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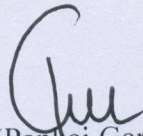
Site Inspection Report

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	Location:- i) Division ii) Range iii) Round iv) Beat v) Survey/ Gut No.	West Nashik Forest Division Sinnar & Igatpuri Sinnar, Konmbe & Igatpuri Sinnar, Shivade & Nandgaon-Sado 604,573,603 & 658
2	Name of User Agency	The Senior Manager, Gail India limited
3	Date of Site Inspection	07/07/2022
4	Extent (Ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	Reserved Forest (Re-diversion Proposal)
5	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break up of forest land b) Density and eco-value class	Area Statement enclosed on Page no.102 0.4 / III
6	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, recommend area item-wise with details of alternative examined.	Yes
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If Yes, details thereof.	No
8	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not. b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (Km) d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project. e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is	No No Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird sanctuary distance From Project 21.10 K.M. No

	required? If yes, reasons there for.	No
9	<p>Details of vegetation</p> <p>a) Total No. of trees to be felled.</p> <p>b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm</p> <p>c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm</p> <p>d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.</p>	Nil
10	Background note on the proposal (Short summary)	Project Note attached on Page No 110
11	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
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government.	No
13	<p>Details of catchment and culturable command area under the project (If applicable)</p> <p>Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (If applicable)</p>	Not Applicable.
14	Utility of Project	As a part of project, Clean natural gas will be made available to various domestic, commercial and Industrial customers across the districts. This pipeline is planned from Mumbai to Nagpur along Samruddhi Expressway.
15	Whether the land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees / forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No
16	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	<p>The office of DCF has raised query regarding preparedness to mitigate incidences of Forest Fire as the pipeline passes through Forest Area (Igatpuri and Sinnar Taluka) which is sensitive to Forest Fire.</p> <p>In this regard, the User Agency has given an Undertaking to compensate any damage due to pipeline on local flora and fauna (as per guidelines issued by MoEF&CC dated 21 Sep 2021) on Page No. 180.</p> <p>Moreover, the User agency has intimated via letter no. GAIL/MNPL/FDP/WN/005 dated 05/07/22 about the mechanism in place to detect any leakages like monitoring through SCADA system. SV stations at</p>

		every 20-30 km vent out Gas in case of leakage. (Enclosed on Page No. 181) However, it is felt that some equipments like fire blowers, fire extinguishers, fire beaters etc may be kept at ready disposal of Forest Department locally so that, quick action can be taken in case of accidental leakage of gas in Pipeline causing Forest Fire.
17	Details of document and photographs enclosed.	
18	Recommendations of the inspecting officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	Project is recommended for approval.

Place:- Nashik
Date:- 07/07/2022


(Pankaj Garg)
Deputy Conservator of Forests
West Nashik Division