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To
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(Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/TRANS/49319/2020)

Sub: Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for proposed diversion of 226.3223 ha Protected Forest land for construction of 765 KV D/C transmission line project from Khavda to PGCIL sub station Bhuj in Kachchh District in favour of Adani Green Energy Thirty Ltd., Ahmedabad- reg.
Sir,

This refers to letter No. FCA-1022/3-56/21/SF-68/F dated 02.01.2023 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, the '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-2/2023-GNR dated 06.02.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The Government of Gujarat vide their letter No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/0913/F dated 04.05.2023 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 09.03.2023, 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 226.3223 ha Protected Forest land for construction of 765 KV D/C transmission line project from Khavda to PGCIL sub station Bhuj in Kachchh District in favour of Adani Green Energy Thirty Ltd., Ahmedabad subject to the following general and standard conditions:

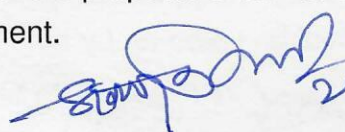
1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over

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453.00 ha de-graded forest land 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. Details of CA is given as follows:

Sr.No.	Name of Forest Division	CA Proposed in Area (Ha)	Details of CA Scheme
1.	Kutch (West)	290.00 ha DFL	(Compartment No. Survey No. 56/pt), Village- Baiyavo, Taluka- Lakhpat, District- Kutch, Gujarat.
2.	Kutch (West)	163.00 ha DFL	(Compartment No. Survey No. 26/pt), Village- Mudhvay, Taluka- Lakhpat, District- Kutch, Gujarat.
Total		453.00	

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4. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 43 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.
5. **The State Government should ensure submission of FRA certificate in proper format along with all the enclosures i.e. proceedings of DLC, SDLC & Gram Sabha Resolution by the User Agency before issuing the orders for diversion by the State Government.**
6. **The KML files of diverted area and CA area are to be uploaded on the e.Green Watch Portal before issuing the orders for diversion by the State Government.**
7. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
8. The User Agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.
9. The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble NGT order for transmission line dated 07.03.2012.
10. The trees with bird nests, reptiles and habitat of Wildlife was observed than such tree shall be treated with special care for relocation in the forest land by Forest Department at the cost of User Agency.
11. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

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12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. 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.
14. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
15. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
16. 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.
17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. All the conditions of Stage-I approval shall be strictly complied.
22. 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.
23. 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.

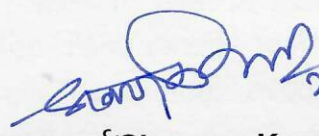
Specific Conditions:

1. **The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at 10 meter intervals to avoid bird hits in complete length of the transmission line (within forest and outside forest area) from Khavda to PGCIL Sub Station Bhuj.**
2. **The heavy growth of Prosopis Juliflora in CA area has to be removed for carrying out plantation at the cost of the User Agency.**

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3. Two rows of *Azadirachta indica* (Neem) has to be planted along the boundary of CA area at the cost of User Agency.
4. The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of medicinal/ dwarf species in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department. For this proposal plantation will be done in proposed alternate site at Mandavi Range of Kutch West Division, as the plantation is not possible in Banni Grassland due to inundation during monsoon season (for 3 to 4 months).

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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1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Banni Grassland Division Bhuj, Gujarat.
4. Adani Green Energy Thirty Limited, "Adani Corporate House", 4th Floor-South Wing, Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S.G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
5. Guard File.