

Government of Maharashtra

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No.FLD-2023/C.R.325/F-10
Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.
Dated:-19.01.2024

To,
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India,
Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject: Forest Land-Raigad

Diversion of 3.4151 ha. forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Construction of underground MS Pipeline 700 mm 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 District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/Pipeline/157648/2022)

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for Diversion of 3.4151 ha. forest land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Construction of underground MS Pipeline 700 mm 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 District Raigad in the State of Maharashtra

2. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under: -

Sr. No.	Item Work Purpose	District	Taluka	Village	Survey /Gut No.	Comp t. No.	Length X Width	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1.	700 mm dia. Water Pipeline from WTP MIDC Poynad to GAIL PDH -PP Pant Usar.	Raigad	Alibag	Tadwagale	17/1	--	69.04 X 10	0.06904	Restored Private Forest
2.					37/1	---	116.87X 10	0.1169	
3.				Dalavi Khoroshi	13	174	1570.32 X 10	1.5703	Reserve Forest
4.				Beloshi	90.110.1 68	188 A	1002.21 X 10	1.0022	
				Kune	98 part	173	656.73 X 10	0.6567	
Total Forest land (in ha.)								3.4151	

2. The proposal for laying of 700 mm underground MIDC MS Pipeline with concrete Encasing for regular water Supply line from MIDC water Treatment Plant, Poynad to GAIL (India) Limited, User for PDH PP Plant of Tadwagale, Dalvi Khoroshi, Kune and Beloshi Villages of Taluka Alibag, Dist. Raigad in Alibag Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra. The User Agency is planning to set up GAIL Petrochemical Complex Project at User wherein a 500 KTPA Propane Dehydrogenation Unit (PDH) integrated with Polypropylene Unit (PPU) is proposed to be set up. The feedstock propane shall be imported from JNPT port and a cryogenic terminal shall be set up at Uran for propane storage. From Uran the Propane shall be pumped through a cross country pipeline to USAR for processing. The proposed project shall benefit from the existing land in possession of GAIL as well as coastal location of the existing facility for both propane import, storage and product evacuation, nearby port facility, proximity to highways and ease of getting environmental clearance. The benefits of the proposal is as shown under:-

- Meet the projected increase in domestic demand of petrochemicals.
- Maximize value addition and return on investment through.
- Production of Petrochemicals.
- Utilize existing land and infrastructure available.
- Proximity to port terminals for feedstock sourcing
- Maximize use of Indigenous Hardware.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag has certified that:-

- 3.1) No suitable alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is lowest minimum.
- 3.2) The area belongs to Eco-value class-I having density is 0.2.
- 3.3) There are 3773 trees of various species and trees involved in implementation of the project. Girth wise breakup of trees is under:-

Below 30 cm	31-45 cm	46-60 cm	61-75 cm	76-90 cm	91-105 cm	106-120 cm	121-150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
2226	979	318	139	51	35	15	6	4	3773

- 3.4) The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5) The proposed project is 13.85 km. away from the boundary of the Protected Area (Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary) and 13.75 km. from the boundary of Eco-Sensitive Zone of Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed area is not falling in Eco- Sensitive Zone of Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary.

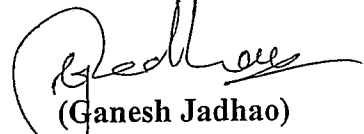
- 3.6) Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.7) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- 3.8) The non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.
- 3.9) The proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 7.00 ha. degraded forest land of Reserve Forest in Compt. No.168 of Village Vadgaon, Tal. Alibag, Dist. Ratnagiri and it is contiguous, suitable for afforestation and management purpose and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances.
- 3.10) The proposed alignment is best suitable from forestry point of view.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1) to defray the cost of Net Present Value.
 - 4.2) to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
 - 4.3) to submit compliance under FRA-2006.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his recommendations, under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
 6. 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.
 7. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur along with following conditions.
 - i) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of the proposed S. No.13 of Village Dalvi kharoshi, S.No.90, 110 & 168 of Village Beloshi and S.No.98 part of Notified Reserve forest land along with Stage-I Compliance, if available in the Revenue Records.
 - ii) User Agency shall submit the certified copy of restored private forest land of Survey No. 37/1 of Village Tadvagale, along with Stage-I compliance report.

- iii) The non-forest land involved in the project, as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, and Guidelines dated 21.08.2023, it is necessary to hand over the non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation. Accordingly, User Agency will hand over non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation and submit the record of rights, KML file, and Land Suitability Certificate along with the Stage-1 compliance report.
- iv) User Agency shall compensate the Private landholders of the proposed Land, as per prevalent Acts and Rules in this regard.

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
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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Area Statement
3. Undertaking 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. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur
5. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-157648/Thane/2023-24/2265, Dt.30.10.2023
6. Conservator of Forests (T), Thane.
7. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag.
8. Deputy General Manager, (Const.), GAIL (India) Limited, Noida-201301.
9. Select File (F-10)

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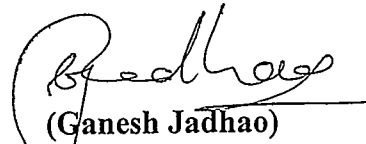
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PART - V

(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
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