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No. **14440** /9F (Pipeline) – 390/2022
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **23rd** July' 2024

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 6.1487 ha of forest land for laying of 24"/18" Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Srikakulum (Andhra Pradesh) to Angul (Odisha) passing through 6 (Six) Divisions having Forest land i.e. Dhenkanal (2.314 ha), Athgarh (1.2975 ha), Khordha (0.0728 ha), Nayagarh (0.6266 ha), Ghumsur (S) (1.8357 ha) and Parlakhemundi (0.0021 ha) and through 2 (two) Divisions having non-forest land i.e. Angul and Berhampur by GAIL India Ltd.- Stage-I Compliance regarding

Ref:- (i) GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar Letter issued vide No.5-ORC548/2023-BHU dated 17.02.2023

(ii) Letter No.10F(Cons)07/2023-3628/FE&CC dated 27.02.2023 of Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No.5-ORC548/2023-BHU dated 17.02.2023 for diversion of 6.1487 ha of forest land for laying of 24"/18" Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Srikakulum (Andhra Pradesh) to Angul (Odisha) passing through 6 (Six) Divisions having Forest land i.e. Dhenkanal (2.314 ha), Athgarh (1.2975 ha), Khordha (0.0728 ha), Nayagarh (0.6266 ha), Ghumsur (S) (1.8357 ha) and Parlakhemundi (0.0021 ha) and through 2 (two) Divisions having non-forest land i.e. Angul and Berhampur by GAIL India Ltd. in State of Odisha subject to fulfilment of Nine (9) nos. of conditions in Condition (A), Twenty (20) nos. of conditions in Condition (B) and Five (7) nos. of additional conditions

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imposed by the State Government vide their Letter No.10F(Cons)07/2023-3628/FE&CC dated 27.02.2023 stipulated therein respectively. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar and the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Dhenkanal, Athgarh, Khordha, Nayagarh, Ghumsur (S) and Parlakhemundi and the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle are as follows:-

The details of compliances to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar alongwith the additional condition imposed by the State Govt. have been submitted point wise by the respective DFOs which are enclosed under **Annexure-A Series**.

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department

Condition No. (i):- The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 6.1487 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022, 19.01.2022 & 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.67,22,215/- towards the cost of NPV of the forest land being diverted under this proposal to Odisha State CAMPA Account as per the demand notice received from the DFO, Dhenkanal, Athgarh, Khordha, Nayagarh, Ghumsur (South), Parlakhemundi Forest Division. Regarding proof of deposit of the NPV amount over 6.1487 ha of forest land propose to be diverted under the above forest division, copy of demand letter of the DFOs concerned and deposit particulars made by the UA are enclosed as **Annexure-B Series** as follows:

1. Dhenkanal Division-	Rs.28,42,957.00	UTR dated 23.03.2023
2. Dhenkanal Division (CA)-	Rs.83,44,900.00	
3. Athagarh Division-	Rs.14,49,178.00	
4. Khordha Division-	Rs.69,727.00	
5. Nayagarh Division-	Rs.6,00,145.00	UTR dated 03.04.2023
6. Ghumusur (South) Division-	Rs.17,58,197.00 -	
7. Paralakhemundi Division-	Rs.2,011.00 -	UTR dated 19.05.2023

Total:- Rs.1,50,67,115.00 deposited vide UTR No.as follows

UTR No.SBIN323081627004 dated 23.03.2023 for Rs.1,33,06,907/-

UTR No.SBINR202304034153907 dated 03.04.2023 for Rs.17,58,197/-

UTR No.SBIN223139846017 dated 19.05.2023 for Rs.2011/-

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Condition No. (ii):- *The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1: 50,000 scale.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the land identified for raising of CA over 12.523 ha of degraded forest land in Kapilash Reserve Forest (Kapilash WL Sanctuary) under Sadangi Range of Dhenkanal Forest Division has been depicted on Survey of India Toposheet No.F45T14 in 1:50,000 scale which has been enclosed herewith after due signature of both the UA and DFO, Dhenkanal Division which are enclosed as **Annexure-C Series**.

Condition No. (iii):- *The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned Suite through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that the User Agency i.e. GAIL India Ltd. has deposited an amount of Rs.83,44,900/- only towards approved cost of CA Scheme as per demand letter of the DFO, Dhenkanal Forest Division vide his letter No.2342 dated 04.03.2023. Regarding proof of payment of the cost of CA. The financial approval letter of the CA scheme made by the PCCF (FD&NO) FC, Act, demand letter of the DFO, Dhenkanal Division and the deposit challan etc. made by the UA are enclosed as **Annexure-D Series**.

Condition No. (iv):- *The State Govt. shall ensure that KML file of the CA area should be uploaded on PARIVESH Web Portal before granting Working Permission to the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, the KML file of the proposed CA land against this project has already been uploaded on PARIVESH Web Portal.

Condition No. (v):- *The KML files of the area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that the KML file of the proposed diverted forest area and CA area have already been uploaded on e-Greenwatch portal with all requisite details.

Condition No. (vi):- *All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that the GAIL India Ltd. have already deposited all the Compensatory Levies in State Specific CAMPA account through e-portal as per **Annexure-B Series [which are enclosed in Condition No. A(i)]**. 12 Point CAMPA format showing the details of funds deposited in CAMPA account duly signed by concerned DFOs and countersigned by the Nodal Officer are enclosed under **Annexure-E Series**.

Condition No. (vii):- *The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned to that effect are enclosed as **Annexure-F Series**.

Condition No. (viii):- *The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar Circle have reported that, the FRA certificate against Dhenkanal Forest Division over 2.3140 ha of forest land and against Nayagarh Forest Division over 0.6266 ha of forest land have been issued by the Collector, Dhenkanal and Nayagarh District vide their Memo No.2763 dated 29.02.2024 and No.1964 dated 15.07.2023 which are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series**. Further, the User Agency have furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs, Paralakhemundi, Ghumsur (South), Khrodha and Athgarh Division respectively to that effect which are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series**.

Condition No. (ix):- *The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the boundary of the Forest area proposed to be diverted under the above six (6) No. of Divisions have already been demarcated on the ground by erecting 4" high RCC pillars and conducting the GPS Survey, each boundary pillar inscribed with its Sl. No., GPS co-ordinates and distance from pillar to pillar with photographs of pillars and GPS co-ordinates of each division duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs which are enclosed as **Annexure-H Series. (DP of Vol-II)**

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

Condition No. (i):- *Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged are enclosed as **Annexure-I Series**.

Condition No. (ii):- *Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 12.523 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kapilash RF under Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary area of Sadangi Range of Dhenkanal Forest Division within three years from the date of Stage-11 Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the CA scheme over 12.523 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kapilash RF under Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary area of Sadangi Range in Dhenkanal Forest Division have been approved by the PCCF (FD&NO) FC, Act for Rs.83,44,900/- vide Memo No.4060 dated 02.03.2023. The User Agency has also deposited the above approved amount of CA vide UTR No.SBIN323081627004 dated 18.03.2023 as per demand letter of the DFO, Dhenkanal Division which are enclosed as **Annexure-J Series**.

Condition No. (iii):- *At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that at the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are enclosed as **Annexure-K Series**.

Condition No. (iv):- *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the proposed project does not require Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification, 2006. However, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned to that effect are enclosed as **Annexure-L Series**.

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Condition No. (v):- *The user agency shall stop construction activities i.e. digging the trench and laying of pipeline during movement of wild elephant in the area. The user shall take precautionary measures not to disturb the wildlife, specially wild elephant in the area*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall stop construction activities i.e. digging the trench and laying of pipeline during movement of wild elephant in the area. The user agency shall take precautionary measures not to disturb the wildlife, specially wild elephant in the area are enclosed as **Annexure-M Series.**

Condition No. (vi):- *The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground level and RoU width shall be 10 meter in forest area as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipe line, the ground will be levelled simultaneously.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground level and RoU width shall be 10 meter in forest area as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipe line, the ground will be levelled simultaneously are enclosed as **Annexure-N Series.**

Condition No. (vii):- *The user agency shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost are enclosed as **Annexure-O Series.**

Condition No. (viii):- *The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department are enclosed as **Annexure-P Series.**

Condition No. (ix):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas which are enclosed as **Annexure-Q Series.**

Condition No. (x):- *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work are enclosed as **Annexure-R Series.**

Condition No. (xi):- *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which are enclosed as **Annexure-S Series.**

Condition No. (xii):- *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which are enclosed as **Annexure-T Series.**

Condition No. (xiii):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which are enclosed as **Annexure-U Series.**

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Condition No. (xiv):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which are enclosed as **Annexure-V Series**.

Condition No. (xv):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which are enclosed as **Annexure-W Series**.

Condition No. (xvi):- *The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, shall monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding areas which are enclosed as **Annexure-X Series**.

Condition No. (xvii):- *The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year which are enclosed as **Annexure-Y Series**.

Condition No. (xviii):- *Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs

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concerned that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z Series**.

Condition No. (xix):- *The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z1 Series**.

Condition No. (xx):- *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z2 Series**.

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT VIDE LETTER
NO.FE-DIV-FLD-0009-2023-1298/FE&CC DATED 21.01.2023 (Copy enclosed)**

(i) *The User Agency shall make good the land after use/ maintenance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the User Agency shall make good the land after use/ maintenance which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z3 Series**.

(ii) *Prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFOs/ Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFOs/ Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z4 Series**.

- (iii) *The User agency shall take all measures for protection and conservation of wildlife in the area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the User agency shall take all measures for protection and conservation of wildlife in the area which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z5 Series**.

- (iv) *FRA certificates shall be furnished by the User Agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar Circle have reported that, the FRA certificate against Dhenkanal Forest Division over 2.3140 ha of forest land and against Nayagarh Forest Division over 0.6266 ha of forest land have issued by the Collector, Dhenkanal and Nayagarh District vide their Memo No.2763 dated 29.02.2024 and No.1964 dated 15.07.2023 which are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series**. Further, the User Agency have furnished necessary undertakings to that effect duly countersigned by the DFO, paralakhemundi, Ghumsur (South), Khrodha and Athgarh Division respectively to that effect which are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series**.

- (v) *The User Agency shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that they shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost are enclosed as **Annexure-O Series**.

- (vi) *The User Agency shall pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work and the tree felling should be taken up in phased manner strictly as per requirement under the supervision of the concerned DFOs.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.5,94,318/- vide demand draft

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No.807870 dated 26.06.2023 of the ICICI Bank Andheri (East), Mumbai-400072 for cutting of 166 Nos. of trees in forest area and 229 Nos. of trees in non-forest area as per Memo No.770 dated 08.02.2023 of the GM, OFDC Ltd. Berhampur (C) Zone addressed to the DM, OFDC Ltd. Bhanjanagar (C) Division and the UA has also deposited an amount of Rs.2,50,786/- vide demand draft No.807652 dated 12.05.2023 of the ICICI Bank Andheri (East), Mumbai-400072 for cutting of 200 Nos. of trees in forest area vide Letter No.812 dated 06.05.2023 of the DM, OFDC Ltd. Dhenkanal (C) Division to the GM (Const.) GAIL India Ltd, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahal, NH-5, Bhubaneswar. Further, the User Agency i.e. GAIL India Ltd. has also deposited the cost of felling and removal of 625 Nos. of tree and 429 pieces of bamboo from the diverted are of Dhenkanal Forest Division amounting to Rs.8,37,383/- vide Demand Draft No.807714 dated 25.05.2023 of ICICI Bank, Andheri (East) Mumbai which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z6 Series**.

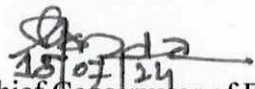
(vii) *The User Agency shall obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from State Pollution Control Board, Odisha.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Circle have reported that, the User Agency has submitted the NoC for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha vide their Letter No.308 dated 06.01.2023 which are enclosed as **Annexure-Z7 Series**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 6.1487 ha of forest land for laying of 24"/18" Natural Gas Pipeline alongwith Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Srikakulum (Andhra Pradesh) to Angul (Odisha) passing through 6 (Six) Nos. Divisions having Forest land i.e. Dhenkanal (2.314 ha), Athgarh (1.2975 ha), Khordha (0.0728 ha), Nayagarh (0.6266 ha), Ghumsur (S) (1.8357 ha) and Parlakhemundi (0.0021 ha) and through 2 (two) Nos. of divisions having non-forest land i.e. Angul and Berhampur by GAIL India Ltd. in State of Odisha under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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Memo No. 14441 /Dt. 23.07.2024

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Department Letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0009-2023-1298/FE&CC dated 21.01.2023.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
Memo No. 14442 /Dt. 23.07.2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul/ Bhubaneswar/ Berhampur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to their (Memo No.1630 dated 04.05.2024 and Memo No.1627 dated 04.05.2024 of Angul Circle), (Memo No.3582 dated 04.10.2023 and Memo No.3585 dated 04.10.2023 of Bhubaneswar Circle) and (Memo No.4843 dated 30.12.2023 and Memo No.1507 dated 30.04.2024 of Berhampur Circle) respectively.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
Memo No. 14443 /Dt. 23.07.2024
Copy forwarded to the DFO, Dhenkanal/Athgarh/Khordha/Nayagarh/Paralakhemundi/ Ghumsur (South) Forest Divisions for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
Memo No. 14444 /Dt. 23.07.2024
Copy forwarded to the Dy. General Manager (Construction), GAIL India Ltd., 610-612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-751032 for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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