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Letter

Subject :- Forest Land : Raigad

Change of alignment for laying of HPCL's Uran-Chakan/Shikrapur LPG Pipeline 12" Dia underground LPG Pipeline, along with 6" dia Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Forest land in Raigad District.

No.Desk-10/FCA/CR-52/16-17/OW-⁸⁹⁵/16-17,
Thane – 400 603, Dated :- 28/12/2016

To,

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests and Nodal Officer,
Maharashtra State,
Nagpur – 440 001

- Ref. :- 1) Government of India letter No.6-MHC-33/2014-BHO/482, dated 19.11.2015
2) Government of Maharashtra letter No.FLD-1314/CR-150/F-10, dated 11.05.2016
3) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag letter No.A-20/land/1271, dated 19.11.2016
4) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag letter No.A-20/land/1386, dated 15.12.2016

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change, Regional Office, Nagpur has accorded formal approval for the diversion of 9.4040 ha. Forest Land for laying HPCL's Uran-Chakan/Shikrapur LPG Pipeline, 12" dia underground LPG Pipeline, along with 6" dia Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Forest land in Raigad District u/s.2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letter at reference No.1. Now, the Project Authority has required an additional area of 0.8878 ha. against earlier approved 9.4040 ha. in village Dighati, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad, due to some unavoidable and technical requirements. In this regard Project Authority has submitted a proposal for diversion of additional area 0.8878 ha. as per revised alignment, and the same is forwarded by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag vide his letter at reference No.3 & 4.

Government of India had approved total 9.4040 ha. area for diversion which includes 0.1522 ha. from village Dighati, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad. As per the revised requirement an additional area of 0.8878 ha. is demanded by Project Authority in village Dighati. The number of trees to be felled is less than the approved original proposal.

According, to the guidelines of Government of India in clause 2.1 (V), in the case of proposal is duly approved by Government of India, there is no need to submit complete fresh proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the comparative area statement of approved and required realignment is as given below :-

Approved Forest Area					Proposed Forest Area as per Re-alignment				
Village	Comptt. No.	Survey No.	Area in ha.	Legal Status	Village	Comptt. No.	Survey No.	Area in ha.	Legal Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dighati	37	78	0.15.22	Reserved Forest	Dighati	37	78	01.04.00	Reserved Forest
Total			0.15.22		Total			01.04.00	

ABSTRACT

Particulars	Length x Width	Area in Ha.
The area details for which permission granted by GOI	152.2 mtr. X 10 mtr.	0.1522 Ha.
Revised area demanded for Change in Alignment	1155.5 mtr. X 9 mtr.	1.0400 ha.
The area for which sanction required from GOI	1003.3 mtr.	0.8878 ha.

The 9.4040 ha. Forest area already diverted for this project as per Government of India letter at reference No.1. After realignment of the project the proposed, Forest area for diversion will be 10.2918 ha. (9.4040 ha. + 0.8878 ha.).

As per revised realignment, 0.8878 ha. additional forest area is required. The realignment proposal is recommended for approval u/s.2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions :-

- 1) Compensatory Afforestation will be raised at the cost of User Agency on 1.7676 ha. degraded forest land incharge of the Forest Department.
- 2) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the project.
- 3) The User Agency will defray the cost of Net Present Value of 0.8878 ha. of forest land as per the latest guideline of Government of India.
- 4) The User Agency will defray the cost of additional Net Present Value of 0.8878 ha. of forest land as per the latest guideline of Government of India.
- 5) At least five remote villages in the Alibag Division as identified by DCF Alibag, where there is acute problem of Electricity the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. under CSR should undertake to provide each family an alternative solar lantern. This will also prevent forest fires in summer when villagers move in forest with lighted Mashals in search of their cattle during night time.

In view of the above facts, it is requested that Government of India may kindly be moved to issue approval under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


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Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag for information.

Copy to Chief Manager, LPG Project, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., 8, Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg, P.O. Box No.155, Mumbai – 400 001 for information and necessary action.

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