Full Title of the Project: Diversion of 0.1968 hac. of Forest Land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Palra Village to T point of Aklimpur Tikri road near Jharsa Village along with Palra Nurpur Jharsa road, applied by Indraprasth Gas Ltd., under Forest Divison & Distt. Gurugram.

File No.:

FP/HR/Pipeline/48458/2020

Date of Proposal:

## **CHECK LIST SERIAL NUMBER: - 18** "SCHEME FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION

Detail scheme for Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of proposal for diversion of 0.1968 Hec. of forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Palra Village to T point of Aklimpur Tikri road near Jharsa Village along with Palra Nurpur Jharsa road, Under Forest Division and Distt. Gurugram..

Details of degraded forest land/non-forest land: -1.

District: -Gurugram

Forest Division: - Gurugram

Block/Compt/Survey No .:-

Area to be afforested:

Tehsil: Gurugram

Range: Sohna Damdama Section 4&5 of PLPA 1900

394 Plants will be planted.

GPS Reading:

N 28°18'33.71" E 077°7'34.30" N 28°18'32.34" E 077°7 34.97" N 28°18'35.40"

E

077°7'40.35" N 28°18'36.00" E 77°7'37.87"

### 2. Description of the Area:

- Whether the site selected for Compensatory Afforestation is a land bank (Yes or No): No, land bank for CA will be created in areas notified under Sec 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900, because these areas have been considered as forests by Hon'ble Supreme Court and protection and restoration of these degraded areas now is the responsibility of the Department. The ownership of land is with Gram Panchayats.
- If the CA site is other than the land bank, reasons are given: There is no land bank in District Gurugram. Plantation will be carried out in degraded forest area closed under Sec 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 and areas covered under Aravalli Project Plantation. These areas have been considered as forest for the purpose of Forest Conservation Act as per orders of Hom'ble Supreme Court. A Land Bank will be created on degraded areas of Aravallis in Gurugram Forest Division.
- In case of Non-Forest area identified for CA, then what is the distance of CA site from adjoining forest boundary: There is continuous patch of Aravallis in nearby villages which are also forest as per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and degraded forest land will be restored by carrying out Forest Landscape Restoration activities under CA for future FCA proposal also. The Compensatory Afforestation will be carried out on degraded forest area of Aravalli Hills in Gurugram Division which is covered under Sec 4 & 5 of PLPA. Aravalli Plantation and Damdama of Tehsil Sohna and the land has been considered as forest for the purposes of FCA by Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- Soil type: Mostly Loamy soil with houge boulders & sand stone on Aravalli Hill and sandly loam to sandy in foothills.
- Topography:

Hilly/Undulating/Plain a.

:Hilly

Slope: Steep/Medium/Gentle

: Gentle slope.

Whether the area is bearing any root stock of vegetation: Rootstock at some places is available; the area has degraded vegetation of Aravallis and bushes of Prosopis julifora & dhok.

## 3. Plantation Model:-

Trench cum pit method: Pits of 45cm 45 cm x 45cm along with trench of size 2m x 0.45m x 0.45m will be dug over the whole area plants of 3 feet height of 20x30 cum size P.Bags will be planted during raining season. Trench will be on the upper side of pit on contours. Saplings of Ronj khairi, Holoptelia, Dhok, Bar, Pipal, Neem, Pilkhan, etc will be planted with escapement 4m x 5m in staggered manner in contours so as to conserve all the water flowing out there.

# a. Climate and edaphic conditions:

The climatic conditions are also most harsh in the Aravalli region and the annual average rainfall in the region is 400-500 mm only. The site conditions are extremely degraded with shallow depth of soil and prone to soil erosion. So, to ensure survival of plantations raised under CA, it is prescribed that the plantation scheme should be site specific and it should not be generalized. It is also not possible to do watering in the hills, therefore, site specific species plantation with advance trench work and seeding of Aravalli species and closure of the area may give better results than any other method.

# b. Survey & Demarcation and Closure of the area:

There is lot of biotic pressure in the area and the land near habitations is under encroachment. Therefore, protection of the area will be upmost requirement. The proposed area is closed under Sec 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 and also covered under Aravalli Project will be demarcated after DGPS survey.

The existing wage rate for un-skilled labour in District Gurugram is Rs. 347.08/- per day during the year 2019-20. Since the proposed Compensatory Afforestation will be carried out in the year to come (say start year will be 2021-22, as Steering Committee Meeting for 2020-21 has already been held and agenda has been approved), so, the cost estimation has been done considering 10% enhanced wage rate every year starting from the year 2021-2022 as per details given under to avoid any kind of funds hardship in future. The cost of CA for 1000 plants per hac. (planting to be done in 2 hac. physical area ) The detailed cost norms and year wise schedule of works proposed under the scheme is closed as **Annexure-II**.

# 4. Schedule of Plantation Programme:-

Detail of year wise break-up of requirements of funds is as under:-

The Plantation is calculated at 4m X 5 m spacing as at the wages rate of Rs.347.08/- per day as under with 10% enhanced wage rate every year starting from the year 2021-2022 as per details given under to avoid any kind of funds hardship in future:-

Sr. No.	Year	Cost norm per plant	
1 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Plantation		422.49/- Per Plant	
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Maintenance	141.43/- Per Plant	
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Maintenance	81.16/- Per Plant	
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	89.10/- Per Plant	
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	97.83/- Per Plant	
6	6 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	107.44/- Per Plant	
7	7 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	118.00/- Per Plant	
8	8 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	129.62/- Per Plant	
9	9 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	142.41/- Per Plant	
10	10 <sup>th</sup> Year Maintenance	156.47/- Per Plant	
	Total Cost.	1485.95/-	

Area to be diverted: 0.1968 Hec.

Area to be planted (One/two/ten times the diverted area) = 394 plants will be planted No. of trees to be felled= Nil

No. of Plants to be damaged=Nil

Number of Plants to be planted (@ 1000 Plant per Hec.) = 394 plants will be planted

A	Net Present Value of Forest Land to be diverted As per FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019 50% of NPV is charged	0.1968	Rs. 8.87 Lacs/Ha.	87280.00
	Compensatory Afforestation Charges	No. of Plants		
1	1st Year Plantation	394	422.49/- Per Plant	166461.06
2	2nd Year Plantation	394	141.43/- Per Plant	55723.42
3	3rd Year Plantation	394	81.16/- Per Plant	31977.04
4	4th Year Plantation	394	89.10/- Per Plant	35105.40
5	5th Year Plantation	394	97.83/- Per Plant	38545.02
6	6th Year Plantation	394	107.44/- Per Plant	42331.36
7	7th Year Plantation	394	118.00/- Per Plant	46492.00
8	8th Year Plantation	394	129.62/- Per Plant	51070.28
9	9th Year Plantation	394	142.41/- Per Plant	56109.54
10	10th Year Plantation	394	156.47/- Per Plant	61649.18
В	Total Charges of (B Above)			585464.30
C	No barbed wire charges will be charged as loose stone wall has been included in cost norms.	0	Rs. 200000/- Per RKM	0.00
D	Supervisory/ Overhead/ Miscellan	eous Charges	10% On the total CA Charges	58546.43
E	Soil & Moisture Conservation Ch	arges	30% of Total CA	175639.29
F	Felling Charges Volume=	0.00	Rs.1200/- per m3	0.00
G	Exigency Charges 3% of the Tota	27207.92		
	TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E+F+G)	934138.74 or say 934140.00		

### 5. Technical details:

#### a. General details:

Aravallis hills are the one of the oldest mountain range on earth and are the prominent landforms shaping the west-Indian climate and biodiversity. Aravallis with its lush green forests used to act as green barrier and acted as an effective shield against desertification. The forests of Aravalli range in Haryana are now the most degraded forests in India, most of the indigenous plant species have disappeared. The rapid deforestation and developmental activities are destroying the unique landscape that requires immediate conservation attention. These vulnerable areas used to be biologically rich and supported several unique elements of flora and fauna.

### b. Spacing:

Pits of 45cm 45 cm x 45cm along with trench of size 2m x 0.45m x 0.45m will be dug over the whole area plants of 3 feet height of 20x30 cum size P.Bags will be planted during rainy season.

#### c. Species:

Since the site proposed for CA is a hilly track of Aravalli region/foot hills, so indigenous species belonging to Aravalli region/arid regions will be given priorty. Pahari papri, Jamun, Neem, Pilkhan, etc will be planted.

#### d. Plantation Method:

Scattered Contour Trench plantation or pit plantation on the availability of space on hilly terrain will be carried out with Aravalli species in whole are in order to restore the whole area closed with boundary wall.

#### e. Soil and Moisture Conservation Works:

Soil and moisture conservation works will be carried out along with plantation on pattern of Catchment Area Treatment. Contour trenching will be done to check soil erosion and conserve the run off.. Check dam/vegetative barriers will be created in the nalas and valleys. Proposed cost will be as per norms of 30% of cost of CA.

### f. Protection and silvicultural operations:

There is lot of pressure on the site. Cutting of trees (even the indigenous trees). grazing of cattle, goats and sheep is in practice at site and these are the main reasons for degradation of area. Therefore, one mali-cum-protection watcher will be engaged for every two and half hectare (2500 plants) of area during first five year and after five year, one mali on every 5 ha. for protection and silvicultural operations in the area. The employment will be given to local people of the villages and the payments will be ensured through Biodiversity Management Committees or Village Forest management Committees to these protection watchers.

g. Proposed Monitoring Mechnanism:

At Division and Circle level, DFO and Conservator will keep proper monitoring on the sites. Forest department is also having its Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Wing for monitoring the success of plantations. Conservator, FCA-cum Nodal Officer, Panchkula and the officers of Northern Regional Office of MoEF are the top agencies which will also be reviewing the success of plantations besides other senior officers of Forest Department.

## 6. Justification for the Cost of Site Specific Scheme:

There is great need to protect the fragile ecosystem of Aravallis in National Capital Region for the environmental sustainability of the region. 394 plants will be planted no extra machinery charges are included.

Date......
Place :- Gurugram

Divisional Forests Officers

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