

Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-1324/C.R.88/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.
Dated:-08.08.2024

To,
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India,
Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Raigad

Re-diversion of 1.7830 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for old Uran-Usar propane pipeline laying 12" dia Liquid Propane along with OFC in Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Pipeline/155620/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for Diversion of 1.7830 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for old Uran-Usar propane pipeline laying 12" dia Liquid Propane along with OFC in Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.

2. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under: -

Sr. No.	Item Purpose Work	Dist	Tal	Village	Survey /Gut No.	Old S.No/ Gut No.	Compt. No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1.	Proposal for Re-diversion of 1.7830 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for old Uran-Usar propane pipeline laying 12" dia Liquid Propane along with OFC in Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra.	Raigad	Alibag	Talshet	42	34	--	0.0987	Protected Forest
					64	51	--	0.0187	Restore Private Forest
					68	58	--	0.0116	Protected Forest
2.				Dalavi Khoroshi	13	--	174	0.2843	Reserve Forest
3.				Bopoli	23	--	--	0.0695	Finally Acquired Forest
					22	--	--	0.1667	
					17	--	--	0.1655	Restore Private Forest
					37	--	--	0.0559	Reserve Forest
4.				Beloshi	90,110,	90, 110,	188 A	0.5253	Reserve

5.				Kune	168	168			Forest
					98 pt.	--	173	0.3272	Private Forest Pending on enquiry
					152	49/3	--	0.0149	
					158	52	--	0.0447	
Total Forest land (in ha.)								1.7830	

2. Previously, the User Agency has submitted proposal for diversion of 22.792 ha. forest land for laying of Dabhol Panvel underground Natural Gas Pipeline in Raigad, Pune and Ratnagiri districts in favor of Gas Authority of India Ltd., in Navi Mumbai of Maharashtra. The aforesaid proposal is already been accorded Stage-I approval vide Government of India letter dated 04/10/2006 and finally approval vide letter dated 20/11/2006.

Now, the Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL (India), Ltd, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai has submitted a proposal for Re-diversion of 1.7830 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane pipeline laying 12" dia liquid propane pipeline along with OFC in Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. This project requires 1.7830 ha. Protected Forest, Reserved Forest, Restored Private Forest, Finally Acquired Forest, Private Forest (Pending for enquiry) land, therefore the project authority is seeking Government of India permission under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. There is no alternate alignment is available and the required forest land is barest minimum for proposed propane pipeline laying 12" dia Liquid Propane Pipeline along with OFC. Proposed alignment of road is site specific and there is no other suitable alternate alignment.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag has certified that:-

- 3.1) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is lowest minimum demand.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is 0.1.
- 3.3) There is a no tree felling involved in the project.
- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6) There is no violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 3.7) Proposed project is 5.34 Km. away from the boundary of the Protected Area (Karnala Bird Sanctuary) and 3.32 Km. from the boundary of the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary and 13.47 Km. away from the boundary of the Protected Area (Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary) and 13.22 Km. from the boundary of the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary. Proposed area is not falling in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karfnal Bird Sanctuary and Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 3.8) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of

Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.


- 3.9) No suitable alternate non forest land is available other than the forest land I area involved in area of 1.7830 ha.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1 to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
- 4.3 to submit compliance under FRA-2006.

- 5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dahanu & Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Thane have recommended the proposal for approval under Section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
- 8. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur along with following conditions.
 - i) User Agency shall submit the certified copy of restored private forest land of S. No.17 of Village Bopoli along with Stage-I compliance report.
 - ii) User Agency shall compensate the Private landholders of the proposed Land, as per prevalent Acts and Rules in this regard.

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

- 1. Prescribed form as per Rules.

Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya
Mumbai 400 032

2. Area Statement
3. Undertaking for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur
3. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-155620/Thane/2023-24/3277, Dt.26.02.2024.
4. Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag.
6. Chief Manager, (Const.), GAIL (India) Limited, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614.
7. Select File (F-10)

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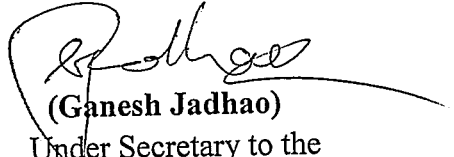
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**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
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