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Office of Executive Engineer,
R&B Division,
Juna Thana, Navsari
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To,

Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Dangs (South) Division,
Ahwa.

Sub: Widening to four lane and Strengthening of Bilimora Chikhli Vansda
Waghai Road from Ch. Km. 54+400 to 59+600.
Proposal No.: FP/GJ/ROAD/4303/2019.

Ref: i) Your office letter no.: B/Survey/13/4953/2020-21 Dt. 06/11/2020.
ii) EDS raised by NBWL on Parivesh Portal.

Sir,

The aforementioned proposal has been submitted to your office for under Wildlife (Conservation) Act-1972 for widening to four lane and strengthening of Bilimora Chikhli Vansda Waghai Road. After recommendations from various stages query was raised by National Board for Wildlife, it's compliance is as mentioned below:

- 1) Justification for the project is not opening in Part I and Part II. at S.No. D (ii) and D (ii) (a), information is not provided. : *"The justification for locating the project is re-uploaded and the information is at S.No. D (ii) and D(ii) (a) is updated"* (Physical copy attached herewith).
- 2) In Geo-Reference Map latitude and longitude is not visible and only the start and end points geo-coordinates have been indicated: *"The revised geo-reference maps with geo-coordinates at turnings and same coordinates are provided in tabular form as well. (Physical copy of Geo-reference attached herewith)."*
- 3) Length of the road shown in KML file and topo-sheet is not seems to be same. All the maps and KML file should have complete proposed road marked on the same. : *"The proposal is for design Ch. 53+400 to 59+600, now from Ch. Km. 53+400 to 56+600 the alignment is only on Left Hand Side of the existing road which is a part of National Park and from Ch Km 56+600 to 59+600 the alignment is on both the sides of the*

existing road which is a part of National Park. However revised KML and topo-sheet is uploaded on e-portal."

- 4) **Topo Sheet in Part-III is not uploaded properly. In Part-III in S.No. V, Comprehensive letter is not opening.** : "The revised topo sheet and comprehensive letter is re-uploaded on e-portal with necessary changes"
- 5) **Animal Passage Plan not submitted** : "Since the proposal is for widening of existing road for 6.2 Km (3.2 Km on LHS and 3.00 Km on both the side) between Ch. Km 54+400 to 59+600 on Bilimora Chikhli Vandsa Vaghai Road (as mentioned in KML file). As per condition no. 11 imposed by Chief Wildlife Warden-Gujarat, the wildlife mitigation plan and animal passage plan shall be submitted before start of work. However a copy of Animal Passage Plan is uploaded e-portal and submitted.
- 6) **In the proposal, it is mentioned that the area proposed for diversion is protected forest area, whereas in Part I, II** : "In the proposal area demanded for diversion is as mentioned:
Ch. Km. 44+400 to 53+400 is part of Protected Forest (Permission under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 obtained)
Ch. Km. 53+400 to 56+600 is part of Vansda National Park on LHS,
Ch. Km. 56+600 to 59+600 is part of Vansda National Park on both sides.
Covering 6.2 Km of National Park requiring 3.76ha. of Forest Area.
However there was error in proposal wherein it was mentioned Protected Forest instead of Protected Area. Necessary changes have been made in the proposal.

Further we shall ensure all the best practices and methods to mitigate impacts on wildlife during widening of proposed project.

Considering above facts and clarifications it is requested to forward the proposal to competent authority for further approval.

Thanking You,



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