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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

Diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Pipeline/155612/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for Diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No	Item work purpose	District	Name of Village	Taluka	Survey / Gut No.	Old S.No. / Gut No.	Compt. No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status	
1	Proposal for diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra	Raigad	Navghar	Uran	254	--	--	0.0119	Mangrove	
2					Ghasakhoshi	300	--	--	0.0619	Mangrove
						393/K	--	--	0.2889	Identified forest
						Khadi	--	--	0.1096	Mangrove
			Khadi			--	--	0.1332		
			1			--	--	0.0273		
			2			--	--	0.0218		
			5			--	--	0.0398		
			26/2			--	--	0.0015	Mangrove declared u/s-4	
69			--		--	0.0312	Mangrove			
71			--		--	0.0112				
3			Kacharepada		94	--	--	0.0950	Mangrove	
4			Kalambusare		129	--	--	0.0321	Private Forest	
					167/1	154	139	0.0241	Reserved Forest	
5			Dighati	Panvel	78	--	137	0.0573	Reserved Forest	
					37	--	--	0.0063	Mangrove	

6			Sai		Khadi	--	--	0.0228	Mangrove
7			Rave	Pen	Khadi	--	--	0.0130	Mangrove
					Khadi	--	--	0.0067	
					Khadi	--	--	0.0091	
8			Kopar		Khadi	--	--	0.0158	Mangrove
					Khadi	--	--	0.0363	
9			Khardutarfa Borli		216	--	--	0.0367	Mangrove RF declared U/s. 20
10			Kane		Kahdi	--	--	0.0392	Mangrove
11			Borje		Khajan	--	--	0.0394	Mangrove
					Khajan	--	--	0.0108	
12			Odhangi		34	--	--	0.5053	Mangrove RF declared U/s. 20
13			Vashi		Khadi	--	--	0.0237	Mangrove
					187/2	--	--	0.0062	Mangrove RF declared U/s. 20
14			Beneghat		Khadi	--	--	0.0411	Mangrove
					Khadi	--	--	0.0353	
					80/2	--	--	0.1247	Mangrove RF declared U/s. 20
15			Shahapur	Alibag	Khadi	--	--	0.1752	Mangrove
					Khadi	--	--	0.0225	
16			Shahbaj		Khadi	--	--	0.0147	Mangrove
					346	--	--	0.0686	Mangrove RF declared U/s. 20
17			Talashet		42	34	--	0.0537	Protected Forest
					64	51	--	0.0082	Restored Private Forest
					68	58	--	0.0112	Protected Forest
18			Dalvi Kharoshi		13	--	174	0.3030	Reserved Forest
19			Bopoli		23	--	--	0.0614	Finally Acquired Forest
					22	--	--	0.1719	
					17	--	--	0.1708	Restore Private Forest
					37	--	--	0.0524	Reserved Forest
20			Beloshi		90,110,1 68	90,110, 168	188A	0.5231	Reserved Forest
21			Kune		98 Pt.	--	173	0.3284	Reserved Forest
					152	49/3	--	0.0157	Private Forest
					158	52	--	0.0443	Forest Pending for enquiry
Total Forest area involved (in ha.)								3.9443	

2. The Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL. (India), Ltd., CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Uran-

Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. This project requires 3.9334 ha. Mangrove, 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.

**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 & II having density is 0.1 and 0.3.
- 3.3) There are 15034 trees of various species and trees involved in implementation of the project. Girth wise breakup of trees is under:-

Below 30 cm	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61- 75 cm	76- 90 cm	91- 105 cm	106- 120 cm	121- 150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
2232	11320	1134	170	109	28	14	12	15	15034

- 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) The 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 Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary. The proposed area is not falling in Eco- Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird 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) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 8.00 degraded forest land in Survey No.45, 346 at Village Ambivali & Nere, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 3.10) The proposed alignment is best suitable from forestry point of view.

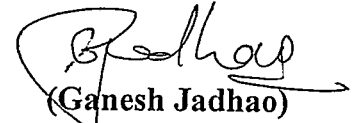
**4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-**

- 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, Alibag & 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) DCF, Alibag shall ensure the legal status of land at S. No.254, 300, 393 of Village Navghar, S.No.26/2, 69, 71 of Village Dhasakhoshi, S. No.94 of Village Khopte Kacharepada, S. No.129 of Village Kalsumbare, S.No.78, 37 of Village Dighati, S. No.34 of Village Odhangi and S.No.68 of Village Taloshi, before granting working permission.
  - ii) User Agency shall submit NOC of the Private landholders of the proposed Land along with Stage-I compliance and compensate them as per prevalent Acts and Rules in this regard.
  - iii) There is total 64.8087 ha. non forest land involved in the Project. Therefore, as per Chapter No.2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 User Agency shall handover equivalent non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion and submit 7/12 extract, KML file land suitability certificate along with Stage-1 compliance.
  - iv) User Agency shall obtain permission regarding to cutting of Mangrove trees from Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, prior to commencement of work.

- v) User Agency shall submit administrative and technical approval order of competent authority, along with the stage-1 compliance.

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.
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.

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**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-155612/Thane/2023-24/3276, Dt.30.10.2023
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.
7. Select File (F-10)

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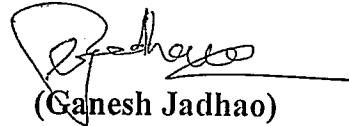
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**PART - V**

(To be filled up by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the  
State Government**

The proposal is recommended  
vide Government letter  
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