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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 26-09-2024

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Subject: Diversion of 12.00 ha Reserved Forest land for development of Hazira Capacity Expansion Project (HCEP/TLU) by in favour of Shell Energy India Pvt. Ltd. At Village- Hazira, Taluka- Choryasi, District- Surat, Gujarat- Reference received from Government of Gujarat-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter No. FED/0084/02/2024 dated 12.02.2024 received from Shri B.L. Chaudhary, Deputy Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar on the above mentioned subject and inform that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 27.08.2024.

In this regard, keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the facts of the proposal and the provisions contained under rule 10(3)(iv) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the Ministry has reviewed the decision taken by the Regional Office and observed that the use of adjoining forest land for expansion of the project in the instant case is unavoidable and therefore the issue of site specificity is justifiable as pleaded by the User Agency and State government. Accordingly, it has been decided that the Regional Office shall consider the proposal and issue Stage-1/ 'In-principle' approval for diversion of 12.00 ha Reserved Forest land for development of Hazira Capacity Expansion Project subject to appropriate general, standard and specific conditions within a month time from the date of communication of the decision."

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(**Suneet Bhardwaj**)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
3. DIGF (Central), Regional Office, Gandhinagar.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency