

संघ शासित प्रदेश दादरा एवं नगर हवेली
Administration of Dadra & Nagar
Haveli(U.T.)



मुख्य वन संरक्षक का कार्यालय
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
सिलवामा / Silvassa.

F. No. 7-5/3-FD/654/2374.

Date: 20th September 2023

To,
Vipul Patel,
Dy. Manager (ROU),
Gujarat Gas Limited,
2, Shanti Sadan Society,
Near Parimal Garden,
Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380 006.

Subject: Diversion of 0.3009 Ha of Protected Forest Land for laying of 160/125/90/63 mm dia MDPE pipeline parallel and across to road side strip plantation for Kala Karajgam- Surangi – Saily village and surrounding areas in the U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli .

Sir,

As per the power conferred under Para 4.3 (Critical Development initiatives for public) under Chapter 4 of Handbook of guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued by the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change vide F. No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019, the proposal for Diversion of 0.3009 Ha of Protected Forest Land for laying of 160/125/90/63 mm dia MDPE pipeline parallel and across to road side strip plantation for Kala Karajgam- Surangi – Saily village and surrounding areas in the U.T. of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu by Gujarat Gas Limited was considered and **In-principle approval** is hereby accorded subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged i.e. shall remain Reserved / Protected / Village / other types of forests as the case may be.
- ii. No felling of tree shall be involved in the implementation of the proposal.
- iii. The maximum size of the trench shall not be more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width.
- iv. The pipeline shall be along the road within existing right of way not falling in National parks and Wildlife sanctuaries.
- v. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and the same shall be maintained for 10 years. Only indigenous forest tree species shall be used for such plantation. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the Forest Department, DNH.
- vi. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time.
- vii. Additional amount of 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 be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- viii. The User Agency shall seek permission from Forest Department, DNH for carrying out any maintenance.
- ix. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora / fauna in the surroundings and therefore, shall take all possible measures to the conserve the same.
- x. All the statutory provisions under various Acts, Rule there under and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
- xi. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labour and staff engaged in construction activity do no damage forest flora and fauna.
- xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstance be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.

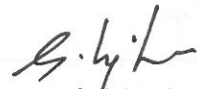
- xiii. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of work.
- xiv. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e.portal (<http://www.parivesh.nic.in>).
- xv. The User Agency shall transfer/deposit **₹ 5,19,667/- (Rupees :Five Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Seven only)** towards Compensatory Afforestation including maintenance for 10 years and **₹ 4,32,294/- (Rupees: Four Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four only)** towards Net Present Value of the land (NPV).
- xvi. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- xvii. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e.portal (<http://www.parivesh.nic.in>).

You are therefore, requested to deposit **₹ 9,51,961/- (Rupees: Nine Lakh Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty One only)** through challan generated online mode in favor of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and copy of proof / evidence may be submitted to this office. The User Agency shall adhere to all the conditions indicated above.

The formal order for diversion of forest land to the User Agency will be issued after above conditions are complied.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority vide dairy No.1083805 dated 15/09/2023.

Yours faithfully



(S. Rajthilak, IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forest, Territorial
Dadra Nagar Haveli