



भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS &
CLIMATE CHANGE

Regional Office (WCZ)
Ground Floor, East Wing
New Secretariat Building
Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001
apccfcentral-ngp-mef@gov.in

F. No. 6-MHC 033/2014-BHO / 1843

Dated: 30th May 2017

To

✓ The Secretary,
Govt. of Maharashtra,
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032

Sub: Diversion of additional area of 0.8878 ha of forest land required for change in the alignment of pipe line (in addition to previously sanctioned area 9.4040 ha) for laying of HPCL's Uran Chakan/ Shikrapur LPG Pipeline along with 6" dia Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Forest land in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-11317/CR-42/F-10 dated 6.02.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA) Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/NC/II/ID. 12343/(53)/162/17-18 dated 18.04.2017 forwarding additional information as sought by the Regional Office vide its letter of even number dated 22.03.2017 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under Section -4 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

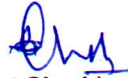
After careful examination of the proposal and on the basis of recommendation of the State Government, the Central Government hereby accords 'in-principle' under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of additional area of 0.8878 ha of forest land required for change in the alignment of pipe line (in addition to previously sanctioned area 9.4040 ha) for laying of HPCL's Uran Chakan/ Shikrapur LPG Pipeline along with 6" dia Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Forest land in Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensator afforestation, over 1.7756 ha degraded forest land, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the cost of User Agency; A consolidated compliance status indicating the area undertaken for CA (18.808 ha) in lieu of diversion of 9.4040 ha of forest land, along with its Differential GPS map shall be submitted before Stage-II approval;
- (iii) Total area identified for compensatory afforestation (18.808 ha + 1.7756 ha = 20.5836 ha) shall be depicted on the Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- (iv) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the plantation as per conditions (ii) stipulated above, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- (v) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard;
- (vi) All the funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA through the e-payment module to the designated account of the State concerned;

- (vii) All other conditions, stipulated in the approval dated 19.11.2015, shall be applicable in the extant case and the User Agency shall ensure their compliance.
- (viii) The total area diverted under current proposal is 10.2918 ha (9.4040 ha + 0.8878 ha). A consolidated compliance report shall be submitted for 10.2918 ha by the User Agency ~~report~~ before Stage-II approval;
- (ix) Grant of working permission to the extant proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 7.01.2015.


After receipt a report on compliance of conditions no. (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) (vi) and undertakings in respect of all other conditions duly countersigned by the competent authority in the State Government, from the State Government, formal approval will be considered in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Director (ROHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.


(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'C'