

Annexure – 17Site Inspection by the CCF

Proposal No. : (FP/GJ/WIND/44682/2020)

Sr. no.	Particular	Inspection Report by DFO (T)
1	Extent in hectares	480.8045ha.
2	Location (Lat-Long) of the forest land proposed for Diversion	As per annexure - 32
3	Legal Status of the forest land (Protected forest, Reserved forest, Revenue forest land or any other forest land	RF (Sec.- 20) & UF (Sec.-04)
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc.	Yes
5	Any signs of encroachment	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining on forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the user agency in case of violation of the FC Act and guidelines there under.	No activity is taken by the user agency.
7	Status of vegetation, site, quality, species composition etc.	The area under the proposal is tropical thorn and scrub forest. The area also comprises patches of grasslands in between. The vegetation of area under proposal is quite unique and supports very diversified faunal species as a habitat. The area under proposal has presence of floral species like Gugal (Commiphora wightii), Gorad (Acacia Senegal), Desi Bawal (Acacia nilotica), Harmo (Acacia leucophloea), Mitha Pilu (Salvadora oleoides), Khara Pilu (Salvadora persica), Kundher, Vingo, Liyar, Pat Liyar, Ghangheti, Luska, Ingoria, Khijdo etc.
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view, status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	The area under proposal is very rich in faunal diversity. The area has healthy population of faunal species. Important Schedule-I species of Wildlife Protection act like Chinkara, Caracal, Pangolin, Leopard, Indian Grey Wolf, Honey Badger, Monitor Lizard are using area under the proposal as its natural habitat. Apart from these, other important faunal species like Porcupine, Chameleon, Small Indian Civet, Jackal, Mongoose,

		<p>Striped Hyaena, Indian Hedgehog, Long Eared Hedgehog, Indian Hare, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Spiny Tailed Lizard, Indian Cobra, Saw Scalled Viper, are found in area under the proposal.</p> <p>The area under the proposal is having a rich bird diversity of local, migratory and passage migrant avian species. Indian peafowl (Peacock) are in large numbers in area under the proposal. Other important Species like Lesser Florican (Schedule-I), Asian Houbara (Schedule-I), White Rumped Vulture (Schedule-I), Stoliczka's Bushchat, Dalmation Pelican, Red Headed Falcon, Laggar Falcon, Indian Eagle Owl (Schedule-I) etc are found in the area under proposal. There are more than 250 bird species are likely to be present in and around the area under proposal.</p>
9	Endemism of flora / fauna of any other unique ecosystem in the area.	-
10	Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the working plan and if not, why	Demanded area is managed under working plan. Working plan period 2020-21 to 2029-30, Approved by Gol, MoEF&CC, Bhopal No.12-38/97(FOR)/351, Dt.-20/04/2021.
11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.	No
12	Any department of persons proposed	No
13	Any displacement of persons proposed	N / A
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement plan for the person to be affected? Is there any dissenting	N / A
15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non – forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current working plan prescription for the area ? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than 10 km.	This proposal is not acceptable. So compensatory afforestation scheme is not applicable.
16	Proposal area should not be part of any Protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 km.	Proposed major areas are within 10 Kms from protected area.

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17	Dependence of tribal in the area, Whether the rights of the tribal have been recognized in this area.	No
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in closed vicinity of the project.	There is no settlement near the project. So these issue do not apply
19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated N/A in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	N / A (this is fresh proposal)
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non – site specific projects.	The project under the proposal has no any specific need to do it only in forest land. Project can be done outside the forest area as there are many alternatives of non-forest land available for the project.
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non – forestry purpose is bare minimum.	The project under the proposal has no any specific need to do it only in forest land. Project can be done outside the forest area as there are many alternatives of non-forest land available for the project.
22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	<b>Not Recommended</b> for diversion of <u>480.8045 ha</u> Forest land, So this is not applicable
23	Any other issued of significance.	The project under the proposal has no any specific need to do it only in forest land. Project can be done outside the forest area as there are many alternatives of non-forest land available for the project.
24	Specific recommendation of the DFO with reason for approval of the project.	<p>Proposal for diversion of 480.8045 Ha forest land is <b>Not Recommended</b> by the undersigned due to following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As many alternative land available, the project under the proposal can be implemented outside the forest land as there is no specific need of forest land. Kutch district is one of the largest district of the country having 45,674SqKms of area. Other windmill projects of Kutch district are operating outside the forest land. As alternate suitable land for project under proposal is</li> </ol>



available, big area like 480.8045 Ha Forest Land is not recommended for diversion.

2. Most of area under the proposal is near to Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary. Animals of Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary are using area under proposal as their habitat. This diversion can impact on Meta Population of Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary.

3. The area under proposal is very rich in faunal diversity. The area has healthy population of faunal species. **Important Schedule-I species of Wildlife Protection act** like Chinkara, Caracal, Pangolin, Leopard, Indian Grey Wolf, Honey Badger, Monitor Lizard are using area under the proposal as its natural habitat. Apart from these, other important faunal species like Porcupine, Chameleon, Small Indian Civet, Jackal, Mongoose, Striped Hyena, Indian Hedgehog, Long Eared Hedgehog, Indian Hare, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Spiny Tailed Lizard are present in area under the proposal.

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The area under proposal is rich in floral diversity. Species like Gugal (Commiphora wightii),

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to combat desertification.

8. The area under proposal has many patches of grassland ecosystem. These grasslands are very important from wildlife point of view as it works as a food and shelter source for species Chinkara, Lesser Florican, Asian Houbara and many more.
9. Kutch district I the district with the lowest rainfall in Gujarat state. Tree removal for project under proposal may impact on local rain conditions.
10. Fragmentation of habitat
11. Private and Revenue west land in adjoining areas are available.

Due to these reasons, this proposal of 480.8045ha Forest Land cannot be diverted for nonforest purpose.

Site Visit Dt.27/12/2022, 6/1/2023, 12/1/2023 & 5/3/2023



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