

Government of Gujarat,  
Forest and Environment Department,  
No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/2338/F  
Block No. 14, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sachivalaya,  
Gandhinagar,Gujarat-382010

To  
Nodal officer **(FCA) & APCCF (Land)**  
Aranya Bhavan,  
Gandhinagar.

**Subject:-** Diversion of **0.5423 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying 66 KV S/C line from existing 220 KV (66 KV) Nanikhakhar SS to existing 66 KV Koday SS with 630 Sq mm (3+1) underground cable in favour of Executive Engineer, GETCO, Anjar.

**(Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/VELEC/150525/2021)**

**Ref: -**(1) Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapter-4(4.2).

(2) MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi File No.FC-11/165/2019-FC, Dt.27.07.2020.

Sir,  
With reference to your letter No.**PCCFO/per/e-file/129/2023/6422/Land**, dated 01.09.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

S. No.	Description	Trench (in Mtr.)	Length ×Width (Meter)	Area in (Ha.)
1	Along Mandvi-Mundra Road Side Protected Forest	1.5	7662.6 * 0.7	0.53638
2	Across Mandvi-Mundra Road Side Protected Forest	1.5	84.54 * 0.7	0.005917
Total				0.5423

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has delegated the power for general approval to the State Governments of various categories like optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines from time to time under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land.

The GoI, MoEF&CC has extended the said general approval to underground laying of CNG/ PNG pipelines along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapter-4(4.2).

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey the State Government's "**in principle**" approval for Diversion of **0.5423 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying 66 KV S/C line from existing 220 KV (66 KV) Nanikhakhar SS to existing 66 KV Koday SS with 630 Sq mm (3+1) underground cable in favour of Executive Engineer, GETCO, Anjar subject to the following conditions:-

- 1 . This permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2 . The Net Present Value (NPV) for the area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency

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Approved By: Mulubhai Hardasbhai Bera(Minister,Minister Office,FEI

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as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA-566 in W.P.(Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated. 18.09.2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regards.

- 3 . All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e.portal.
4. User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the User Agency.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. User agency will have to obtain permission from the Nodal Officer (FCA), for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
7. User agency will have to restore the forest land after use/maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
8. User agency will be liable to compensate any loss to Forests/Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
9. Project area is 66.00 Km. away from the Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.
10. User agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.
11. Electric line will be laid underground in the trench of maximum depth of 1.5 meters and width of 0.7 meters, in between rows of road side plantation.
12. User Agency has obtained the FRA certificate from Collector,Kutch..
13. Additional Conditions as per the Government of Gujarat's Resolution no. FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dt.12.06.2015 shall be complied with.
14. Any other condition, which the State Government or Nodal Officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.
15. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e.portal <https://parivesh.nic.in/>.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition no. (2), (3), (4), (5), (13) & (15) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval shall be issued by this Department.

( B.L.Chaudhari )  
Deputy Secretary  
Forest & Environment Department

**Copy to:-**

1. Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, A-407 & 409, Aranyan Bhavan, CH-3 Circle, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar
2. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Kutch District, Gujarat.
3. Executive Engineer, GETCO, Anjar, Gujarat.
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