

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From.

Thiru. K.V Appala Naidu, IFS.,
District Forest Officer,
Dharmapuri Forest Division,
Dharmapuri - 636 705.

To.

The Deputy General Manager (Const).
GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED,
No.4, 5th floor Kuppu Arcade,
Venkat Narayana road,
T.Nagar,
Chennai - 17
Tamil Nadu.

C. No. 148 / 2023 / D. dated. 03.02.2024

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest area 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF of Dharmapuri Range and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying pipeline under KKB MPL Tamil Nadu Section - Dharmapuri District - Additional details called for - Regarding.

- Ref 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai.
Ref.No. TS3/29849/2021 dated.18.01.2024
- 2) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle.
C.No.9398/2021/D dated.21.07.2023

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I wish to invite your kind attention to the reference 1st cited above. Therein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai has raised few queries based on the recent Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules 2023, as follows.

- (i) The Certificate on Alternate non - forest land available for the project area selected from the District Collector has to furnish.
- (ii) As per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules 2023, the Compensatory Afforestation land has to be identified as per the criteria mentioned in Schedule I of the Rule 2023.
- (iii) The study on the impact of pipeline on the eco system and alignment change for avoiding streams, rocky portion etc.

(iv) The field data map prepared using total station or DGPS station for entire stretch and the machine data be shared with department.

(v) Realign the pipeline closer to ROW / NH 7 of Dharmapuri - Salem road in the stretch of Thoppur RF in parallel to it for avoiding the diversion of forest land which has rocks, slopes, streams and undulated area. thus will prevent fragmentation of the area

Under these circumstances, I request that kindly refer the short comings pointed out in the reference 1st cited above. Accordingly the rectified proposal may kindly be submitted to this office for getting forest clearance from the Government.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
District Forest Officer,

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Dharmapuri Forest Division
31.02.2024 Dharmapuri.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri for kind information.

