

Government of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sachivalay
Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382010

No.FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/1888/F

To
Nodal officer (FCA) & APCCF (Land)
Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar.

Subject: Diversion of **0.0034 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying of 4" dia STEEL gas Pipeline connectivity for Sabar Dairy, Taluka- Himmatnagar of District- Sabarkantha in favour of Manager Steel Projects and ROU/ROW, Sabarmati Gas Limited, Gandhinagar.

(Online Proposal No : FP/GJ/Pipeline/155402/2022)

Ref: Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapter-4(4.2).

Sir,

With reference to your letter No**PCCFO/per/e-file/129/2023/4921/Land**, dated 04.07.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.

No.	Description	Trench (M)	Length xWidth (M)		Area (Ha.)
1	Parallel to SH-237 Himmatnagar Talod Road Protected Forest @ch 0 to @ch 61mt.	1.20	61.00	0.4	0.00244
2	Crossing of Himmatnagar Talod Road SH-237 Protected Forest @ch 61 to @ch 85 mt.	1.20	24.00	0.4	0.00096
Total					0.0034

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change ,Government of India, has delegated the power for general approval to the State Governments of various categories of projects like optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines from time to time under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change ,Government of India has extended the said general approval to underground laying of CNG/ PNG pipelines along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapter-4(4.2).

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey the State Government's**"in principle"** approval under Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of **0.0034 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying of 4" dia STEEL gas Pipeline connectivity for Sabar Dairy, Taluka- Himmatnagar of District- Sabarkantha in favour of Manager Steel Projects and ROU/ROW, Sabarmati Gas Limited, Gandhinagar subject to the following conditions:-

1. This permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Net Present Value (NPV) for the area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA-566 in W.P.(Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEFCC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated. 18.09.2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regards.
3. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e.portal.
4. User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFVC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFVC portal by the User Agency.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. User agency shall have to obtain permission from the Nodal Officer (FCA), for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
7. User agency shall have to restore the forest land after use/ maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
8. User agency shall be liable to compensate any loss to Forests/Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the

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user agency.

9. Project area is 140.00 Km. away from the Balaram Ambaji Wild Life Sanctuary.

10. User agency shall seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.

11. Gas pipe line shall be laid underground in the trench of maximum depth of 1.20 meters and width of 0.4 meters, in between rows of road side plantation.

12. User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. FRA shall be uploaded on e.portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>.) before Formal Approval.

13. Additional Conditions as per the Government of Gujarat's Resolution no. FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dt.12.06.2015 shall be complied with.

14. Any other condition, which the State Government or Nodal Officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.

15. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e.portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition no. (2), (3), (4), (5), (12), (13) & (15) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,
(B.L.Chaudhari)
Deputy Secretary (Forest)
Forest & Environment Department

copy to:-

1. Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, A-407 & 409, Aranyan Bhavan, CH-3 Circle, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
2. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Extension Division North, Sabarkantha, Himatnagar.
3. Manager Steel Projects and ROU/ROW, Sabarmati Gas Limited. Plot no.907, Sector-21, Gandhinagar..- 382021
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