

Full title of the Project: Laying of underground CNG Pipeline between Vasunde Phata-Baramati

File No.: FP/ MH/Pipeline/149337/2021

Date of Proposal: 15/11/2021

APPENDIX (SEE RULE 6)

FORM - 'A'

FORM FOR SEEKING PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 2 (ii) OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980

THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

PART-II

(TO BE FILLED BY THE CONCERNED DY. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)

State Serial No. of the Proposal:

7. Location of the Project/ Scheme:

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| (i) | State/ Union Territory: | Maharashtra |
| (ii) | District: | Pune |
| (iii) | Forest Division: | Pune |
| (iv) | Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (In Ha.): | 0.053 Ha. |
| (v) | Legal status of Forest: | Reserved Forest |
| (vi) | Density of vegetation: | 0.1 |
| (vii) | Species- wise (Scientific Names) and diameter class- wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 m and FRL-4 m also to be enclosed): | |

The proposed land is devoid of trees. Hence, no tree felling is involved.

- (viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion:

The Forest Land proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to erosion on account of its location, topographical & geo-morphological features and other climatic factors. And no vegetation is required to be cleared off for the project.

(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest:

The project is located RoW of road passing through Reserved Forest situated in village Undewadi Supe, Jaradwadi, Tehsil Baramati of Pune District.

(x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc.? (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed):

No.

(xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? (If so, the details thereof):

No conspicuous flora and fauna observed or reported so far.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? (If so, details thereof with NOC from the Competent Authority, if required):

No protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area proposed for diversion.

8. Whether the requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project? If no, recommended area item- wise with details of alternative examined:

Yes. The project has definite locations and definite routes for pre- approved locational class tap off/dispatch station, location of sectionalizing valves, Intermediate pigging/pumping stations and receipt station, etc. As such, the project is site specific. The requirement of Forest Land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. No. 2 of Part I of Form A, is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out? (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work done in violation is still in progress?

No. Work has not been carried out by the Project Proponent in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

- (i) Details of non- forest area/ degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch:

Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme showing status of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch etc. is annexed hereto with this Part- II.

- (ii) Map showing non- forest/ degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries:

Map showing area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries is annexed hereto with proposal.

- (iii) Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme, including species to be planted, Implementing Agency, Time Schedule, Cost Structure, etc.:

The User Agency shall plant desired no. of trees of indigenous species in the ensuing monsoon season immediately after the order of diversion of land is issued and maintain the same for next 10 years at his own cost.

Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme including species to be planted, Implementing Agency, Time Schedule, Cost Structure, etc. is annexed hereto with this Part- II.

- (iv) Total Financial Outlay for Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:

The tentative Financial Outlay proposed for CA is worked out based on Model Rate Structure for Model No. 5 (Fencing & Irrigated Plantation. Copy annexed to the Scheme of CA.

- (v) Certificate from Competent Authority regarding suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Dy. Conservator of Forests):

Certificate of this office is annexed herewith this Part- II of the proposal.

11. Site Inspection Report of the Dy. CF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col. No. 7 (xi & xii), 8 & 9 above:

The Site Inspection Report is annexed herewith this Part II of the proposal.

12. Division Profile:

(i)	Geographical area of the district:	15,616 Sq. m.
(ii)	Forest Area of the District:	84878 Ha.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases:	664.08 Ha./ 72
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation as on the date:	481.16 Ha.
	(a) Forest Land, including Penal CA:	76.29 Ha.
	(b) Non- forest land:	404.87 Ha.
(v)	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on the date:	481.16 Ha.
	(a) Forest Land:	76.29 Ha.
	(b) Non- forest land:	404.87 Ha.

13. Specific recommendations of the Dy.CF. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The pipeline is to be laid along the existing road connecting Vasunde Phata-Baramati, within its 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 stations and receipt station, etc. As such, the project is site specific.

There is no alternative "non- forest route" available with Torrent Gas for execution of the extant proposal. Hence, diversion of Forest Land becomes unavoidable. The requirement of Forest Land is assessed to be minimum for the project. Further, no tree felling is required for the proposed project alignment.

The project is vital for boosting India' s economy and improve the quality of environment. It will contribute positively as the country' s natural resources will be put to optimal use. Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 17/02/22

Place: Pune

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