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Forest and Environment Department,
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To

Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, A-407 & A-409, Aranya Bhavan, CH-3 Circle, Sector-10,

**Subject:** Diversion of 2.60 ha. Protected forest land of village Bhirandiyara Ta.Bhuj Dist.Kutch for Construction of 66 KV Substation Approach Road and 66 KV overhead Transmission Line in favour of Executive Engineer (Const), Gujrat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd, District-Anjar in Gujarat State.

(Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/Road/156679/2022)

Sir,

Please refer to the proposal submitted by Executive Engineer (Const), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd, District-Anjar. The details of the proposal are as under.

| S. No. | Description                                | Leng    | th×Width (Meter) | Area<br>in<br>(Ha.) |
|--------|--|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | Banni Protected Area (Bhirandiyara), Bhuj. | 70.00   | 70.00            | 0.49                |
| 2      |  |         |                  | 0.725               |
| 3      |  | 1131.94 | 18.00            | 2.0375              |
| Total  |  |         |                  | 2.60                |

- 2. The area involved has been declared as a Protected Forest vide Government of Gujarat Notification No. RR/155/55, date 11.05.1955.
- 3. No trees are required to be cut in the demanded area.
- 4. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as Certified by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
- 5. The Project area is 12.00 Km. away from Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and 11 Km away from Eco Sensitive Zone.
- 6. Project authority has submitted undertakings to defray the Cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any increase thereof.
- 7. Compensatory Afforestation is Proposed at 2.60 ha Non Forest land at Village Tarya, Survey No. 19/pt, Taluka-Mandvi, Dist. Kachchh. Scheme of Compensatory Afforestation is enclosed herewith.
- 8. Site inspection report of the Project area is provided by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
- 9. Project Authority has applied to Collector, Bhuj-Kutch to obtain Certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006. Application is attached herewith.
- 10. Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forest(Land) and Nodal Officer(FCA), Gujarat State, Gandhinagar has recommended to sanction the proposal.



Signature Not Verified
Signed by:B.k.chaudhari
Deputy Secretary
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11. 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.

Yours Faithfully,

(B.L.Chaudhari)
Deputy Secretary
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 Forests, Kutch West Division, Bhuj, Gujarat
- 3. Executive Engineer (Const), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited., 220 kv Anjar Substation Compound, Opp. Kailash Baugh, Anjar-Bhuj Road, Anjar-Kutch, 370110.
- 4. Select File.



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## **PART-V**

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department of 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 :   | Recommended   |
| (Adverse comments made by<br>any officer or authority in Part-II<br>or Part-III or Part-IV above<br>should be specified commended<br>upon) | (B.L.Chaudhari)<br>Deputy Secretary<br>Forest & Environment |

Date:

Place : Gandhinagar

