

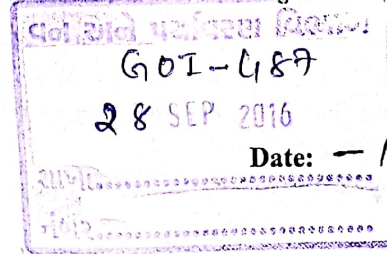


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To,

The Principal Secretary
Government of Gujarat
Forest and Environment Department
14/8, Sardar Bhawan, Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 0.1809 ha Protected Forest land for laying Dahej-Nagothane Ethane pipeline (DNEPL) project in Social Forestry Division Bharuch, Surat, Navsari and Valsad Districts in favour of Reliance Gas Pipeline Ltd. Mumbai.

Ref. 1) This office letter No. 6-GJB062/2015-BHO/1326 dated 07/12/2015.
2) Govt. of Gujarat letter No.FCA-1015/10-12/15/S.F-73/F dated 25/05/2016.
3) Office on Special Duty (Ad-hoc CAMPA) MoEF, New Delhi letter no. 1-12/2013-CAMPA dated 02/05/2016.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No.FCA-1015/10-12/15/S.F-73/F dated 03/11/2015 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed in-principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of conditions No. 4, 5 & 6 stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions of the in-principle approval order.

Therefore the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 diversion of 0.1809 ha Protected Forest land for laying Dahej-Nagothane Ethane pipeline (DNEPL) project in Social Forestry Division Bharuch, Surat, Navsari and Valsad Districts in favour of Reliance Gas Pipeline Ltd. Mumbai subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

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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 the Forest Department over 1.00 ha degraded forest land (Compartment No. 645pt, Village- Patal, Taluka- Mandvi, District- Surat) at the cost of the User Agency. Monoculture of species shall not be raised in Compensatory Afforestation. CA will be of a mix of indigenous species and will be maintained for 07 to 10years.
- 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 felling of trees shall be involved in the implementation of the proposal.
5. 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.
6. Muck disposal, if required, should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
7. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
11. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers or staffs engaged in construction activity do not damage any forest flora and fauna.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.

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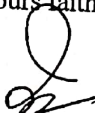
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16. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period lease to be granted in favour of user agency or the project life whichever is less.
17. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment & Forests may impose, if required in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, will be complied by the user agency.
18. All relevant acts and rules made there under and guidelines applicable to the project have to be strictly followed.
19. a) The User Agency shall submit six monthly compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State.
b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.
20. 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 State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,


(B. Abhay Bhaskar)


Dy. Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to: -

1. The Director (RO HQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, AGNI, C-Wing, 3rd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
2. The 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-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Bharuch, District-Bharuch (Gujarat).
4. Reliance Gas pipeline Ltd Building No.-10A, Ground Floor Reliance Corportate, IT Park, Thane Belapur road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai- 400 701.
5. Order File.

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