

ANNEXURE-9

**JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA
TO BE SUBMITTED BY USER AGENCY AND COUNTERSIGNED BY DCF**

The proposed OF cable is generally laid along the road. In the present case it is to be laid along the road/ state highway (1 – Near Savarkundla To Simaran T Point, Near Mile Stone NH-351 on Savarkundla - Amreli Road of Savarkundla Block & 2 - GETKO Gate To Pithavadi, Near Mile Stone SH-96 on Savarkundla - Pithavadi Road of Savarkundla Block & 3 - Senjal TP To Vanda, Near Mile Stone SH-96 on Savarkundla – Jesar Road of Savarkundla Block) Such road side area is declared as the protected forest of Central government under the forest Conservation Act 1980.

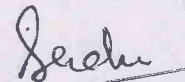
Under this proposal OFC would use approx. 26.400 Km linear forest land (1.188 hectares) area along the road/ state highway (as above mentions 3 route's of Savarkundla block).

The area required for laying OFC is bare minimum which is a part of protected forest land. The cable laying work will be carried out in phased manner in such a way that after the PLB /Protection pipes are laid for OFC and the trench is reinstated, the land in question need not require to be handed over to the.BBNL/ RCIL for its exclusive use. Thus minimum land shall be used during the work.

After the reinstatement of trench, the land area affected may very well be utilized for plantation and development of forest.

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