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**To**

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**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 12.00 ha of Reserved Forest land for development of Hazira Capacity Expansion Project (HCEP/TLU) in favour of Shell Energy India Private Limited, Village-Hazira, Ta. Choryasi, Dist. Surat, Gujarat (Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/IND/29375/2017) - reg.**

**Sir,**

This has a reference to letter No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/1931/F dated 10.08.2023 of the State Govt. of Gujarat on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, 'In-Principle/Stage-I' approval of the Central Government for the diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter No. FC-6/GJC-72/2023-GNR dated 05.11.2024 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The Government of Gujarat vide their letter No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/1931/F dated 05.07.2025 & letter of evan no. dated 12.08.2025 have furnished compliance report in respect of the relevant conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval for grant of final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report under reference and confirmation of CAMPA receipt transaction dated 18.12.2024, the **Final/Stage-II approval** of the Central Government under Section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 12.00 ha of Reserved Forest land for development of Hazira Capacity Expansion Project (HCEP/TLU) in favour of M/s Shell Energy India Private Limited, Village-Hazira, Ta. Choryasi, Dist. Surat, Gujarat subject to the following general and standard conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 24.86 ha non-forest land identified in Khasra No. 10 Paiki, 11 Paiki & 25 Paiki, Village- Kotiya, Taluka- Mahuva, District- Bhavnagar of Gujarat at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species

- shall be planted and mono-culture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.
3. The Non-Forest Land given for the CA purpose shall be mutated in the name of State Forest Department by the user agency. The same shall be notified as PF/RF under the provisions of IFS, 1927 or the relevant sections of the State Forest Act by the the State Government within 6 months from the date of issue of Stage-II/ Formal approval by the central government.
  4. ***User Agency shall provide at its cost required number of Solar Pumps as given by the Forest Department for irrigating the CA plantation.***
  5. ***The user agency shall develop and maintain suitable green belt along the outer boundary in consultation with the state forest department.***
  6. ***User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 435 trees/minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.***
  7. The trees with bird nests, reptiles and habitat of Wildlife shall be treated with special care for relocation in the forest land by Forest Department at the cost of User Agency.
  8. The State Government will ensure complete compliance of FRA, 2006 before issuance of final order for diversion in the state government.
  9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
  10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
  11. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
  12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
  13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
  14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
  16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar by the end of March every year.
  17. The User Agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
  18. All the relevant conditions of Stage-I approval shall be strictly complied.
  19. The period of diversion of forest land is co-terminus with the validity of lease

or the project life, whichever is prior.

20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

As has been mentioned at Para-2 of this final approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to the fulfillment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for the diversion of the forest land and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**.

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2. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
3. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Division Surat, Surat, Gujarat.
5. M/s Shell Energy India Private Limited, Village- Hazira, Taluka- Choryasi, District- Surat, Gujarat.
6. Guard File.