

SITE INSPECTION By THE DFO

A proposal has been received by this office from Gujarat State Petronet Limited, Gandhinagar for Permission for Diversion (under FCA) of **0.1643 ha.** Protected Forest Land for the Laying of Proposed Gas Pipeline in Anand District in the State of Gujarat for which the Project envisages the use of Protected Forest Land of **Tarapur Taluka, District: Anand, Gujarat State.**

The Site Inspection of the Land involved in the proposal has been done by me on
Dt.15/09/2021.

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| 1 | Extent in Hectares | : 0.1643 ha. |
| | Location (Lat. - Long.) of the Forest Land Proposed for Diversion | Section (1) Start Point: Lat- 22°30'6.83 "N, Long- 72°30'35.99"E End Point: Lat- 22°30'11.54"N, Long- 72°30'21.64"E Section (2) Start Point: Lat- 22°30'13.49"N, Long- 72°30'21.53"E End Point: Lat- 22°30'8.89"N, Long- 72°30'35.9"E Section (3) Start Point: Lat- 22°32'49.96 "N, Long- 72°31'4.09"E End Point: Lat- 22°32'18.74"N, Long- 72°33'37.7"E |
| 3 | Legal Status of the Forest Land (Protected Forest, Reserved Forest, Revenue Forest Land or Any Other Forest Land) | : Protected Forest |
| 4 | Demarcation of the Area with Temporary Cairns etc. | : Not Applicable |
| 5 | Any Signs of Encroachment | : NIL |
| 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. | : Work Not Started so far, hence No Violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 has been done by User Agency. (Enclosed Annexure - 22 & 23 in the Project File). |
| | Status of Vegetation, Site, quality, Species Composition etc. | : NIL (Protected Road Side Forest) |
| 8 | Importation of Area from Wildlife point of view, Status of Wildlife (Density and Abundance of important species, Bird Life Reptiles, Butterflies & Other Scheduled Animals Any Endangered Wildlife). Any Latest Census of Wildlife in this Area. | : Not Applicable |
| 9 | Endemism of Flora / Fauna or Any Other Unique Ecosystem in the Area. | : Not Applicable |
| 10 | Current Land Use. Is this Area managed as per prescriptions in the working plan & If NOT, Why | : Not Applicable, (Protected Road Side Forest) |
| 11 | Importance of the Area from Historical or Religious point of view. | : The Proposed Land for Diversion is Not Historic Place or Religious Place being Road Side Protected Forest Land (Enclosed Annexure - 24 in the Project File). |
| 12 | Any Department of persons proposed | : NIL |


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| 13 | Any Displacement of person proposed | : NIL |
| 14 | Is there any Rehabilitation & Resettlement plan for the person to be Affected ? Is there Any Dissenting | : There is No Displacement of any habitat involved, Hence, Not Applicable |
| 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 Kms. | : Since, it's a Project for laying Natural Gas distribution Pipeline 1.2 meter underground with a wide of 0.40 meter in without any felling of trees in between the rows of Road Side plantation. Thus the proposal comes under "The General Approval" Category and hence, Compensatory Afforestation in 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 Kms. | : The Proposed Area of Diversion is beyond 145.00 Kms. from nearest Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary & beyond 70.00 Kms. from nearest Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary (Enclosed Annexure - 25 in the Project File). |
| 17 | Dependence of Tribal in the Area, Whether the Rights of the Tribal have been recognized in this Area. | : Not Applicable (Enclosed Annexure - 15 in the Project File). |
| 18 | Utility of the Project, including the People living in Closed Vicinity of the Project. | : The Proposed Project will ensure providing Gas to rural population & small industrial development in different villages. |
| 19 | In Case of Renewal whether all the conditions stipulated N/A in the earlier Sanction Order have been Complied with. | : Not Applicable |
| 20 | Alternatives examined by the User Agency in Case of Non-Site Specific Projects. | : There is No Other Alternative Road Routes possible against the Proposed Area of Diversion of Forest Land. (Enclosed Annexure - 35 in the Project File). |
| 21 | A Certificate by the User Agency that the Forest Land requested for Diversion for Non-Forestry purpose is Bare Minimum. | : The User Agency ensures to Utilize the Proposed Protected Forest Land to Bare & Minimum usage. (Enclosed Annexure - 10 in the Project File). |
| 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. | : Since the Project is of laying Natural Gas distribution pipeline, thus No Felling of trees is required ensuring that the Forest land is Not Adversely Affected. Thus Not Applicable. |
| 23 | Any Other issued of Significance. | : NO |
| 24 | Specific Recommendation of the DFO with reason for Approval of the Project. | : YES, The Project is important for providing Gas to rural population & small industrial development in different villages, improving chances for financial & social benefits. |

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