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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 0.0530 ha. Reserved Forest land in Pune District for laying underground CNG Gas pipeline between Vasunde Phata to Baramati Taluka Baramati, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/Pipeline/149337/2021)

No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Pune /I.D-13101 (24)/144/2022-23
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 20/4/2022

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032

The Executive Director, Torrent Gas Pune Limited Pune has submitted proposal for diversion of 0.0530 ha. Reserved Forest land in Pune District for laying underground CNG Gas pipeline between Vasunde Phata to Baramati Taluka Baramati, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

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2) The proposed CNG Pipeline passing through Yawat to Kurkumbh is to be laid along the existing road, within its RoW. In this regard the User Agency has submitted proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Aims and Objectives of the proposal is as under:-

- The project is aimed at replacing diesel/ petrol vehicles for ensuring lesser emissions and cleaner environment.
- The project will reduce dependence on fossil fuel and consequently save foreign exchange.

3) Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in three copies.

- 3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- 3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,
- 3.3 Area Statement,
- 3.4 Index map in suitable scale,
- 4) Copy of Administrative approval accorded by Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board vide letter No. PNGRB/Monitoring/CGD/Pune-2015, dated 05/10/2015.
- 5) Copy of Technical approval accorded by Pune City Gas Distribution Project vide letter dated 24/08/2015
- 6) Copy of the approval accorded by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division (East), Pune vide letter No. P.W (East), Division, Pune/DB/3222/2020, dated 22/07/2020 regarding Permission for laying gas Pipe line along the road.
- 7) The total non forest involved in project is 1.843 ha
- 8) The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune is enclosed on page no.29 to 33.
- 9) No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- 10) The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density is 0.1 (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest).
- 11) There is no tree felling involved in the project.
- 12) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 13) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 14) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- 15) Proposed project is beyond 10 kms of nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park and its Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 16) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
- 17) Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 0.10 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.510 at Village Kalkhairewadi, Tal. Baramati, Dist. Pune and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and an encumbrances.
- 18) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune has submitted proposal for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons i.e site specific justification as per as per Para 1.15 of the Handbook under FCA, 1980 issued by GOI.
"The proposal is for underground CNG Pipeline is to be laid along the existing road network within the RoW. The project has definite locations and definite routes for pre-approved locational class tap off/dispatch station, location of sectionalizing valves, Intermediate pigging/pumping station and receipt station etc. As such the project is site specific. Hence, there is no alternative available with the project proponent"
- 19) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value
- 20) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.

- 21) The User Agency has submitted Cross Section Plan is enclosed herewith on page no. 71/47.
- 22) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking regarding no Environment Clearance is required for the project.
- 23) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking regarding the compliance under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been applied and is under process and shall be submitted before in-principle approval as per Government of India vide letter No.11-43/2013-FC, dt.3/12/2018.
- 24) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Forest Division, Pune and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Pune have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.0530 ha. of Reserved forest land.

2.00 In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: –

2.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.

2.2 Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the User Agency.

2.3 Compensatory Afforestation :-

- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 0.10 ha. degraded Forest land in Gut No.510 at Village Kalkhairewadi, Tal. Baramati, Dist. Pune at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

2.4 The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

2.5 NPV:-

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.0530 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009 & File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I), Dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.


2.6 No trees shall be felled during implementation of the project. In case tree felling is required the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.

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- 2.8 The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 2.9 The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.
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- 2.19 Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
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8.00 It is therefore, requested that Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for approving the proposal for diversion of 0.0530 ha. Reserved Forest land in Pune District for laying underground CNG Gas pipeline between Vasunde Phata to Baramati Taluka Baramati, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 2 copies

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(Naresh Zurmure)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Pune for information.
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PART -IV


**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

- 1) The proposal for diversion of 0.0530 ha. Reserved Forest land in Pune District for laying underground CNG Gas pipeline between Vasunde Phata to Baramati Taluka Baramati, Dist. Pune in the State of Maharashtra has been initiated by the Executive Director, Torrent Gas Pune Limited Pune for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
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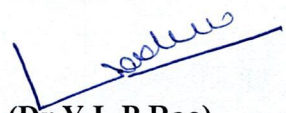
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