

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 - Nagpur 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 of 18" underground Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) stretch of NAGPUR to JHARSUGUDA passing through district Nagpur in the state of Maharashtra in favour of M/s. GAIL (India) Ltd.

Village, Range, Round & Beat :

Village / Taluka

Range

Round

Beat

Varoda and Vela
Harishchandra / Tal. Nagpur

Seminari
Hills

ICD
Ajni

ICD
Ajni

Dhargaoon and Lihigaon / Tal.
Kamthi

Seminari
Hills

Kamthi

Kamthi

Bhendala, Virshi, Charbha &
Khandala Gujar / Tal. Mauda

Ramtek

Ramtek

Mauda

Name of the User Agency.

M/s. GAIL (India) Limited.

Date of site inspection.

11/07/2022

Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion.

Ser. No.	Name of Village	Sur/ Gut. No	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status of Land
1	Waroda / Tal. Nagpur	14	0.0014	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
2		16	0.0002	
3		37	0.0047	
4		41	0.0137	Zudpi Jungle (FD)
5		42	0.0255	
6	Wela Harishchandra/ Tal. Nagpur	44	0.0079	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
7	Dhargaoon/ Tal. Kamthi	122	0.0088	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
8	Lihigaon/ Tal. Kamthi	82	0.0072	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
9		83	0.0036	
10		87	0.0045	
11	Bhendala/ Tal. Mauda	240	0.0032	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
12	Wirshi/Tal. Mauda	268	0.1746	Zudpi Jungle (FD)
13	Charbha/ Tal. Mauda	35	0.5021	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
14	Khandala Gujar/ Tal. Mauda	52	0.1010	Zudpi Jungle (Rev. Deptt.)
Total			0.8584	

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: 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 building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.

No.

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 Pench Tiger Reserve - 28.5 Km. and Mogarkasa Conservation Reserve is 21.16 Km.
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:	411
b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	411
c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	0
d) Effect of removal of trees on the general eco-system in the area.	NA.
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 for approval with the conditions of SBWL sanction.

Place : Nagpur

Date : 17/11/2022

(Signature)

Name of Inspecting Officer: Dr. Bharat Singh Hada

Designation: Deputy Conservator of Forests,

Nagpur Division Nagpur

Dy. Conservator of Forests
Nagpur Forest Division

