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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

**Sub: Diversion of 3.4151 ha of forest land in favour of GAIL India Limited for Construction of underground MS pipeline 700mm concrete encasing for regular Water Supply Line from MIDC Water Treatment plan, Poynad to GAIL (India) Ltd, User for PDH PP Plant of Tadwagale, Dalvi Khoroshi, Kune and Beloshi villages of Taluka Alibag in Raigad District in the state of Maharashtra.- FP/MH/Pipeline/157648/2022- in principle approval - regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no FLD-2023/C.R.-325/F-10 dated 19.01.2024 and APCCF & Nodal Officer letter No Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-157648/240/2024-25 dated 02.05.2024 and online application No.FP/MH/Pipeline/157648/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's ***In-principle*** approval under Section '2' (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 for diversion of 3.4151 ha of forest land in favour of GAIL India Limited for Construction of underground MS pipeline 700mm concrete encasing for regular Water Supply Line from MIDC Water Treatment plan, Poynad to GAIL (India) Ltd, User for PDH PP Plant of Tadwagale, Dalvi Khoroshi, Kune and Beloshi villages of Taluka Alibag in Raigad District in the state of Maharashtra, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions: -

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out at suitable places as per the direction of the DCF concerned at the cost of the User Agency;
3. The suitable non forest area equivalent to the diverted forest area shall

**be identified and CA scheme shall be prepared as per the provision made under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardha) Rules, 2023 and all other documents like kml, map, site suitability certificate, CA scheme etc shall be submitted along with the compliance report and shall ensure to upload all above mentioned documents in the online application;**

4. The non-forest land to be identified for compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF **prior to Stage-II approval after ensuring its suitability.** A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;;;
5. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **3.4151** ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline.
6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
7. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
8. **Tree feeling shall be carried out in the forest area wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. Tree felling shall be carried out at the cost of the User Agency;**
9. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work.
10. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
11. **After ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and compliance to all such conditions, the State Government shall issue order for working permission or diversion as the case may be;**
12. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
13. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;

15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.4151 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
17. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
18. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
19. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under **Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980;**
20. The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the Compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered to accord final approval. The in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of **2 years** from the date of issue of the same. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within the stipulated period, this in-principle approval **shall be deemed to be null and void;**

**This issues with the approval of DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.**

Yours faithfully,

  
**(C.B. Tashildar)**  
AIGF (Central)

**Copy to:**

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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