

**Ref:** ARETNL/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]*  
21/6/24  
Dispatch Clerk,  
Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Land,  
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

**Sub:** Diversion of **0.0324 Ha** Protected Forest land for construction of 33 KV D/C Overhead Transmission Line near Village Ratadiya, Block Nakhatrana, Kutchh in favor of Adani Renewable Energy (TN) Limited – **Reply to EDS raised by IRO, Gandhinagar dated 23.01.2023 regarding FRA Certificate**

- Ref:**
1. FRA certificate vide reference no. LAND/4/W.S/1246/2020 dated 12.03.2021.
  2. In-Principal approval from MOEFCC vide reference no. I/5655/2021 dated 06.09.2021.
  3. Submission of compliance report to Stage 1 Approval vide reference no. ARETNL/33kV/TL/FCA/KSF/04 dated 02.11.2021

Dear Sir,

Adani Renewable Energy (TN) Limited was granted In-Principal (Stage 1) approval by MOEFCC vide its letter dated 06.09.2021 mentioned under reference 2 for diversion of 0.0324 Ha Roadside Protected Forest land for construction of 33 KV D/C Overhead Transmission Line near Village Ratadiya, Block Nakhatrana, Kutch. 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 02.11.2021 for processing of Stage 2 approval. Subsequently, EDS were raised by IRO, Gandhinagar on 23.02.2022 & 17.08.2022 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 12.03.2021 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 Renewable Energy (TN) Limited.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yow.", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Authorized Signatory**

**Encl:** (As above)

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## FORM-I

(for linear projects)

**Government of Gujarat**  
Office of the District Collector, Kutch

No.LAND/4/W.S/1246/2020

Dated. 12/02/2021

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that **324 Sq.Meter** (Land details shown in the table belows) of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of **Adani Renewable Energy (TN) Ltd.** for **Construcation of 33 KV D/C Overhead Transmission Line** in **Kutch** district falls within jurisdiction Nakhatrana tehsils



Sr. NO.	Taluka	Village/Route	Survey No./ Road Name	Total Forest Area Required <u>Sq.Meter</u>
1	Nakhatrana	(Nakhatrana - mata na Madh Road) Near Village Ratadiya	Road side Protected Forest	162
2			Road side Protected Forest	162
Total				324

It is further certified that:

- (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire **324 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).
- (b) 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.



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(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) **Adani Renewable Energy (TN) Ltd, At-Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S G Highway, Khodiya, Ahmedabad-382421**