

### Recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Forest Division.

The proposal was submitted by the User Agency for requesting prior permission under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest land i.e., 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri district for laying under ground Ø24" R-LNG pipeline for the demand of both domestic and industry purposes.

The proposal is for linear project and it is proposed in the same stretches of four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km.33/510 to km.60/100 (RHS) (package-II) and 60/100 to km.94/460 (RHS) on Jittandahalli to Dharmapuri section of NH-844 (Package-III) National Highways Authority of india, Krishnagiri proposed road, which is passing through the Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range. The User Agency has also obtained the NOC from National Highways Authority of india, Krishnagiri. The proposed laying Ø24" R-LNG pipeline is essential for both domestic and industry purposes.

The proposed length, width and area details is as follows.

Sl. No	Segment	Name of the Reserved Forest	Length (in mtr)	Width (ROW in mtr)	Area (in ha)
1.	Segment I	Gummanur RF	68.35	2.00	0.0137
2.	Segment II		256.66		0.0513
<b>Total of Segment I and II</b>			<b>325.01</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.065</b>
3.	Segment III	Thoppur RF	65.50	2.00	0.0131
4.	Segment IV	Thoppur RF	5505	10.00	5.5050
<b>Total mtr / Area to be diverted</b>			<b>5895.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.5831</b>

The forest land required for the project is not the part of any National Park / Wildlife sanctuary / Eco Sensitive Zone / Default Eco Sensitive zone / Biosphere.

The under ground laying Ø24" R-LNG pipeline is proposed to be laid at about trench of size 1.5m width and 1.2m depth only and the requested Right of way (ROW) is 2mtr in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range and again 2mtr ROW required for Segment III and 10mtr Right of way (ROW) required for Segment IV in Thoppur Reserved Forest of Dharmapuri Range for the movement of construction equipment and to perform the activities like pipe stringing, Welding and field joint coating.

The project proponent has given undertakings to bear the cost of Net Present Value, Additional Net Present Value, Compensatory Afforestation with maintenance and lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation in future for the forest land to be diverted etc. The work will be permitted after strict supervision of Forest Officers. Possible damage to wild flora and fauna due to this project is very low.

Considering the importance and demand of both domestic and industry purposes and field observations, I recommend this proposal for seeking diversion of forest land.

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