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Subject :- Diversion of 2.3238 ha. Forest Land in Shahapur Division for Laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through Thane, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalna, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Districts in the State of Maharashtra.

Proposal No.FP/MH/Pipeline/140171/2021.

No. Desk-10/FCA/CR-38/22-23/OW- 584 /22-23

Thane - 400 603, Dated : 25/01/2023

To,

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests & Nodal Officer,
Maharashtra State, Nagpur**

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur, has submitted the proposals mentioned in the subject vide letter No.Desk-6(3)/20/land/1385, dated 16.01.2023. Xerox copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The Project Authority of this project is Deputy General Manager (Const.), GAIL (India) Ltd., 8th floor, GAIL Jubilee Tower, B-35 & 36, Sector-1, Noida - 201 301 (U.P.).

GAIL (India) Ltd. has planned to establish 24" Dia Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along Reserved / Revenue forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur - Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway and Mumbai-Manmad pipeline of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. in Shahapur Taluka falling under jurisdiction of Shahapur Forest Division.

The pipeline proposed by GAIL (India) Ltd. is passing through the forest land already diverted to MSRDC for construction of Nagpur - Mumbai super communication Expressway (Package-V) vide MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. FC-III/MH-35/2018-NGP/7757, dated 29.01.2021 and BPCL for laying underground pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad vide MoEF, New Delhi vide letter No.8-C/15/187/93-FCW, dated 03.03.1997 and also to Dahej - Uran pipeline (DUPL) sanctioned vide letter No.B-MHC/008/2004-BHO/589, dated 03.04.2006.

2.00 Further GAIL (India) Ltd. has submitted proposal for Re-diversion of 18.1150 ha. forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through Thane, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalna, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur forest

divisions. Said proposal has received in-principal approval by MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur vide letter F No. FC-II/MH-192/2022-NGP, dated 04.11.2022. But in some patches it is found to be not feasible to work in the existing Right of way of Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway. So, the Project Authority has proposed diversion in the said patches, which requires fresh forest land in addition to the already diverted forest land of 18.1150 ha. Therefore, the Project Authority has submitted proposal for diversion of 2.3238 ha. forest land laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur in Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane in the State of Maharashtra and seeking Government India's prior approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3.00 The details of forest land required is as given below :-

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village	Survey No.	Gut No.	Area in (ha.)	Legal Status of land
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Shahapur	Hal	54	80	0.3386	Reserved Forest
		Hal	53	112	0.0299	Protected Forest
2.		Ambarje	163	677	0.1938	Reserved Forest
			39/6	478	0.0325	Restored Private Forest
			39/7A	482	0.0250	Restored Private Forest
3.		Khutadi	138	36	0.2267	Reserved Forest
			85/3	46	0.0122	Restored Private Forest
			85/2B	47	0.0150	Restored Private Forest
			85/2A, 85/13	48	0.0776	Restored Private Forest
4.		Birwadi	656	88	0.4231	Protected Forest
5.		Shirol	619	1039	0.6598	Protected Forest
			622	1474	0.2085	Protected Forest
			619	1020	0.0332	Protected Forest
			619/18	619	0.0240	Protected Forest
			618/6	1178	0.0239	Protected Forest
	Total				2.3238	

4.00 The Project Authority has given undertaking to pay the total cost of Net Present Value as directed by the Govt. of India. The Project Authority has submitted necessary Certificates/ Undertakings and Maps which are enclosed in the proposal.

5.00 The Project Authority has given undertaking that the process of getting FRA-2006 certificate from Collector, Thane is in progress and will be submitted as and when receives from the Collector Thane.

- 6.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur, has certified that the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under the Act have not been violated by the Project Authority.
- 7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the proposed project is not likely to affect any monuments, site of culture, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 8.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the forest area involved in this proposal does not form part of any existing National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary etc. and further certified that the nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 1.475 km. away from the project boundary.
- 9.00 Since the proposed Project is within 10 Km. from the boundary of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, the said Project is to be treated as in deemed Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary as Eco-Sensitive Zone of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary has not yet been finally notified.
- 10.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has proposed area of 5.00 ha. double degraded Protected Forest Gut No.156, Survey No.99 at Village Shei, Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane. Further certified that proposal degraded forest land is suitable for Compensatory Afforestation & Management purpose and also it is free from encroachment and encumbrances, 10 years Compensatory Afforestation Scheme is enclosed with the proposal along with requisite maps.
- 11.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of tree felling at the prevailing wage rate.
- 12.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests Shahapur has certified that there is cutting and felling of 979 number of trees in the project for diversion of 2.3238 ha. in the Tal. Shahapur, District of Thane. Number of trees to be felled Girth wise are as under, breakup and felling estimate enclosed in the proposal.

The Project Authority has given undertaking that though the total number of 979 trees is enumerated for tree felling along the proposed pipeline route corridor, Project Authority undertakes that they will make and efforts for cutting and felling of barest minimum number of trees in this project.

0-30 cms	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136-150	Above 151	Total
216	294	232	103	64	30	15	7	8	10	979

- 13.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has carried out site inspection on 27.07.2022. Site Inspection Report is enclosed in the proposal.
- 14.00 As per the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur this project is of larger public interest and which requires 2.3238 ha. of forest land at Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane in Shahapur Forest Division. The Project Authority is ready to bear all the Government levies and as per the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur the Proposal is recommended for acceptance and necessary approval u/s.2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 15.00 Four sets of proposal are enclosed herewith with all required documents for further necessary action. Proposal is submitted online vide Proposal No. FP/MH/Pipeline/140171/2021.


Encl. :- as above.


(S.V.Ramarao)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Thane

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur for information & necessary action.

Copy to Deputy General Manager (Const.), GAIL (India) Ltd., 8th floor, Gail Jubilee Tower, B-35 & 36, Sector-1, Noida-201 301 (U.P.) for information and necessary action.


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**Diversion of 2.3238 ha. Forest Land in Shahapur Division for Laying of
Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through Thane, Nashik,
Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalna, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha
& Nagpur Districts in the State of Maharashtra.**

PART - III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

1.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No.
2.	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	Agreed with the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur.
3.	Specific recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	As per the recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur this project is of larger public interest. It requires 2.3238 ha. of forest land at Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane of Shahapur Forest Division. Hence it is recommended for acceptance and necessary approval u/s.2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


(S. V. Ramarao)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Thane

Date : 25.01.2023

Place : Thane



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No. Desk-6(3)/20/Land/ 937 /2022-23

Date 98/01/2023

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The Chief Conservator of Forests (T)
Thane.

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सहायक वनरक्षण अधिकारी मुख्य वनरक्षण ठाणे

Subject:- Diversion of 2.3238 ha. forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through Thane, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Jalna, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Districts in the State of Maharashtra...
Proposal No. : FP/MH/Pipeline/140171/2021

- Ref.:-**
- 1) Sr. Manager (S & LR), GAIL (India) Limited, Noida (U.P.) letter no. GAIL/MNPL/Forest/Thane/1, dated 21/05/2021
 - 2) This office's letter no. Desk-6(3)/20/Land/805/21-22, dated 30/06/2021
 - 3) DGM Construction, GAIL (India) Limited, Nagpur letter no. GAIL/MNPL/Forest/Thane/Shahapur_RD/02, dated 07/04/2022
 - 4) This office's letter no. Desk-6(3)/20/Land/791/22-23, dated 15/06/2022
 - 5) DGM Construction, GAIL (India) Limited, Nagpur letter no. GAIL/MNPL/Forest/Thane/Shahapur_RD/03, dated 12/07/2022

GAIL (India) Ltd. has planned to establish 24" Dia natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along Reserved/Revenue forest in the Right of Way of Nagpur – Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway & Mumbai – Manmad Pipeline of BPCL in Shahapur Taluka falling under jurisdiction of Shahapur Forest Division.

The pipeline proposed by GAIL (India) Ltd. is passing through the forest land already diverted to MSRDC for construction of Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) vide MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter no. FC-III/MH-35/2018-NGP/7757, dated 29/01/2021. But in some patches it is not feasible to work in the existing Right of Way of Nagpur – Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway. So the project authority has proposed diversion in the said patches, which requires new forest land. The Project involves Diversion of 2.3238 Ha. Forest land in Shahapur Forest Division.

The Project is owned, developed and maintained by GAIL (India) Limited, Government of India Undertaking – A Maharatna Company. The Project involves diversion of 2.3238 Ha. Forest land in Shahapur Forest Division. GAIL (India) Ltd. has submitted the proposal

under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for seeking the prior approval of the Government of India. The details of required forest area are as below.

Sr. No.	District	Circle	Division	Legal Status	Area in Ha.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Thane	Thane	Shahapur	Reserved Forest	0.7591	
				Protected Forest	1.4024	
				Restored Private Forest	0.1623	
GRAND TOTAL					2.3238	

2.00 The Project Authority i.e. DGM Construction, GAIL (India) Limited, Nagpur has submitted the proposal under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for seeking the prior permission from Govt. of India for Diversion of 2.3238 Ha. of forest land for laying 24" Dia Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur through jurisdiction of Shahapur Forest Division vide letter in reference. The Project authority has also uploaded the same proposal on www.forestsclearance.nic.in website and its ID No. is FP/MH/Pipeline/140171/2021.

3.00 The Project Authority has given undertaking to pay the total cost of Net Present Value as directed by the Govt. of India. The Project Authority has submitted necessary Certificates/ Undertakings and Maps which are enclosed in the proposal.

4.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation cost at the prevailing wage rate.

5.00 The Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on Double Degraded Forest land in Shahapur Forest Division. The details of the same are as follows.

District : Thane	Taluka : Shahapur	Village : Shei
Division : Shahapur	Range : Shahapur	Round : Shera
Gut No. : 156	Area in Ha. : 5.00 ha.	Legal Status : Protected Forest

6.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the Double Degraded Forest land made available for Compensatory Afforestation is contiguous in itself, suitable for afforestation and management purpose also and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has also submitted the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme as per Model Rate Structure for CA Model No. 6 under the guidelines issued by the Principal Chief Conservator (Head of Forest Force) Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter dated 04/10/2019 which is enclosed in the proposal.

7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines under the Act have not been violated by the Project Authority. The necessary certificate is enclosed in the proposal.

8.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the proposed project is not likely to affect any monuments, site of culture, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.

- 9.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has certified that the details submitted by the project authority of non-forest land proposed under the proposal is neither deemed Reserved Forest under the provisions of Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 nor identified as "Forest" as envisaged in the interim order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 12/12/1996.
- 10.00 The entire area involved in this proposal does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve, etc.
- 11.00 The nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located 1.475 km away from project boundary. The proposed forest area for diversion under the project is falling within 10 Kms from (within Deemed Eco-Sensitive Zone) nearest Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 12.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of tree felling at the prevailing wage rate. Total 979 no. of trees will have to be felled for implementation of the project. The detailed Tree List and Estimate of Exploitation Cost is enclosed in the proposal.
- 13.00 The Project Authority has submitted an undertaking to furnish the FRA – 2006 Certificate from Collector, Thane with the Stage-I compliance report.
- 14.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur has carried out Site Inspection on 27/07/2022. The Assistant Conservator of Forest (FLCS and CAMPA) Shahapur has carried out Joint Inspection on 27/07/2022. Site Inspection Report and specific recommendation is submitted in the proposal.
- 15.00 As per this office's letter under reference no. 2 & 4, the Project Authority was asked to submit the Environmental Clearance and Recommendation of SCNBWL for the said project. Since Environmental Clearance is mandatory vide the EIA Notification 2006 (Sr. No. 6(a)) Oil & gas transportation pipeline (crude and refinery/ petrochemical products), passing through national parks/ sanctuaries/ coral reefs/ ecologically sensitive areas including LNG Terminal.

And as the project is passing through the Eco-Sensitive Zone (within 10 Kms.) of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, it will require the prior recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, is mandatory as per the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC letter no. FC-11/119/2020-FC dated 17/05/2022.

- 16.00 The Project Authority vide their letter under reference no. 5 has submitted that, MoEF&CC (IA Division) New Delhi vide letter F.No. 11011/16/2017-IA-II(I), dated 26/07/2019 has issued letter to GAIL (India) Ltd. for Jagdishpur – Haldia&Bokaro – Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) Phase-II Project, stating that, *"pipeline is reportedly passing through default eco-sensitive zones of Gautam Buddha Wildlife Sanctuary in District Chatra and Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary in District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand). As such, it is to reiterate that the project does not attract provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006."*

And submitted that, the proposed Mumbai – Nagpur natural gas pipeline passes through deemed/ default ESZ of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and does not pass through

national park/ sanctuaries/ coral reefs/ ecologically sensitive areas, thus the project does not require Environmental Clearance and consideration by the National Board of Wildlife/ Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL/ SCNBWL).

- 17.00 The said proposal is being recommended subject to verification of the above mentioned matter i.e. applicability of Environmental Clearance and consideration by the National Board of Wildlife/ Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL/ SCNBWL).
- 18.00 Five sets of consolidated proposal with all required documents are enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

Encl.:- As above.


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Deputy Conservator of Forests
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