

Proposal for diversion of Forest land for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) stretch of NAGPUR to JHARSUGUDA pipeline passing through district Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondiya (Maharashtra/MP Border) in the state of Maharashtra in favour of GAIL (India) Limited.

Proposal No. FP/MH/Pipeline/153017/2022

(Project Stretch – Bhandara District)

Site Inspection Report

(Prescribed vide PCCF (HoFF) No Desk-17-4. Dated.05/11/2015)

Items	Observation and remarks				
Name of the project and location	Laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) stretch of NAGPUR to JHARSUGUDA pipeline passing through district Bhandara.				
Range, Round & Beat	Village / Taluka	Range	Round	Beat	
	Hardoli / Taluka Mohadi	Jambkandri	Andhalgaon	Hardoli	
	Dongargaon/ Taluka Mohadi			Andhalgaon	
	Kharbi, Paraswada (Dewadi), Tudka, Shiwani and Bamhani / Tumsar	Tumsar	Tumsar	Mohgaon Khadan	
	Devhada (Khurd)/ Mohadi	Tumsar	Tumsar	Kisanpur	
Name of the User Agency.	M/s. GAIL (India) Limited.				
Date of site inspection.	05.08.2022, 19.09.2022 and 19.10.2022				
Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion.	Sr. No	Name of village	Sur/ Gut. No	Area (In Ha.)	Legal Status of Land
	1	Hardoli/ Tal. Mohadi	443	0.08886	Chhote jhar ka jungle (Revenue)
	2	Dongargaon/ Tal. Mohadi	1239	0.03299	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
	3		1236	0.02513	
	4	Kharbi/ Tal. Tumsar	627/2	0.10007	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
	5	Paraswada (Dewadi) / Tal. Tumsar	200	0.0276	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
	6		199	0.02814	
	7	Tudka/ Tal. Tumsar	137	0.02196	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
	8	Shiwani/ Tal. Tumsar	249	0.06289	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
	9	Bamhani/ Tal. Tumsar	371	0.15035	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
	10		373/1, 373/2	0.16579	
	11	Dewhada (Khurd) / Tal. Mohadi	314	0.47011	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
	Total			1.1739	
a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.	Laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of along with Optical Fiber Cable				
b) Density and Eco-value class.	Density: below 0.1 (Open Forests). ECO Value Class III comes under southern tropical Dry deciduous forests.				
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 alternative examined.	Yes.				
Whether the proposal involves any construction of	No.				

building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.	
a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.	No.
b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	No.
c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any protected Area (km).	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of Koka Wildlife Sanctuary and the nearest boundary of Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve is 22 kms. approx.
d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	No.
e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefore:	No.
Details of vegetation:	
a) Total number of trees to be felled:	48
b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	34
c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	14
d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.	N/A.
Background note on the proposal (short summary).	-
Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	No.
Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No.
Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable).	Not Applicable.
Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable).	Not Applicable.
Utility of the project.	GAIL (India) Limited, intends to develop Natural Gas Transmission & Distribution Networks in the form of Mumbai – Nagpur– Jharsuguda Pipeline.
Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No.
Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required).	Project Note enclosed in the proposal.
Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Enclosed.
Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer	Recommended.

Place : Bhandara

Date : 17.11.2022



(Signature)

Name of Inspecting Officer: Rahul Gawai
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