



Government of Gujarat
Forest & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1021/5-67/20/SF-19/F

Dated:- 112 FEB 2021

To
Nodal officer (FCA)
Gujarat State,
Gandhinagar.

Subject:- Diversion of **0.12 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying 125mm dia PE gas pipeline along NH-341 Ashphalt road (Bhuj-Khavda) from MES Colony to Palara Jail in Bhuj Taluka of District Kachchh in favour of Dy. Manager (PR-RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd., Ahmedabad.

Ref: -(1) GOG, F&ED's Letter No. JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F dated 15.09.2016
(2) Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapater-4(4.2).

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your single file No. **FCA-1021/5-67/20/SF-19/F**, dated 19.01.2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

S. No.	Description	Length × Width (Meter)		Area in (Ha.)
1	Along Bhuj-Khavda Road(NH-341 Ashphalt road) Ch.0.00 mt. to 3000.00 mt.	3000.00	0.4	0.12
Total				0.12

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has delegated the power for general approval to the State Governments of various categories like optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines from time to time under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land.

The GoI, MoEF&CC has extended the said general approval to underground laying of CNG/ PNG pipelines along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the resolution of GoG Dated 15th September, 2016, referred No.1 & Handbook of Forest

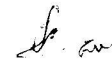
Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapter-4(4.2), referred No.2.

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey the State Government's **"in principle"** approval for Diversion of **0.12 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying 125mm dia PE gas pipeline along NH-341 Asphalt road (Bhuj-Khavda) from MES Colony to Palara Jail in Bhuj Taluka of District Kachchh in favour of Dy. Manager (PR-RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd., Ahmedabad, subject to the following conditions:-

1. This permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Net Present Value (NPV) for the area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA-566 in W.P.(Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated. 18.09.2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regards.
3. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e.portal.
4. User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the User Agency.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. User agency will have to obtain permission from the Nodal Officer (FCA), for carrying out any maintenance works in future except emergencies.
7. User agency will have to restore the forest land after use/ maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
8. User agency will be liable to compensate any loss to Forests/Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
9. Project area is not a part of Protected area/Sanctuary/National Park and the project area is 18.00 Km. away from the Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.
10. User agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.

11. Gas pipe line will be laid underground in the trench of maximum depth of 2.00 meters and width of 0.4 meters, in between rows of road side plantation.
12. User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. FRA shall be uploaded on e.portal ([https://parivesh.nic.in.](https://parivesh.nic.in/)) before Formal Approval.
13. Additional Conditions as per the Government of Gujarat's Resolution no. FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dt.12.06.2015 shall be complied with.
14. Any other condition, which the State Government or Nodal Officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.
15. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e.portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition no. (2), (3), (4), (5), (12), (13) & (15) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.



(S. J. Pandit)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Copy to:-

1. Director(FC), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavwan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003
2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar, BHOPAL (M.P.)-462016
3. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, 301, Bahumali Building, 2nd Floor, Near Court, Bhuj, Gujarat.
4. Dy. Manager(RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd. 2, Shanti Sadan Society, Near Parimal Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat.
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