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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.
Dated:- 19.04.2023

To,
Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Government of India,
Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Subject:- Forest Land – Nagpur, Bhandara & Gondia

Diversion of 6.4325 ha. Chote Jhad Ka Jungle / Zudpi Jungle/Protected Forest land in favour of M/s. Gail India Ltd; for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jharsuguda along with Optical Fiber Cable passing through Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondiya (Maharashtra/ MP Border) in the State of Maharashtra.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for diversion of 6.4325 ha. Chote Jhad Ka Jungle / Zudpi Jungle/Protected Forest land in favour of M/s. Gail India Ltd; for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jharsuguda along with Optical Fiber Cable passing through Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondiya (Maharashtra/ MP Border) in the State of Maharashtra.

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

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Tahsil		Sur / Gut No.	Length x Width (in Mtr)	Area (in Ha)	Remarks
1.	Diversion of 6.4325 ha. Chote Jhad Ka Jungle / Zudpi Jungle/Protected Forest land in favour of M/s. Gail India Ltd; for laying underground Natural Gas	Waroda	Nagpur		42	255.188 x 1.00	0.0255	Zudpi Jungle
					14	13.631 x 1.00	0.0014	
					16	1.67 x 1.00	0.0002	
					41	137.426 x 1.00	0.0137	
					37	47.498 x 1.00	0.0047	
		Wela Harichandra		44	79.284 x 1.00	0.0079		
		Dhargaon	Kamptee		122	87.9007 x 1.00	0.0088	
		Lihigaon			82	71.8318 x 1.00	0.0072	
					83	36.585 x 1.00	0.0037	
					87	44.9316 x 1.00	0.0045	
		Bhendala	Mauda		240	Irre. shape x 10	0.0032	
		Warshi			268	174.642 x 10.00	0.1746	

Pipeline of Nagpur to Jharsuguda along with Optical Fiber Cable passing through Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia (Maharashtra / MP Border) in the State of Maharashtra.	Charbha			35	502.129 x 10.00	0.5021		
	Khadala Gujar			52	101.01 x 10.00	0.1010		
	SubTotal Nagpur Division					0.8584		
	Hardoli	Mohadi		443	88.859 x 10.00	0.0888		
	Dongargaon			1239	32.989 x 10.00	0.0330		
				1236	25.126 x 10.00	0.0251		
	Kharbi	Tumsar		627/2	100.07 x 10.00	0.1001		
	Paraswada (Dewadi)			200	27.6 x 10.00	0.0276		
				199	28.14 x 10.00	0.0281		
	Tudaka			137	21.957 x 10.00	0.0219		
	Shiwani			249	62.885 x 10.00	0.0628		
	Bamhani			371	150.352 x 10.00	0.1503		
				373/1 373/2	165.792 x 10.00	0.1658		
	Dewhada	Mohadi		314	470.114 x 10.00	0.4701		
	SubTotal Bhandara Division					1.1736		
	PatilTola	Tiroda		143	38.3813 x 10.00	0.0384	Zudpi Jungle	
	Ghogara			183	83.6053 x 10.00	0.1836		
				50	20.24 x 10.00	0.0202		
				52	61.13 x 10.00	0.0612		
	Belati Buzurg			234	91.96 x 10.00	0.0920		
	Kawalewada			1682/1	177.706 x 10.00	0.1777		
				1304	71.797 x 10.00	0.0718		
	Paldongari			837	6.4082 x 10.00	0.0064		
				878	7.9862 x 10.00	0.0080		
	Boda			639	4.4 x 10.00	0.0044		
	Sonpuri	Gondia		91	151.5713 x 10	0.1516	Zudpi Jungle	
				221	11.8159 x 10.00	0.0118		
				234	66.9698 x 10.00	0.0669		
				276	83.2553 x 10.00	0.0833		
				289	23.0008 x 10.00	0.0230		
				36	291.9866 x 10.00	0.2920		
				720	46.694 x 10.00	0.0467		
	Nila Gondi							
	Chandani Tola							
	Barbaspora			337	181.08 x 10.00	0.1811		
	Nawargaon Khurd		41	19.739 x 10.00	0.0197			
	Gudama		756	63.24 x 10.00	0.0632			
			754	300.15 x 10.00	0.3002			
	Khursipar	Amgaon		624	21.711 x 10.00	0.0217		
				438	129.719 x 10.00	0.1297		
	Jawari			252	15.045 x 10.00	0.0150		
	Jamkhari			358	30.218 x 10.00	0.0302		
	NangTola			94/2, 94/1	4.005 x 10.00	0.0040		
				95	17.496 x 10.00	0.0175		
	Kumbhartoli		475 PF	117	13.996 x 10.00	0.0140	PF	
	Borkanhar			34	128.832 x 10.00	0.1288	Zudpi Jungle	
				160	13.053 x 10.00	0.0131		
	Anjora		476 PF	284	180.591 x 10.00	0.1806	PF	
	MakkaToal	Salekasa	526	249	274.4499 x 10.00	0.2744		

				PF	247	198.496 x 10.00	0.1985	
					248	427.9933 x 10.00	0.4281	
					257	2.02 x 10.00	0.0020	
		Serpar		--	332	146.516 x 10.00	0.1465	Zudpi Jungle
				--	330	192.9144 x 10.00	0.1929	
				--	295/2	0.4816 x 10.00	0.0005	
		Bijepar		--	98, 98/1	151.1567 x 10.00	0.1511	
				--	193	56.5616 x 10.00	0.0565	
		Bijepar		Salekasa	--	321/1	25.8891 x 10.00	0.0259
			506 PF		595	7.1962 x 10.00	0.0072	
					309	459.0862 x 10.00	0.4591	
		Sub Total Gondia Division					4.4005	
Total Forest Area in ha.							6.4325	

3. The project has been initiated by Mr. Rajendra Narnaware, Chief Manager, (Construction) of M/s. Gail (India) Limited; Nagpur for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying underground Natural Gas Pipeline of Nagpur to Jharsaguda along with Optical Fiber Cable passing through Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia (MH/MP Border) in the State of Maharashtra.

4. Deputy Conservator of Forests have certified that:-

- No suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is lowest minimum.
- The area belongs to Eco Value Class III and having density below 0.1 (Open Forest)
- Total number of 411 trees involved in the project, but transplantation of 411 saplings of Survey no.268 in village Wirshi, Tal. Mauda in Ramtek Range Dist. Nagpur by the Forest Dept. at suitable site on forest land at the cost of User Agency.
- Total number of 831 trees involved in the project.

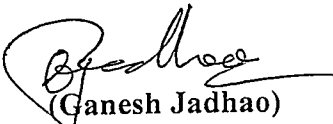
Tree Girth in Cm.							
Division	0-30 cm	31-60 cm	61-90 cm	91-120 cm	121-150 cm	Above 150 cm	Total
Bhandara & Gondiya	465	256	66	22	8	14	831
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- The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.

- The proposed Pipeline is passing in Pinch Point of EVL showing Village Charbha, Kandala and Navargaon in Taluka Mauda is in Wildlife Corridor between Pench Tiger Reserve / Umred Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary and Pinch Point map of Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape.
 - The project area affects the Tiger Corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL) identified by WII, Deharadun near Village Dewhada (Khurd) Tal. Mohadi, Dist. Bhandara
 - The proposed gas pipeline through 11 villages which fall either under NTCA's Corridor map or WII's of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape (EVL) Tiger Corridor Atlas.
 - Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
 - There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
 - The proposed area for the project is beyond 10.0 kms from the boundary of Protected Area, Sanctuary and National Park.
 - Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 13.00 ha. degraded Reserved Forest land at Survey no.271, Range-Lakhandur, Round-Lakhandur, Beat-Antragaon-1, Taluka-Lakhandur. This area is suitable for afforestation and management purpose and also it is free from encroachment.
5. 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.
6. 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:-

“User Agency shall obtain requisite permissions / wildlife clearance, because the proposed pipeline affects the area of EVL Wildlife Corridor and its Pinch Point.”

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


(Ganesh Jadhao)

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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 from applicant for defraying the cost of NPV & CA.
4. Brief note of the project
5. Site Inspection Report.
6. Certificate in Part V.

Copy:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & CWLW, Nagpur
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
3. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-14211/4211/23-24, Dt.06.04.2023.
4. GAIL (India) Limited.
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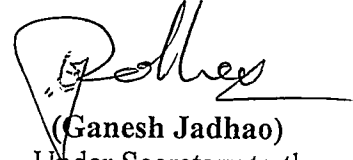
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PART - V

(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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