

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Govt. Letter No.982/Section. II/2021

Dated:24.06.2021

From  
The Secretary to Government,  
EFS&T Department,  
A.P.Secretariat,  
Velagapudi,  
Amaravati.

To  
The Inspector General of Forests (Central)  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,  
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,  
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 3.26 ha. of forest land (2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 Kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada- Proposal submitted under section 2 of F(Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15027/4/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:25.05.2021.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 3.26 ha. of forest land (2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 Kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. M/s. ONGC, Kakinada, has certified that the demand for forest land in Matlatippa RF area to an extent of 2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land, hence a total of 3.26 ha for laying of 20" dia Gas export pipeline from Offshore Platform to Mallavaram Onshore Terminal is the minimum requirement for laying of the pipeline. The approach to land from Offshore is only through the Forest Area and no alternative is available for bringing the pipeline from Offshore Platform to Mallavaram Onshore Terminal. The User Agency has furnished undertakings for payment of NPV, CA, Trees extraction charges etc. The District Collector, East Godavari District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/Pipeline/42672/2019 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Conservator of Forests and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

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3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 3.26 ha. of forest land (2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 Kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswari  
for Secretary to Government

**Copy to:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The CGM (Civil), ONGC, Eastern Offshore Asset, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Subhadra Arcade, Bhanugudi Junction, Kakinada-533 003.

## 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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### 18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

(Letter No.982/Section.II/2021, Dated.24.06.2021 for diversion of 3.26 ha. of forest land (2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 Kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada)

**"Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 3.26 ha. of forest land (2.67 ha. of forest land in Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 Kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada."**

  
Signature

Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)

Date: 24.06.2021

Place: AMARAVATI

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,  
Special Secretary to Government  
Environment, Forests, Science  
and Technology Department  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.