

Ref: AWEK1L/FCA/33kV/TL/2106/2024

Date - 21.06.2024

To,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3,
Sector 10A, Gandhinagar,
Gujarat.

[Signature]
Dispatch Clerk
Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests
Land,
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

Sub: Diversion of **0.0675 ha.** Protected Forest land for construction 33 kV transmission line project from 33/220 kV pooling substation Ratadiya to Wind Turbine generators installed at Ratadiya, Ugedi and Deshalpar village of Nakhatrana Taluka in favor of Adani Wind Energy Kutchh One Limited in Kachchh district of Gujarat - **Reply to EDS raised by IRO dated 23.01.2023 regarding FRA certificate.**

- Ref:**
1. In-Principal approval from MOEFCC vide reference no. I/5656/2021 dated 06.09.2021.
 2. FRA certificate issued by your office vide reference no. LAND/4/W.S/349/2021 dated 30.10.2021.
 3. Submission of compliance report to Stage 1 Approval vide reference no. AWEK1L/33kV/TL/DCF/SF/4 dated 01.11.2021

Dear Sir,

Adani Wind Energy Kutchh One Limited was granted In-Principal (Stage 1) approval by MOEFCC vide its letter dated 06.09.2021 under reference 1 for diversion of **0.0675 ha.** Roadside Protected Forest land for construction 33 kV transmission line project from 33/220 kV pooling substation Ratadiya to Wind Turbine generators installed at Ratadiya, Ugedi and Deshalpar village of Nakhatrana Taluka. Thereafter, detailed compliance report to conditions mentioned in the In-Principal (Stage 1) approval including FRA certificate issued by District Collector, Kutch for the said project was submitted on 01.11.2021 for processing of Stage 2 approval. Subsequently, EDS were raised by IRO, Gandhinagar on 23.02.2022 & 16.08.2022 and reply to the same was submitted by the Company on 10.03.2022 & 10.10.2022 respectively.

Further, IRO Gandhinagar, vide its letter dated 23.01.2023 raised observation regarding submission of FRA certificate in format as prescribed in FC guidelines for linear projects (Form - 1).

On subject matter, the provision mentioned under Rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued by MOEFCC on 29th November 2023 in respect of "Final approval of the proposal" are reproduce below which inter-alia state that:

"The State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Adhiniyam, and after fulfilment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion, assignment of lease or de-reservation, as the case may be."

Hence, it is humbly requested that FRA compliance is not required at the stage of grant of 'Final' approval and required before issuance of Final order for diversion by State Government, as applicable. However, copy of FRA certificate issued by District Collector, Kutch in respect of the project vide letter dated 30.10.2021 is enclosed as **Annexure** for information pls.

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Since, as per Rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, FRA compliance is not required at the stage of grant of 'Final' approval; it is humbly requested, kindly do needful for processing of compliances for grant the Stage 2 (Final) forest approval under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act-1980 to the project.

Thanking you,

For **Adani Wind Energy Kutchh One Ltd.**

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Authorized Signatory

Encl: (as above)

FORM-I

(for linear projects)

Government of Gujarat
Office of the District Collector, Kutch

No.LAND/4/W.S/349/2021

Dated. 30/10/2021

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that **675 Sq.Meter** (Land details shown in the table belows) of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of **Adani Wind EnergyKutchh OneLtd.** for **Construction of 33 KV Transmission Line** in **Kutch** district falls within jurisdiction **Nakhatrana** tehsils

Sr. NO.	Taluka	Village/Route	Survey No./ Road Name	Total Forest Area Required (Sq.Meter)
1	Nakhatrana	Ratadiya	Road side Protected Forest	354
2	Nakhatrana	Ugedi	Road side Protected Forest	321
Total				675

It is further certified that:

- the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire **675 Sq.meter** of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub- Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed.(NOT APPLICABLE).
- the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have

been completed and the Grama Sabhas have given their consent to it.(NOT APPLICABLE)

- (c) the proposal does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and pre-agricultural communities.


(PRAVEENA D.K.)

COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
KUTCH-BHUJ

TO,

- (1) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Banni Grass Land area, Bhuj-Kachchh.
- (2) Deputy Conservator of Forest, West Division, Bhuj-Kachchh.
- (3) Deputy Conservator of Forest, East Division, Bhuj-Kachchh.
- (4) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Bhuj-Kachchh.
- (5) Authorized Signatory, Adani Wind Energy Kutchh One Ltd, At-Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Nr. Vaisho Devi Circle, S.G. Highway, Khodiya, Ahmedabad-382 421