

HPCL's (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited) V.Kota-Dharmapuri Pipeline section (Phase-II) Project.- Proposal for obtaining working permission towards "Re-diversion of 0.33 hectare of forest land in Kurmanipalle R.F,Compt.no.333, Nadimuru Beat, Kuppam Range of Chittoor West Division for laying 16"dia petroleum product pipeline along with OFC in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh State" - Request for permission.

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA.

- 1.) There is no alternative route other than this proposal as this route covers least forest area and nil damage to the trees.
- 2.) The route survey was carried out for two alternate route and it was observed that the possibility of avoiding the forestland is nearly nil. Hence the best route was selected which will pass through the least forestland. (Already diverted forestland).
- 3.) The other alternative involves more forest area to be diverted and technically not feasible involving safety of the pipeline. The terrain is hilly where laying of pipeline poses several construction challenges.
- 4.) There is no alternative path for the same. The pipeline survey after completion provides the minimum forestland passing through Vkota via Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh to Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu.
- 5.) Therefore, the more apt technically and safety in laying the pipeline along with OFC is through the already **diverted forest land**, which has NO impact to flora and fauna since it is passing along with existing ROU of National Highway.



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