

JUSTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

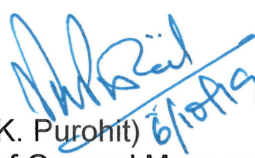
Justification for locating the project in Forest Area to be submitted by User Agency.

Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (GIPCL) is in the business of Power Generation for “**Public Purpose**” using lignite as fuel. GIPCL has all along supplied the power generated at Surat Lignite Power Plant (SLPP) to Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) constituted under Sec.5 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and after its reorganization under the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganization and Regulation) Act, 2003 (for short ‘GEIRRA’) to Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (for short ‘GUVNL’) under the long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). In view of this GIPCL can be called to be a part of the “State Utility Network”. Accordingly, the Tariff / Rate of electricity generated by SLPP, GIPCL and fed in to the State Grid is regulated by Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC), a Statutory Authority / Body constituted under the Electricity Act, 2003.

The part of the State Highway 166 (Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav) passes through the Gujarat Industries Power Company’s mining lease hold area of Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine and the lignite reserves are blocked under that part of the State Highway 166 (Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav).

Hence, as per the approved Mining Plan by Ministry of Coal, GoI, in order to excavate the lignite blocked beneath the said SH-166, the above mentioned part of the SH-166 from 19/8 to 22/6 admeasuring 2.80 Km length between Mosali Chowkdi to Ukai Kankrapar Main Cannel need to be diverted.

As there is a Social Forestry on either side of the road (The Government of Gujarat vide its Gazette Notification declares road side area to be into Protected Forest) the social forest land (4.48 Ha Protected Forest Land will also be come under the required mining area and hence along with the part of road, Social Forest land is also required to be shifted/diverted as per Forest Conservation Act, 1980.


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