

(A Government of India Undertaking - A Maharatna Company)

Ref: GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/PCCF, Chennai/RL/2023

Date: 21/0//2023

To, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, (Head of Forest Force). Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32 चेन्नई आंचलिक कार्यालय बीएसएनएल कॉम्प्लेक्स, तीसरी मंजिल, सीटीएस बिल्डिंग, नंबर 16, ग्रीम्स रोह, चेन्नई - 600 006

**Chennai Zonal Office** 

BSNL Complex, 3rd Floor, CTS Building, No.16. Greams Road, Chennai - 600 006 फोन / Phone: 044-28292176 to 79

Sub-Permission for laying proposed 24" Ø Steel Gas pipeline along with OFC duct along Gummanur and Toppur Reserved Forest in Dharmapuri District in the state of Tamil

- Ref.: 1) Online application on PARIVESH portal FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 Dated 19.10.2022.
  - 2) Minutes of the first Project Screening Committee Meeting of the Forest (Conservation) Rule 2022 conducted on 27.12.2022 at 3.30 PM through video conference.

Dear Sir.

You are perhaps aware that M/S GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED intends to lay 24" Ø Steel Gas pipeline along with OFC duct. The route of proposed pipeline KKBMPL-II (Krishnagiri-Salem) is 145.965 Km long from Thirumagondanahalli to Manjakalpatti will be laid almost parallel to existing Various Road (i.e. National Highway, State Highway, Major District Road, Other District Road and Asphalt Road) and will be passing through Tamilnadu State & lies in the Districts of Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri.

In the view of above M/S GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED submitted the online application on PARIVESH portal under application no. FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 dated 19.10.2022 under above cited Ref. No. 1. Thereafter the proposal was discussed in the Project Scrutinizing Committee meeting held on 27.12.2022. After this meeting we received MOM for the said meeting and in that shortcomings to the proposal are mentioned. Accordingly we are herewith resubmitting the proposal with following changes and additional information.

> एम. रविचंद्रन / M. RAVICHANDRAN उप महाप्रवंधक (निर्माण) / DY. GENERAL MANAGER (CONSTRUCTION) गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड / GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED चेन्नई Corporate Identification No.L40200DL1984G01018976

- Undertaking for submission of the certificate on completion of process of settlement of rights under Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion will be processed subject to submission of certificate before issue of stage-II approval is uploaded in the additional information details section.
- 2. The proposal is submitted for 2m right of way in the existing road portion and for Toppur RF. pipeline is proposed to the 10m right of way. We would like to inform you that in the existing road portion a sufficient space were available to move the construction equipment's and perform the activities like welding and testing which requires land beside 2m pipeline ROU. As the additional non forest land is not available beside pipeline alignment in the Toppur RF and performing the said activities in forest land will likely to disturb natural activities in forest land. In the view of above M/S GAIL submitted the proposal for 10m right of way in Toppur RF. area.
- 3. M/S GAIL has submitted a letter requesting to issue a certificate that there is no non forest land available for the project proposed in the forest land to District Collector, Dharmapuri. We are herewith insure that we will submit the said certificate before Stage-II approval. Undertaking on GAIL's letter head regarding the same is attached herewith.
- 4. In addition to the above, GAIL has submitted the following Certificates/Undertakings/Details in the additional information details section.
  - a. Certificate that the user agency has not violated any provisions of the forest conservation act, 1980 in seeking the minimum forest land required for the project.
  - Certificate that the forest land involved in the project is unavoidable and barest minimum.
  - c. Certified that there is no non forest land is available for the project and all alternatives have been examined and not feasible.
  - d. Undertaking to deposit the cost of raising compensatory afforestation and maintenance of plantation as fixed by the Forest Department and willingness to deposit additional amounts if any suggested as amended owing to the change in planting technique, enhancement in the FSR etc., demanded subsequently.
  - e. Undertaking to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted of the above project.
  - f. Details of DGPS co-ordinates of the proposed pipeline alignment path are uploaded in the additional information details section

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Since, it is a time bound project, committed to serve the Nation in better way, your most expeditious action is needed to grant the permission for laying of the pipeline along Gummanur and Toppur Reserved Forest as early as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

For GAIL (India) Limited,

एम. रविचंद्रन / M. RAVICHANDRAN उप महाप्रवंधक (निर्माण) / DY GENERAL MANAGER (CONSTRUCTION)

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Authorized signatory

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