



Government of Gujarat  
Forests & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1016/8-01/15/S.F-09/F

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**Subject:** Diversion of 0.7927 ha. of Protected Forest land at Villages of Ta.Lakhatar, Wadhvan, Limbdi & Chuda of Surendranagar District for construction of Distributaries & Minors of Limbdi Sub Branch Canal of Surendranagar District in favour of Executive Engineer, Saurashtra Branch Canal Dn. No.4/2, Limbdi.

**Ref.** (1) GOI, MOEF, Bhopal Letter No. 6-GJB07/2016-BHO/540 dated 18.08.2017.

(2) Nodal officer (FCA) Gujarat's note on Single file No. FCA-1016/8-01/15/S.F-09/F dated 20.01.2016

**MEMORANDUM:-**

The GOI, MOEF, Bhopal has given formal approval of Diversion of 0.7927 ha. of Protected Forest land at Villages of Ta.Lakhatar, Wadhvan, Limbdi & Chuda of Surendranagar District for construction of Distributaries & Minors of Limbdi Sub Branch Canal of Surendranagar District in favour of Executive Engineer, Saurashtra Branch Canal Dn. No.4/2, Limbdi vide their letter dated 18.08.2017 referred at Sr. (1) above.

The undersigned is pleased to convey the formal approval of the Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the User Agency has got possession of non-forest land, if any, required for the project.
3. a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by forest department over 2.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No.205/1), Range-Vegalpur, Village-Chalali, Ta.Kalol, Div-Godhra, District Panchmahal) at the cost of the project authority. CA of mixed indigenous species will be raised and monoculture of species should be avoided.

- b) Land identified for CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50,000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between two successive points will be recorded alongwith the GPS readings of Geo coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
4. No damage shall be caused to the flora and fauna of the area.
5. No felling of trees shall be involved in the implementation of the proposal.
6. No labour camp shall be established in Forest Land.
7. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers or staffs engaged in construction activity do not damage forest flora and fauna.
8. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
9. a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.  
b) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
10. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
11. Muck disposal, if required, should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
12. Soil conservation measures, if required, should be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
13. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials to be used for execution of the project work.
15. The User Agency shall provide fuel preferably alternative fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees.
16. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife
17. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

18. The User Agency shall provide water to forestry and allied purposes at the rate fixed by the State Government.
19. Plantation will be carried out by the User Agency along the periphery of tank.
20. There will be no change in the layout plan without prior approval of the Central government.
21. Provisions of all statutory Acts, rules and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly complied with.
22. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.
23. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose if required in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area will be complied by the user agency.
24. The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1<sup>st</sup> July of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
25. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of forest clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year.
26. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The Nodal Officer shall ensure compliance of all above conditions.

(D. T. Vasavada)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Copy to:-

1. Director (RO HQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, AGNI, C-Wing, 3rd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-1 10003.
2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Western Region, "Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan". Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar, Bhopal-462016 (M.P.)
3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block. No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
4. Collector, Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Surendranagar, Gujarat.
5. Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Surendranagar, District, Surendranagar (Gujarat)
6. Executive Engineer, Saurashtra Branch Canal Dn. No.4/2, Second Floor, Taluka Sevasadan, NH-8/A, Limbadi-363421, Gujarat.
7. Select File.

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