

Government of Gujarat,  
Forest and Environment Department,  
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Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382010  
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To,  
**Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar,**  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
Karmayogi Bhavan,  
Block-3,F-2 Wing, 5<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Near CH-3 Circle, Sectr-10 A,  
Gandhinagar-382010

**Subject: Diversion of 188.00 ha. forest land for development of port back up facility & railway connectivity development with allied infrastructure at Hazira of Village-Hazira & Suvali of Taluka-Choryasi, District- Surat in Gujarat State.**  
**(Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/IND/5883/2014)**

Sir,

Please refer to the proposal submitted by Adani Hajira Port LTD. The details of the proposal are as under.

Sr. no	District	Taluka	Village	Length (Meter)	Width (Meter)	Total Area (in Ha.)
1	Surat	Choryashi	Shivrampur(Suvali)	As per Annexure - 7		115.00
2	Surat	Choryashi	Hazira			73.00
<b>Total Area (in Hectares)</b>						<b>188.00</b>

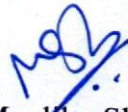
2. The area involved has been declared as a Reserved Forest vide Government of Gujarat Notification No. GVN-2014/(7)/JJM-2014-519-F, Date: 09/07/2014.
3. 24134 trees are required to be cut in the demanded area. Girth and species wise list is attached herewith.
4. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as Certified by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
5. The Project area is 105.00 Km. away from the Vansada National Park.
6. User Agency has submitted undertakings to defray the Cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any increase thereof.
7. Compensatory Afforestation is proposed at 188.00 ha. Non forest land at Antarnesh, Ta.Santalpur, Dist.Patan. A scheme of Compensatory afforestation is attached herewith.
8. Site inspection report of the Project area is provided by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
9. User Agency has Submitted Collector, Surat's Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate.

10. Concerned Deputy conservator of forest and Principle Chief Conservator of Forest(Land) and Nodal Officer(FCA), Gujarat State, Gandhinagar has recommended the proposal with condition as mentioned in Part-II and Part -IV . Therefore, the State Government recommends the present proposal for approval, subject to the following conditions:

- I. For the purpose of mangrove conservation and protection, the User Agency shall provide two speed boats to the Surat Forest Division and shall be responsible for their maintenance for a period of five years.
- II. A part of the area falls in the High Tide line and no activity may be allowed.
- III. An area also forms part of the sandy deposition and will be excluded from any construction etc.
- IV. On the sea ward side no permanent fencing or boundary wall will be constructed.
- V. Necessary CRZ approvals will be obtained by the user agency.
- VI. Money will be deposited by the user agency for Development of Banni Grassland in area equivalent to diversion area (188 ha.) in Consultation with Nodal officer (FCA). User agency's undertaking is attached herewith.
- VII. As per the rules, 30% of the area of the demanded by user agency shall be developed as a green belt.
- VIII. The user agency shall, at its own expense, transplant as many of 24134 obstructing trees as feasible in consultation with the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests. In cases where transplantation is not feasible, the user agency shall plant double the number of trees at locations identified by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests and shall ensure their proper maintenance for a period of five years. An annual report on the actions taken shall be submitted by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests to the Nodal Officer (Land).

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,



(Maulika Shah)

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 Forest, Surat Division, Surat.
3. Adani Hajira Port LTD
4. Select File.

## 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)	The Proposal is Recommended for approval with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. For the purpose of mangrove conservation and protection, the User Agency shall provide two speed boats to the Surat Forest Division and shall be responsible for their maintenance for a period of five years.</li><li>2. A part of the area falls in the High Tide line and no activity may be allowed.</li><li>3. An area also forms part of the sandy deposition and will be excluded from any construction etc.</li><li>4. On the sea ward side no permanent fencing or boundary wall will be constructed.</li><li>5. Necessary CRZ approvals will be obtained by the user agency.</li><li>6. Money will be deposited by the user agency for Development of Banni Grassland in area equivalent</li></ol>

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(Maulika Shah)

Deputy Secretary

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Date :As per E-sign 24 FEB 2026

Place : Gandhinagar