. 13/07/2020

To,  
Deputy General Manager,  
(Project) Surtat Zone,  
Gujarat Fiber grid Network Ltd.  
Gandhinagar.(Gujarat)

**Sub.: Diversion of 0.63 Ha. of Forest Land for Laying Optical Fibre Cable in  
Suvali Char rasta to Hajira Village Dist Surat (Surat Divi.)**

- Ref.:** 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter  
No. FCA/1015/1013 /15/SF-83/F(1), Dt. 04/02/2016.  
2. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No.  
FCA/1015/1013 /15/SF-83/F, Dt. 03/05/2016  
3. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter  
No. JMN/1016/1970/15SF-38/F Date : 15/09/2016  
4. Your Letter No. GFGNL /GUJ/Forest/Surat/02, Dt. 28/01/2020

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. 4, on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as per following :

Sr. No	Road	Name of Villag	Survey No.	Length (Met.)	Width (Met.)	Area (in Ha.)	Location	
							From (in kms)	To (in kms)
1.	Suvali Char rasta to Hajira Village	Suvali Char rasta to Hajira Village	434/A/1, 177,178, 179,306	14000	0.45	0.63	0/00	14/00

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned divisional forests officer to grant approval under forest (Conservation) act. 1980 for laying of underground optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas the user agency while applying and through the documents submitted has confirmed that its FCA proposal falls along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width and hence fulfils all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned at ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "general approval".

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfils the above specific conditions of "general approval" the following order is issued.

In view of the above the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in principle" approval for diversion of 0.1080 Ha. of Forest Land in Surat District subject to the following conditions :

1. The permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The cost of NPV, Registration Fees, Processing Fees etc. as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
3. The User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the User Agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding Net present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.65 meters and width of 45 cm in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

12. The additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act 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 shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
13. Any other condition which the Nodal Officer (FCA) / the State Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition no. (2), (3), (5) & (12) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

  
Dy. Conservator of Forests  
Surat

**Copy Submitted to :** Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment  
Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

**Copy Submitted to :** Additional Principle Chief Conservator of forest land,  
Gujarat state , Gandhinagar

**Copy submitted to :** Chief Conservator of forest, surat circle surat

**Copy to :** Assistance Conservator of forest, Surat for information.

**Copy to :** Range Forest Officer Dumas for further information and  
Necessary action.

**PART-II**  
**(To be filled up by DCF)**

(Diversion of 0.63 ha. R.F./P.F. Land for Laying Optical Fibre Cable in Hajira village in Choryasi Taluka (Surat Divi.)


Sr. No.	Description	Comments
1.	Location of the project / Scheme	
(i)	State / Union Territory	<b>Gujarat</b>
(ii)	District	<b>Surat</b>
(iii)	Forest Division	<b>Surat</b>
(iv)	Area of Forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	<b>0.63 Ha.</b>
(v)	Legal Status of the Forest	<b>Road Side Reserved Forest</b>
(vi)	Density of Vegetation.	<b>0.10</b>
(vii)	Species wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of tree (to enclosed in case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration of FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also be enclosed)	<b>NA</b>
(viii)	Brief note of vulnerability of forest area to erosion.	<b><u>No any erosion.</u></b>
(ix)	Approximate distance of site for diversion from boundary of forests.	<b>Proposed Optical Fiber Cable in Suvali Char rasta to Hajira Village Alignment, passing through the reserve Forest Area.</b>
(x)	Whether forms a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, elephant corridor etc.	<b>No</b>
(xi)	Whether any protected any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area and if so details thereof.	<b>No any protected or rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.</b>
(xii)	Whether any protected archeological / heritage site / defense establishment of any other important monument is located in the area, If so details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required	<b>No</b>

2.	Whether the requirement of forest land Yes as proposed by the user agency in col-2 of Part-I is unavilable and barest minimum for the project. If no. recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	Yes
3	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been 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.	No work has been done by the user agency.
4	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme.	
(i)	Details of non-forest area / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forests number of patches, size of each patch.	NA
(ii)	Map showing non-forest / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation for adjoining forest boundaries.	NA
(iii)	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementation agency, time table, cost structure etc.	NA
(iv)	Total financial outlay for afforestation schemes.	NA
(v)	Certificate from competent regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)	NA
5	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	Attached herewith.
6	Division / District profile.	
(i)	Geographical area of the district.	4326.97 Sq.km.
(ii)	Forest area	496.7229 Sq.km.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	86.8367 ha. / 21 Case

	(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district / division since 1980 on	
		(c) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation.	30.3300 ha.
		(d) Non-Forest land.	47.2449
	(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date : 30-06-2019 on)	-
		(c) Forest land.	29.3320 Ha.
		(d) Non-forest land.	-
7		Specific recommendation of the DCF for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	Recommended for diversion of 0.63 ha. forest land.

Date : /07/2020

Place : Surat

  
Dy. Conservator of Forests  
Surat