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वन, पर्यावरण, एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग

झारखण्ड सरकार,

नेपाल हाउस, राँची - 834002.

**विषय:-In-principle (Stage-I) approval of Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 6.206 ha forest land in favour of Numaligarh Refinery Limited for laying underground Paradip-Numaligarh Crude Oil Pipeline (PNCPL) project in Dumka and Godda district of Jharkhand – reg.**

महशय,

I am directed to refer to you the Jharkhand Govt. letter No. Van Bhumi-28/2025-3941/Va.Pa. dated 19.11.2025 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of decision of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its 88<sup>th</sup> (05.12.2025) meeting, the **“in-principle”** approval of Central Government, is hereby conveyed for of 6.206 ha forest land in favour of Numaligarh Refinery Limited for laying underground Paradip-Numaligarh Crude Oil Pipeline (PNCPL) project in Dumka and Godda district of Jharkhand, subject to the following conditions and stipulations.

- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 14.813 ha. degraded forest land (DFL) (Site-1 – Mauza- Baratarn, Thana/Thana No.- Guhiyajori/02, Plot No. 1, 25, 85 (area:5.35 ha), Site-2 - Mauza- Patharpani, Thana/Thana No.- Guhiyajori/03, Plot No. 407, 384, 430 (area: 3.683 ha.), Site-3 –Mauza - Bansberwa, Thana/Thana No.- Guhiyajori/03, Plot No. 80 (area: 5.78 ha.) under Dumka Forest Division) at the cost of the user agency. It shall be ensured that healthy plants/sapling with adequate height of indigenous species is planted and monoculture, especially of non-native species shall be avoided.

- (3) The cost of compensatory afforestation on the identified CA land (14.813 ha DFL) at the prevailing wage rates as per CA scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the State Forest Department by the project authority. Also, soil testing of the CA site to ensure that indigenous species are selected based on soil conditions for maximum survival shall be done mandatorily. The CA will be maintained for at least 10 years. The scheme may be revised to include additional expenditure for soil testing, larger pits, taller saplings, and improved fencing to ensure successful plantation as well as appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- (4) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 6.206 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry 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, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and letter No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6/1/2022 in this regard.
- (5) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall also be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (6) The user agency shall prepare and implement a Site-specific Wildlife Management Plan (WLMP) under guidance and supervision of forest department to minimize the adverse effect of the project on flora and fauna in the vicinity. Cost of Plan preparation and implementation shall be borne by the project proponent. A copy of duly approved such plan shall be submitted to this office before seeking final approval. All other mitigative measures to ensure unhindered wildlife movement shall be incorporated by user agency in in form of passages/culverts as deemed appropriate by the DFO.
- (7) The user agency shall prepare and implement a Soil-Moisture Conservation Plan under guidance and supervision of forest department to minimize the adverse effect of the project on soils of the area and its hydrology. Cost of Plan preparation and implementation shall be borne by the project proponent. A copy of duly approved such plan shall be submitted to this office before seeking final approval.

- (8) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- (9) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006, including all the relevant certificates from competent authorities/committees, shall be ensured before the issuance of final diversion letter by the State Government.
- (10) The User agency shall upload NOCs of Road/drainage etc before the issuance of final approval.
- (11) **The KML files of the forest area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details and submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval.**
- (12) A Muck-Disposal Plan should be prepared by User Agency to ensure that the muck/wastage generated should be disposed of in proper manner. Such plan, duly approved by the concerned DFO, should be submitted to this office before soliciting working permission.
- (13) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (14) The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
- (15) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake appropriate afforestation or vegetation enrichment measures near the site(s) related to the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- (16) The User Agency shall ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora and fauna.
- (17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- (18) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (19) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- (20) Earth or any other material shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.

- (21) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.
- (22) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (23) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department, or person without prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- (24) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time in force, as applicable to the project.
- (25) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
- (26) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.
- (27) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

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5. The Chief Manager, Numaligarh Refinery Limited, 122A, G.S Road, Christianbasti, Guwahati - 781005.
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