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(SURAT LIGNITE POWER PLANT)

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To,

**Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)**

Government of Gujarat  
Block No. 14, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
New Sachivalaya,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Diversion of 3.0684 Ha. Protected Forest land for lignite mining on SH-166 Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhanhav road in Mangrol Taluka, Dist: Surat, GIPCL Diversion of Forest Land Proposal No: FP/GJ/MIN/42424/2019 dated 07.10.2019**

**Ref: Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar Letter no. 6/GJC048/2020-BHO dated 02/05/2022.**

Please find attached herewith the following clarifications on the queries raised by the Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar vide their letter dated 02/05/2022 as under:

Sr. No.	Query of Integrated Regional Office	Clarification from GIPCL
1.	The present status of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any, committed by the user agency and State Government by executing lease deed on 24/04/2006 without prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of forest land involved in the mining lease.	<p>There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 because GIPCL has not commenced mining activity in and around 3.0684 Ha. of Protected Forest land on SH-166 Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav road in Mangrol Taluka, Dist: Surat.</p> <p>The mining lease deed executed on 24/04/2006 does not find any mention of forest land in it. <b>(Annexure-1)</b>.</p> <p>Prior to this, Mining Plan for Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine (4.2 MTPA) was approved by</p>

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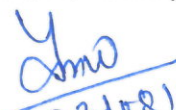

		<p>Ministry of Coal on dated 23/1/2001 (<b>Annexure-2</b>) and Environment Clearance was granted on 21/07/2003, no forest land was involved/mentioned in it (<b>Annexure-3</b>).</p> <p>Later on, during the proposal for diversion/ shifting of part of the State Highway No. 166 (Kosamba-Vankal measuring about 2.0 KM) between Mosali Chowkdi and Ukai-Kankrapar Main canal, beside the Narrow Gauge Kosamba-Zhankhav Railway line, for using the part of the existing SH-166 road land for extracting Lignite, it came to notice that both sides of this part of the road, an area covering tentatively about 4.48 Ha of protected forest land belong to Social Forestry department (<b>Annexure-4</b>).</p> <p>Accordingly, GIPCL incorporated the 4.48 Ha of protected forest land area in its Mine plan for 5.40 MTPA and the proposal for shifting of the road. Ministry of Coal vide F. No. MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated 28/09/2020 (<b>Annexure-5</b>), approved the same.</p> <p>During the proposal for diversion of 4.48 Ha, Protected Forest land on SH-166, Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav Road in Mangrol Taluka, Dist: Surat, Joint survey had been carried out by RFO, Mangrol, Forest Department, DCF, Surat and GIPCL Officials during October, 2019, with the help of DGPS and the final measured area was <b>3.0684 Ha</b>.</p> <p>Accordingly, GIPCL had applied for the diversion of <b>3.0684 Ha</b> Protected Forest Land.</p>
2.	Details of action taken by the State and the user agency to correct the details of forest area in the Mining Plan approved by the M/O Coal shall be submitted.	<p>GIPCL incorporated the <b>4.48 Ha (Revised Area 3.0684 Ha)</b> of protected forest land area in the Pre-Mining Land Use and Present Mining Land Use of Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan for 5.40 MTPA during the submission to Ministry of Coal, for the approval of revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan.</p>

		Subsequently, Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of 5.40 MTPA capacity has been approved by the Ministry of Coal vide F. No. MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated 28/09/2020.
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The details as desired are submitted for issuance of necessary Forest Clearance.

Thanking you, Sir

Yours faithfully,  
For Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited

  
23/08/2022  
 (Prakash Chand)  
General Manager (Mines)