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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

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The Additional Chief Secretary to
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C. No. TS3/29849/2021 Dated: 20-07-2026

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 5.5831 Ha of forest area in Gummanur and Thoppur RF (5.5181 Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF) of Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying underground 24 Inches dia Steel Gas pipeline with OFC duct for the KKB MPL gas pipe line in Dharmapuri District – Stage-1 approval accorded by the Government of India – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by GAIL India Limited Tamil Nadu, Chennai 17 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/29849/2021, dated 18.01.2024 and 09.01.2025 and 27.01.2025
- 5 Government letter No. 195/FR.10/2025-1, dated 03.02.2025
- 6 Stage-I in-principle approval issued by the Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO Chennai in letter F. No. 4-TNB138/2024-CHN/304, dated 24.02.2025
- 7 Compliance report received in Parivesh portal

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I furnish herewith the Compliance report on conditions stipulated in Stage I in-Principle approval accorded by Government of India for diversion of 5.5831 Ha of forest area in Gummanur and Thoppur RF (5.5181 Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF) of Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying underground 24 Inches dia Steel Gas pipeline with OFC duct for the KKB MPL gas pipe line in Dharmapuri District in favour of GAIL India Limited Tamil Nadu, Chennai 17 as follows.

Condi- tion	Conditions stipulated by the Government of India	Compliance of conditions/ reply
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i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	The legal status of the diverted forest land remains unchanged.
ii	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cast of the User Agency	The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has reported that demarcation of the diverted forest land with RCC pillars of four feet high for every 20m is erected and completed.
iii	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 5.5831ha from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.876 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Ciril) No.202/1995and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC[Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022	An amount of Rs.53,47,382/- towards NPV amount has been paid to CAMPA account by the user agency on 19-03-2025.
iv	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The user Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The User Agency has furnished necessary Undertaking to this effect.
v	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal	The user agency has transferred the required amounts in the State CAMPA account through e-portal.
vi	The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 5.5831 ha of non-forest land (4.4431 ha in Sy. No. 692/29 and 1.14 ha in Sy.No.692/30 of Kammampatti Village) and 10 ha of DFL area in Kadathur Reserve Forests as per Compensatory Afforestation Scheme including maintenance for a period of 10 years, at the cost of the User Agency;	An amount of Rs.2,28,58,570/- towards Compensatory Afforestation charges have been paid to CAMPA account by the user agency on 19-03-2025. Compensatory afforestation in the selected non-forest area will be carried out after obtaining approval Stage-II final approval and Approval of State CAMPA APO.
vii	The State Forest Department shall also ensure that identified patches of CA land under different proposals may be consolidated while laying fencing and ensure that extent of non-forest land should be received in compliance to the provision of Rule No. 13 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)	The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division reported that, condition will be followed

	Rules,2023:	
viii	Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government	The CA Scheme and CA area will not be changed without the prior approval of Govt. of India.
ix	The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 5.5831 ha of non-forest land (4.4431 ha in Sy. No. 692/29 and 1.14 ha in Sy. No.692/30 of Kammampatti Village) shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1937, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, shall be submitted by the State Government along with the compliance report;	The non-forest land transferred and mutated to Forest Department. Non-forest land has been notified under Section 26 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 by District Collector, Dharmapuri and published in District Gazette Extraordinary publication dated 23.12.2025. Copy furnished in the Compliance report.
x	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal.	The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division reported that, KML file of the diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal on 07-03-2026.
xi	The User Agency shall ensure that after laying of gas pipe line, the muck generated is track filled and the area should be restored to its natural state.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xii	Even though 609 trees of spontaneous origin is marked for felling, the 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	The tree felling was proposed in the diverted area for 609 numbers. however, as per the site condition, 606 trees only felled and 3 trees not felled. There is no need to fell 3 nos of trees, since the pipeline can be laid between the gaps of the trees.
xiii	The State Forest Department shall take up soil moisture conservation measures to prevent soil erosion at the cost of the User Agency;	An amount of Rs.2,37,08,980/- towards soil and moisture conservation measures to prevent soil erosion have been paid to CAMPA account by the user agency on 19-03-2025. Conservation measures will be carried out by the Forest Department after approval.
xiv	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The user agency has given necessary undertaking for the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior

		approval of the Central Government.
xv	The user Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xvi	Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the user Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct near by forest flora & fauna;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xvii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.5831ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xviii	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xix	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xx	The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provision of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xxi	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai 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	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
xxii	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

	Adhiniyam, 1980;	
xxiii	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in);	The Compliance report uploaded by the user agency in the parivesh web portal processed through online in parivesh web portal.

Compliance report has been furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents in the parivesh portal and has been processed and forwarded in parivesh portal.

I request that, Stage - II final approval of Government of India may be obtained for the diversion of 5.5831 Ha of forest area in Gummanur and Thoppur RF (5.5181 Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF) of Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying underground 24 Inches dia Steel Gas pipeline with OFC duct for the KKB MPL gas pipe line in Dharmapuri District in favour of GAIL India Limited Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

Yours faithfully

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act) &
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act.

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Copy to the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri.

Copy to the Deputy General Manager (Const), GAIL India Limited Tamil Nadu

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