


## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items	Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Change of Alignment for laying of HPCL's Uran-Chakan/Shikrapur underground LPG Pipeline 12" dia, alongwith 6" dia optical fiber Cable (OFC) in forest land in Raigad district. Village Dighati, Tal. Panvel.
	Location i) Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii) Range	: Panvel
	iii) Round	: As per area statement.
	iv) S.No.	: 78
2.	Name of the User Agency	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. .
3.	Date of site inspection	: 19/09/2016.
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	: 0.8878 ha. Reserved Forest.
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land	: Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No. 10
	b) Density of the forest	: The density is below 0.4
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined	: Yes.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof	: No.
8.	a. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important form wildlife point of view or not	: No.

- b. Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof. : Not seen.
- c. Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km) : Approximate aerial distance of proposed area is 6 km from Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
- d. Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project. : The proposed project site is not a part of Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary, hence no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary.
- e. Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore : No.
9. Details of vegetation
- a. Total number of trees to be felled: : 24.
- b. Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm: : 17
- c. Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm: : 7
- d. Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area : Nil.
10. Background note on the proposal (short summary) : Project summary attached on Page No. 24 A
11. Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached : No.
12. Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government? : No.

13. Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable) : Nil.  
Status of catchments area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable) : Nil.
14. Utility of the Project : This project is for change in alignment of already sanctioned proposal Uran chakan/Shikrapur project for laying of LPG pipeline alongwith OFC for supply of domestic cooking gas (LPG)
15. Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion : No.
16. Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required) : No.
17. Details of documents and photographs enclosed: : Photographs enclosed on Page No. 25-27
18. Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF) : This project is part of sanctioned project and is of national interest. It is essential for laying of LPG pipeline for supply of domestic cooking gas (LPG). Hence the proposal is being recommended.

  
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