

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State Serial No. of Proposal

7.	Location of the project/scheme		
(i)	State / Union Territory	:	Maharashtra
(ii)	District	:	Thane
(iii)	Forest Division	:	Shahapur Forest Division
(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for Re-diversion (in ha)	:	9.1987 Ha. As per Area Statement
(v)	Legal Status of the forest	:	Reserved Forest : 1.9369 Ha. Protected Forest : 4.3405 Ha. Finally Acq. Pri. Forest : 0.1302 Ha. Restored Private Forest : 1.1174 Ha. Pending Enq. Pri. Forest : 1.6737 Ha. Total : 9.1987 Ha.
(vii)	Species class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration, at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.	:	NIL
viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:	The area does not form a part of serious eroded area hence there is no possibility of erosion. Still the project authority take precaution that, construction activities in Re-diverted area should not encourage erosion.
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	:	The proposed alignment passing through the R.F., P.F. and Private Forest.
(x)	Whether forms a part of National park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	:	No. The proposed site is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of Flora and Fauna found in the area- If so details thereof.	:	No rare/ endangered/ unique species of Flora and Fauna found in the proposed forest area during the site inspection.
(xii)	Whether any protected archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	:	No.

8	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	:	Yes, the demand for the required forest land as proposed is unavoidable barest minimum demand for the project.
9	Whether any work in violation of the act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, the details done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	:	No work in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under the Act has been carried out.
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme	:	
(i)	Details of non forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation. Its distance from adjoining forest Number of patches, size of each patch.	:	Not Applicable. As the proposal is for Re-diversion of forest land already diverted to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited for Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited for laying underground petroleum pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad.
(ii)	Map showing non forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation & adjoining forest boundaries.	:	Not Applicable.
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	:	Not Applicable.
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	:	Not Applicable.
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)	:	Not Applicable.
11	Site Inspection report of the DCF (To be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	DCF Site Inspection Report is enclosed on Page No. ACF Joint Inspection Report is enclosed on Page No.

12	Division / District profile	:	Shahapur/ Thane
(i)	Geographical area of the Division	:	135778.90 Ha.
(ii)	Forest area of the Division	:	56799.96 Ha.
(iii)	Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with	:	No. of Cases – 35 Area – 3811.6174 Ha.
(iv)	Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the Division since 1980 on 30/07/2022	:	
	a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	:	1209.136 Ha.
	b) Non forest land	:	36.605 Ha.
(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on 30/07/2022	:	
	a) Forest land	:	1209.136 Ha.
	b) Non forest land	:	36.605 Ha.
13	Specific recommendation of the D.C.F. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	Specific recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur is attached herewith.

Date :- 02 AUG 2022

Place:- Shahapur




(Sachin Repal)
 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR
OF FORESTS, SHAHAPUR FOREST DIVISION, SHAHAPUR**

The Project is owned, developed and maintained by GAIL (India) Limited, Government of India Undertaking – A Maharatna Company. GAIL (India) Ltd. has planned to establish 24" Dia natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along Reserved/Revenue forest in the Right of Way of Nagpur – Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway & Mumbai – Manmad Pipeline of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. in Shahapur Taluka falling under jurisdiction of Shahapur Forest Division. The Project involves Re-Diversion of 9.1987 Ha. Forest land in Shahapur Forest Division.

The project will directly reduce the environmental and economical impact of overland transport of fuel. Implementation of the project will generate employment opportunity to the local public and providing them with clean and eco-friendly fuel. Natural gas as a fuel will have a positive social impact as well. The increased use of natural gas will also create new employment opportunities in the form of LNG terminals, City Gas Projects, etc.

The proposed pipeline route is the most suitable route from Mumbai to Nagpur, as the forest land is already diverted to MSRDC for Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) and BPCL for laying underground petroleum pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad and the proposed Natural Gas Pipeline is passing through the RoW of MSRDC and BPCL.

As the project is passing through the Eco-Sensitive Zone (within 10 Kms.) of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, the Project Authority was asked to submit Environmental Clearance as per the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 (Sr. No. 6(a)) and recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, as per the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC letter no. FC-11/119/2020-FC dated 17/05/2022.

The Project Authority vide their letter under reference no. 5 has submitted that, MoEF&CC (IA Division) New Delhi vide letter F.No. 11011/16/2017-IA-II(I), dated 26/07/2019 has issued letter to GAIL (India) Ltd. for Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) Phase-II Project, stating that, *"pipeline is reportedly passing through default eco-sensitive zones of Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary in District Chatra and Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary in District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand). As such, it is to reiterate that the project does not attract provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006."*


And submitted that, the proposed Mumbai – Nagpur natural gas pipeline passes through deemed/ default ESZ of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and does not pass through national park/ sanctuaries/ coral reefs/ ecologically sensitive areas, thus the project does not require Environmental Clearance and consideration by the National Board of Wildlife/ Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL/ SCNBWL).

Hence the proposal for Re-Diversion is recommended for acceptance subject to verification of the above mentioned matter i.e. applicability of Environmental Clearance and consideration by the National Board of Wildlife/ Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL/ SCNBWL).

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