

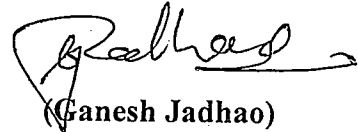
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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
vide Government letter
No.FLD-2022/C.R.250/F-10
Dated: 13.10.2022



(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Place: Mumbai.

Date: 13.10.2022

Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.
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To,
Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for diversion of 18.1150 ha. forest land for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along with its OFC Passing through Thane, Shahapur, West Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha and Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra.

2. The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below: -

Sr. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	District	Name of Village	Details of forest land required				Legal Status
					Survey / No.	Old / Gut No.	Comptt. No.	Area (in Ha.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Thane	Thane	Thane	Titwala	247	--	--	0.3343	Reserved Forest
2				Runde	88	--	--	0.0563	Protected Forest
					87	--	--	0.2256	
3				Nadgaon	96	98	--	0.0509	Private Forest
					92/1	88	--	0.0788	
					69	206	--	0.0566	Protected Forest
					75	75	--	0.0132	Private Forest
					78	72	--	0.0510	
					69	206	--	0.0154	Protected Forest
					232	--	--	0.0785	
4				Phalegaon	206/4,5,6,7	--	--	0.0830	Private Forest
					207	--	--	0.0297	Protected Forest
					33	--	--	0.0819	
					63/1, 12	--	--	0.0391	Private Forest
5				Ushid	105/1,2,3	--	--	0.0085	
					106/3,4	--	--	0.0440	

					31	--	--	0.0260	Protected Forest
(A) Total Area in Thane Forest Division								1.2728	--
6	Thane	Shahapur	Thane	Hal	53	112	--	0.0271	Protected Forest
7				Shei	58/6A	307	--	0.0155	Restored Private Forest
					58/5,6,7, 61/2, 54/6, 60/1, 71/1, 60/6	313	--	0.0069	
					76/3	338	--	0.0309	
					9/7	58	--	0.0015	Restored Private Forest
					97	67	--	0.0884	Protected Forest
8				Shere	230	648/A	--	0.1034	Restored Private Forest
					151/3	564	--	0.0078	Protected Forest
					225/1A	489	--	0.1383	Restored Private Forest
					90/3B	463	--	0.0462	Protected Forest
					90/3A	462	--	0.0464	Restored Private Forest
					97/1	473	--	0.0541	Protected Forest
					--	River	--	0.0106	Protected Forest
9				Ras	--	River	--	0.0084	Protected Forest
					70	--	--	0.3768	Restored Private Forest
					28	--	--	0.0278	Reserved Forest
10				Hiv	111	188	--	0.1284	Restored Private Forest
					41, 42, 43	148	--	0.0198	Reserved Forest
					111	188	--	0.0423	Protected Forest
					109	185	--	0.0085	Restored Private Forest
					12	184	--	0.0139	Protected Forest
					90/8,9	251	--	0.0853	Protected Forest
11				Andad	72	--	--	0.0664	Protected Forest
					73	--	--	0.3266	
12				Khutghar	117	154	--	0.0160	Restored Private Forest
					117	149	--	0.0672	Protected Forest
					60	155	--	0.0119	Protected Forest
					117	149	--	0.0898	Protected Forest
					117	149	--	0.0793	
					116	139	--	0.0272	
					116	137/1	--	0.0104	

					57	138	--	0.0214	Restored Private Forest
					53	130	--	0.0234	Restored Private Forest
					37, 38	109	--	0.0322	Restored Private Forest
					40	99	--	0.0045	Restored Private Forest
13				Sapgaon	32/19	289	--	0.0232	Restored Private Forest
					28/B	229	--	0.0832	Reserved Forest
14				Shelvali	116+107/B	223	--	0.0073	Reserved Forest
					41	232	--	0.0231	Restored Private Forest
					107/A/1	233	--	0.1859	Protected Forest
15				Kasgaon	111	149	--	0.0296	Protected Forest
					79	148	--	0.0183	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.1136	Protected Forest
					51/1B	138	--	0.0122	Restored Private Forest
					51/1A	139	--	0.0086	Restored Private Forest
					51/2, 52/1	142	--	0.0101	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0178	Protected Forest
					53/1	137	--	0.0109	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0101	Protected Forest
					54	135	--	0.0056	Restored Private Forest
					111	149	--	0.0261	Protected Forest
					59, 60, 61/3, 61/4	114	--	0.0412	Restored Private Forest
					57/1, 58, 60/2, 62/13	113	--	0.0539	Restored Private Forest

					61/1	51	--	0.0332	Finally acquired Forest
					15, 19/1A, 41/1, 62/3,2C	36	--	0.0560	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					110	27	--	0.0561	Protected Forest
16				Sarlambe	12	45	--	0.0162	Protected Forest
17				Khutadi	2/3A, 83/2, 123/1, 123/2A, 124/2	6/1A	--	0.0470	2/3/A Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					88/1	5	--	0.0161	Restored Private Forest
					138	36	--	0.0798	Reserved Forest
18				Birwadi	87	276/2	--	0.0157	87/2 Restored Private Forest
19				Lahe	240/A	115	--	0.0206	Restored Private Forest
20				Chande	29/8, 30/8, 17/4, 18/1, 13/3, 28/5,8, 30/1,2,3,4, 5,6,7,38/9	40	--	0.0510	Private Forest (Pending on Enquiry)
					49	91	--	0.0827	Reserved Forest
21				Dalkhan	122	161	--	0.0795	Finally acquired Forest
					92/2	166/C	--	0.0329	Finally acquired Forest
22				Khardi	84	--	--	0.0220	Restored Private Forest
					84	--	--	0.0538	Finally acquired Forest
					274	--	--	0.0140	Reserved Forest
23				Golbhan	42/2	146	--	0.0103	Finally acquired Forest
					14/1,2, 15/1,2, 16/1A,1B, 2A,2B,3A 18/1,3, 19/1,	67	--	0.0469	15/1 and 15/2 and 83/1,2,3, Restored Private Forest

					97/1,2, 83/1,2,3, 114/1,2				
24	Shirol	123	56	--	0.0491	Protected Forest			
		619	1039	--	0.4068				
		618	1474	--	0.0265				
		667	1190	--	0.1450				
		650	1197	--	0.0084				
		649	1194	--	0.0838				
25	Kasara Bk.	355	133	--	0.0397	Protected Forest			
		369	77	--	0.0220	Reserved Forest			
		355	133	--	0.0703	Protected Forest			
		369	77	--	0.0406	Reserved Forest			
		355	133	--	0.0869	Protected Forest			
		156	151	--	0.0063	Restored Private Forest			
		357	152	--	0.0334	Protected Forest			
		265/1,4,5, 6,7,8,9	155	--	0.0260	265/13, 265/5 Restored Private Forest			
		364	60	--	0.0619	Protected Forest			
		261/3,5,6	59	--	0.0694	Restored Private Forest			
		257	64	--	0.0857				
		365	65	--	0.0427	Protected Forest			
		255	66	--	0.1009	Restored Private Forest			
		140	49	--	0.0284				
		140	49	--	0.1081				
		369	77	--	0.2426	Reserved Forest			
		River	--	--	0.0028				
		26	Vashala Khurd	101	101	--	0.1405	Reserved	
				River	--	--	0.0007	Forest	
		27	Vashala Bk.	253	348	--	0.1284	Reserved Forest	
197	340			--	0.0882	Protected Forest			
203/1, 206	293			--	0.0734	Private Forest (Pending Enquiry)			
249/1	349			--	0.0818	Protected Forest			
253	348			--	0.0983	Reserved Forest			
249/1	349			--	0.1610	Protected			
--	472			--	0.1992	Forest			

					245, 250	400	--	0.9157	
					253	348	--	0.2241	Reserved Forest
28				Fugale	--	35A	--	1.0292	Private Forest
					--	33	--	0.1345	
					--	5/2	--	0.0080	
					--	31/4	--	0.2746	
					--	37	--	0.3747	Reserved Forest
(B) Total Area in Shahapur Forest Division									9.1987
29	Nashik	West Nashik	Nashik	Borli	152	--	--	0.1610	Reserved Forest
30			Nashik	Ghorwad	170	--	--	0.0210	
31			Nashik	Shivmade	553	--	--	0.2494	
32			Nashik	Khambale	710	--	--	0.1765	
(C) Total Area in West Nashik Forest Division									0.6079
33	Nashik	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Kokamthan	8/1	--	--	0.0879	Reserved Forest
34				Kokamthan	7	--	--	0.0072	Reserved Forest
35				Dhotre	1	--	--	0.0273	Identified Forest
(D) Total Area in Ahmednagar Forest Division									0.1224
36	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Abdimandi	17	--	--	0.1221	Reserved Forest
37				Bhikapur	12	--	--	0.0745	
					10	--	--	0.1262	
38				Krishnapur wadi	5	--	--	0.0354	
39				Pokhari	7	--	--	0.0776	
					7	--	--	0.0178	
40				Shendrabani	56	--	--	0.1883	
41				Warzadi	241B	--	--	0.0778	
					275	--	--	0.0224	
42				Jaipur	12	--	--	0.0828	
145					181	--	--	0.1228	
(E) Total Area in Aurangabad Forest Division									0.9477
43	Amravati	Buldhana	Buldhana	Palaskhed Malangdeo	6, 7, 8	--	--	0.1407	Reserved Forest
44				Palaskhed Zalta	11, 12, 13 (162)	--	--	0.1299	
					14, 15, 16 (168)	--	--	0.0810	
					21, 22 (161)	--	--	0.0265	
					20 (155)	--	--	0.1074	
					32 (158)	--	--	0.0806	
					34 (35)	--	--	0.0359	
					35	--	--	0.0309	
(F) Total Area in Buldana Forest Division									0.6329
45	Amravati	Amravati	Amravati	Salod	30	--	2	0.0603	Reserved Forest
					37	--	2	0.0078	
46				Wadhona	256	--	208	0.0706	
(G) Total Area in Amravati Forest Division									0.1387
47	Yavatmal	Washim	Washim	Kolgaon Bk.	169,97	--	E-116	0.2081	Unclass Forest
48				Regaon	109	--	E-106	0.1842	
49				Kinhiraja	18,49,48, 59,60	--	108, 109, 110	0.7812	Reserved Forest

50				Kavardari	10,87,66	--	103, 105, 106, 107	0.6177	
51				Januna Khurd	51	--	116	0.2289	
52				Yedshi	77,75,20	--	116	0.2589	
53				Pangari	11,10	--	136	0.2286	
54				Mandwa	51,68,70	--	C-103	0.3753	
55				Poha	37,4,5	--	C-99	0.1597	
56				Taroli	41	--	E-113	0.0803	
57				Kolgaon Khurd	97	--	49	0.3813	
58				Wai pr. Karanja	124	--	C-106	0.0173	
(H) Total Area in Washim Forest Division								3.5215	--
59	Nagpur	Wardha	Wardha	Lonsawali	122	--	--	0.0572	Zudpi Jungle Land
					127	--	--	0.0092	
					127	--	--	0.0398	
60				Dhamangaon	65	--	--	0.2421	
61				Wathoda	83	--	--	0.2020	
62				Khadki	80	--	--	0.0124	
					56	--	--	0.0113	
63				Kotamba	300	--	--	0.0135	
					206	--	--	0.0203	
					210	--	--	0.0580	
64				Itala	7	--	--	0.1793	
65				Kinhala	62	--	--	0.0478	
					63	--	--	0.0582	
66				Kelzar	616	--	--	0.0104	
67				Amgaon	44	--	--	0.0271	
(I) Total Area in Wardha Forest Division								0.9886	--
68	Nagpur	Nagpur	Nagpur	Haladgaon	157	--	--	0.0510	Zudpi Jungle Land
					124	--	--	0.0215	
69				Sawangi	62	--	--	0.0378	
					67	--	--	0.0712	
70				Ghodegaon	18	--	--	0.0299	
					19	--	--	0.0688	
					39	--	--	0.0097	
					54	--	--	0.0082	
					76	--	--	0.1309	
71				Borgaon	22	--	--	0.0208	
72				Kinhi	11	--	--	0.0207	
					52	--	--	0.0262	
					51	--	--	0.0083	
					50	--	--	0.1017	
73				Wayfal	92	--	--	0.0771	
(J) Total Area in Nagpur Forest Division								0.6838	--
Grand Total of (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)+(I)+(J)								18.1150	--

3. Circle wise and Division wise area statement is as below-

Sr. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	Area (in ha.)
1	Thane	Thane	1.2728
2		Shahapur	9.1987
(A) Total Area of Thane Circle			10.4715
3	Nashik	West Nashik	0.6079
4		Ahmednagar	0.1224
(B) Total Area of Nashik Circle			0.7303

5	Amaravati	Buldhana	0.6329
6		Amaravati	0.1387
(c) Total Area of Amaravati Circle			0.7716
7	Nagpur	Wardha	0.9886
8		Nagpur	0.6838
(D) Total Area of Nagpur Circle			1.6724
9	(E) Aurangabad	Aurangabad	0.9477
10	(F) Yavatmal	Washim	3.5215
Grand Total (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)			18.1150

4. The GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish 24" Dia natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur along forest land in the Right of Way of Nagpur- Mumbai Sambruddhi Expressway and Mumbai-Manmad Pipeline of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., The laying of Natural Gas pipeline proposed by the GAIL (India) Ltd., from Mumbai to Nagpur passing through Thane, Shahapur, West, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Buldhana, Washim, Amravati, Wardha & Nagpur Forest Divisions. The proposed forest land has already been diverted to MSRDC for construction of Nagpur Mumbai Super Communication Expressway (Package-V) vide Government of India, Integrated Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. FC-III/MH-35/2018-NGP/7757, dated 29/01/2021 and also to BPCL for laying underground pipeline from Mumbai to Manmad vide MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 8-C/15/187/93-FCW, dated 03/03/1997 and also to Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) sanctioned vide letter No. B-MHC/008/2004-BHO/589, dated 03/04/2006.

The Managing Director, MSRDC vide letter dated 30/12/2020 has given consent letter to allot 3 meter width on right side alignment (Nagpur to Mumbai Direction) of Samrudhhi Expressway for laying natural gas pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur to GAIL (India) Ltd. as well as CGM pipelines (Operations and Projects), Bharat Petroleum Corporation vide letter dated 24/02/2022 has given consent letter for laying natural Gas Pipeline of GAIL (India) Ltd. in BPCL's RoW.

The Project Agency highlighted that "GAIL (India) Ltd., has planned to establish pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur crossing a total 361 number of villages. As a part of the project, clean natural gas will be made available to various domestic, commercial and industrial customers across these districts. The pipeline is planned from Mumbai to Nagpur along samrudhhi Expressway, Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL) & Mumbai Manmad Bijwasan Pipeline (MMBPL) and will directly result in reducing pollution and improving the environment and will also greatly benefit the people of the region by being able to easily access clean and efficient fuel for their needs. The project will generate employment for people and benefit the population of the entire region"


5. Concerned deputy Conservator of Forests have certified that-

- Forest land required for the project is barest minimum
- Felling of 77 trees involved in the project.
- There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- Proposed a re-diversion of forest land is proposed no need of CA land.
- Proposed forest land is not a part of National Park, Sanctuary or Nature Reserve
- Proposed land is at distance 9.980 km from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and 1.475 km from its deemed ESZ, 0.230 km from Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary, 21.10 km from Nandur-Madhameshwar Bird Sanctuary and more than 10 km from Melghat Tiger Reserve.

6. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
8. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to the conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur in addition to following condition:-

"Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure that proposed land is a forest land, before granting working permission to User Agency."

The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the
Government of Maharashtra

Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement

Under Secretary
Revenue and Forests Department
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya
Mumbai 400 032

3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of Net Present Value & Compensatory Afforestation.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & CWLW, Nagpur
3. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-113050(78)/1391/2022-23, Dt.05.09.2022
4. Sr. Manager, (PE-S &LR), GAIL (India) Limited.
5. Select File (F-10)