

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.

**Online Proposal No. FP/MH/Pipeline/153017/2022
(Project Stretch – Bhandara District)**

PART – II						
(To be filled up 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	Bhandara				
iii)	Forest Division	Bhandara				
iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	1.1736 ha.				
v)	Legal status of forest land	Sr. No	Name of village	Sur/ Gut. No	Area (In Ha.)	Legal Status of Land
		1	Hardoli/ Tal. Mohadi	443	0.0888	Chhote jhar ka jungle (Revenue)
		2	Dongargaon/ Tal. Mohadi	1239	0.0330	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
		3		1236	0.0251	
		4	Kharbi/ Tal. Tumsar	627/2	0.1001	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
		5	Paraswada (Dewadi) / Tal. Tumsar	200	0.0276	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
		6		199	0.0281	
		7	Tudka/ Tal. Tumsar	137	0.0219	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
		8	Shiwani/ Tal. Tumsar	249	0.0628	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue)
		9	Bamhani/ Tal. Tumsar	371	0.1503	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
		10		373/1, 373/2	0.1658	
		11	Dewhada (Khurd) / Tal. Mohadi	314	0.4701	Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.)
		Total			1.1736	
vi)	Density of vegetation	0.1				
vii)	Species-wise (specific names) and diameter 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.	The tree species present in the proposal are classified into Teak and other miscellaneous species and accordingly diameter class-wise enumeration data is provided. Trees enumeration report attached.				
viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The forest land involved in the project is not prone to erosion.				
ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site for diversion is linear type and distance of site varies from the boundary of Forest.				
x)	Whether forms part of National Park, Wild Life 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).	It does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Elephant corridor. But, the project area affects the tiger corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL) identified by WII, Dehradun near Village Dewhada (Khurd) / Tal. Mohadi, District Bhandara. (Certificate attached).				
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 project area at the time of inspection.				

	xii)	Whether any protected archeological / heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area; If so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	There is no protected/ archaeological site, other important monument located in the required area.
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 alternative examined.	Yes. The requirement of forest land as proposed is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. The required Certificates attached.
9		Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No.
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.	Degraded forest land of 13.00 Ha. in Forest Comptt. No. 271-RF in Lakhandur Range of Bhandara Division Bhandara has been identified against the diversion of entire stretch of 6.4325 ha. forest land in Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia Forest Division.
	ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	Map showing the degraded forest area for Compensatory afforestation is attached.
	iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	Compensatory afforestation scheme attached.
	iv)	Total financial outlay, for compensatory afforestation scheme.	As per CA scheme.
	v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Suitability certificate attached.
11		Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col-7 (xi, xii) 8 & 9 above.	Site inspection report is enclosed.
12		Division / District profile	Division / District - Bhandara
	i)	Geographical area of the district	371665.00 ha.
	ii)	Forest area of the district	121510.971 ha.
	iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	3547.794 ha./ 55 cases.
	iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on	
		a] Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	8532.91 ha.
		b] Non forest land	0.00 ha.
	v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) on	
		a] Forest land	8532.91 ha.
		b] Non Forest land	0.00 ha.
13		Specific recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forest for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	Recommended for approval with mitigation measures.

Place : Bhandara

Dated: 17.11.2022



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