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Revenue and Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Dated: 18.04.2023

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

Subject: Forest Land-Thane

Diversion of 2.3238 ha. forest land in favour GAIL (India)
Limited for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline in Thane District.
(FP/MH/Pipeline/140171/2021).

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer has submitted proposal for Diversion of 2.3238 ha. forest land in favour GAIL (India) Limited for laying of Natural Gas Pipeline in Thane District.

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

Sr. No.	Item Work Purpose	District	Taluka	Village	Compt. No.	Survey No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status	
1.	Laying of Natural Gas Pipeline from Mumbai to Nagpur	Thane	Shahapur	Hal	54	80	0.3386	Reserved Forest	
					53	112	0.0299	Protected Forest	
2.				Ambarje	163	677	0.1938	Reserved Forest	
					39/6	478	0.0325	Restored Private Forest	
					39/4	484	0.0250		
3.				Khutadi	138	36	0.2267	Reserved Forest	
					85/3	46	0.0122	Restored Private Forest	
					85/2B	47	0.0150		
					85/2A, 85/13	48	0.0776		
4.				Birwadi	656	88	0.4231	Protected Forest	
5.					Shiroli	619	1039		0.6598
						622	1474		0.2085
						619	1020		0.0332
						619/18	619		0.0240
						618/6	1178		0.0239
Total Forest land (in ha.)							2.3238		


3. Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that-

- Forest land required for the project is barest minimum

- Felling of 979 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 forest land is not a part of National Park, Sanctuary or Nature Reserve
 - Proposed land is at distance 1.475 km from Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary and within deemed Eco-Sensitive Zone.
 - Compensatory Afforestation is proposed over 5.00 ha. degraded forest land of Protected Forest land in Survey No. 99, Gut No.156 at Village Shei, Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane and it is suitable for afforestation.
 - Three alternatives have been examined and Alternate-I has been selected.
4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings to defray the cost of Net Present Value and Compensatory Afforestation.
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 conditions:-

a)	Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure the legal status of the proposed land and it attracts the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, before granting working permission.
b)	User Agency shall compensate private land holders as per relevant Acts and Guidelines.
c)	As some Shrubs are present over the land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation, if forest department is unable to plant 1000 trees/ha, remaining plantation shall be carried on degraded forest land. Details of such degraded forest land shall be submitted to the State Government and IRO, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.
d)	User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance / comply with mitigation measures, if required.
e)	Proposed Forest land shall be reclaimed after work.

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
Under Secretary
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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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur
3. APCCF and Nodal Officer, Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/ID-13051(79)/3144/2022-23, Dt.20.02.2023
4. Deputy General Manager, (Const.), GAIL (India) Limited, Noida-201301.
5. Select File (F-10)

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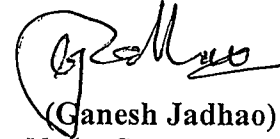
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PART - V

(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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