

Government of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382010

No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/1344/F

To,

Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar,

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

A-407 & A-409, Aranya Bhavan,

CH-3 Circle, Sector-10 A, Gandhinagar-382010.

Subject: Diversion of **9.85 ha.** Protected Forest for the project of widening and strengthening of Valsad-Gundlav-Khergam road Km.2/0 to 16/0 Ta.Valsad District Valsad in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Valsad.

(Online proposal No: FP/GJ/Road/152124/2022)

Sir,

Kindly refer to the proposal submitted by Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Valsad. The details of the proposal are as under.

No.	Description (Village Name)	Length X Width (Mt.)		Total Area (in Ha.)
1	Valsad-Gundlav-Khergam road Ch.2/000 to 6/000 Ta.Valsad District	4000.00	5.125	2.05
2	Valsad-Gundlav-Khergam road Ch. 2/000 to 6/000 Ta.Valsad District	4000.00	5.125	2.05
3	Valsad-Gundlav-Khergam road Ch. 6/000 to 16/000 Ta.Valsad District	10000.00	2.875	2.875
4	Valsad-Gundlav-Khergam road Ch. 6/000 to 16/000 Ta.Valsad District	10000.00	2.875	2.875
Total				9.85

- The area involved has been declared as a Protected Forest vide Government of Gujarat Notification No. GHKH-68/VNM/1073/68147/P, date 15.03.1973.
- This project will ease transportation, will improve productivity and efficiency.
- 700 trees are required to be cut in the demanded area. Girth and Species wise list of trees in enclosed. User agency shall have to transplant maximum number of trees at its own cost under the supervision of concerned DCF.
- There is a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as Certified by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest. 2 FORs have been issued with FOR No.01/2022-23, dated.21.03.2023 & FOR No.01/2023-24, dated 10.04.2023.
- The Project area is 28.00 Km. away from the Vansda National Park.
- User Agency has submitted undertakings to defray the Cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any increase thereof.
- Compensatory Afforestation is proposed at 20.00 ha. degraded forest land at S.No.991 pt, 820, 1176, Village-Kaprada, Ta.Kaprada Dist. Valsad. Scheme of Compensatory Afforestation is enclosed herewith.

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Under Secretary
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9. Site inspection report of the Project area is provided by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
10. User Agency has applied to Collector, Valsad for the compliance under Forest Right Act, 2006. Application is attached.
11. Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forest(Land) and Nodal Officer(FCA), Gujarat State, Gandhinagar has recommended the proposal.
12. Additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No.FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall be bound to comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution. The project authority has submitted undertakings for the same.

In the circumstances explained in the above paragraphs and enclosures, the Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted for the non-forestry use under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 with penal provision mentioned in para 1.21 of FCA Handbook-2019.

Yours Faithfully,

(Prasun Patel)

Under Secretary(Forest)

Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

copy to:-

1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar
2. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Valsad Forest Division, Valsad, Gujarat.
3. Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Valsad.
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PART-V

(To be filled in 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)

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Description	Comments
Recommendation of the State Government : (Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-II or Part-III or Part-IV above should be specified commended upon)	Recommended with penal provision mentioned in para 1.21 of FCA Handbook-2019 (Prasun Patel) Under Secretary Forest & Environment Department

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