

**Proposal for diversion of Forest land for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) stretch of NAGPUR to JHARSUGUDA pipeline passing through district Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia (Maharashtra/MP Border) in the state of Maharashtra in favour of GAIL (India) Limited.**

**Online Proposal No. FP/MH/Pipeline/153017/2022**

**(Project Stretch –GondiaDistrict)**

<b><u>PART – II</u></b>		
<b><u>(To be filled up by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)</u></b>		
State serial No. of Proposal _____		
7	Location of the Project / Scheme	
i)	State / Union Territory	Maharashtra
ii)	District	Gondia
iii)	Forest Division	Gondia
iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	7.4395ha.
v)	Legal status of forest land	Protected Forests - 3.2294 ha. Zudpi Jungle (FD)- 2.0853 ha. Zudpi Jungle (RD)- 2.0394 ha. Identified Forest - 0.0854 ha. <b>Total - 7.4395 ha.</b> Detailed Area Statement enclosed in proposal.
vi)	Density of vegetation	0.3
vii)	Species-wise (specific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.	The tree species present in the proposal are classified into Teak and other miscellaneous species and accordingly diameter class-wise enumeration data is provided. Trees enumeration report attached.
viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The forest land involved in the project is not prone to erosion.
ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site for diversion is linear type and distance of proposed site varies from the boundary of Forests.
x)	Whether forms part of National Park, Wild Life 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)	The area proposed for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, elephant corridor. The gas pipeline passes through 25 villages which Fall either under NTCA corridor map WII's Eastern Vidarbha Landscape tiger Corridor atlas, Thus, Wildlife clearance is necessary for this project
xi)	Whether any rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area: if so details thereof.	No rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the project area at the time of inspection.
xii)	Whether any protected archeological / heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area; If so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	There is no protected/ archaeological site, other important monument located in the required area.
8	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col-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 requirement of forest land as proposed is un-avoidable and barest minimum for the project. The required Certificates attached.
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	Yes, The detail Violation Report is enclosed separately in the proposal.



	on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	
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.	Non Forest Land of Village Jalaldhaba, Range Aundha (Na.) Division Hingoli Gat No. 59 area 10.00 ha. has been identified for Compensatory Afforestation and Penal Compensatory Afforestation against the diversion of entire stretch of 9.4715 ha. forest land in Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia Forest Division.
ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	Map showing Non Forest Land for Compensatory afforestation is attached herewith.
iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	Compensatory afforestation scheme attached.
iv)	Total financial outlay, for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Rs. 5,7,91,244/-
v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Suitability certificate attached.
11	Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col-7 (xi, xii) 8 & 9 above.	Site inspection report is enclosed.
12	Division / District profile	Division / District –Gondia
i)	Geographical area of the District	564100.00 ha.
ii)	Forest area of the District.	25435.940 ha.
iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases	1553.13 ha./ 74 cases.
iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on	
	a] Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	8379.3971 ha.
	b] Non forest land	29.036 ha.
v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) on- 31-03-2023	
	a] Forest land	7718.087 ha.
	b] Non Forest land	7.59 ha.
13	Specific recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forest for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	As a consequence of increasing industrialization, fuel needs are increasing at an equal pace and the supply demand gap is widening and hence, this project of underground laying of Natural Gas Pipeline Assumes significance. Thus, the project is recommended.

Place : Gondia

Dated: 16.07.2024



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