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Date: 5.08.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 3.4151 ha of forest land in favour of GAIL India Limited for Construction of underground MS pipeline 700 mm concrete encasing for regular Water Supply Line from MIDC Water Treatment plan, Poynad to GAIL (India) Ltd, User for PDH PP Plant of Tadwagale, Dalvi Khoroshi, Kune and Beloshi villages of Taluka Alibag in Raigad District in the state of Maharashtra- Final approval-regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2023/C.R.-325/F-10 dated 19.01.2024 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-157648/Thane/2023-24/2265 dated 30.10.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, '**in-principle**' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 14.05.2024. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-157648/Thane/983/2025-26 dated 28.07.2025 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's '**final approval**' under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **3.4151 ha** of forest land in favour of GAIL India Limited for Construction of underground MS pipeline 700 mm concrete encasing for regular Water Supply Line from MIDC Water Treatment plan, Poynad to GAIL (India) Ltd, User for PDH PP Plant of Tadwagale, Dalvi Khoroshi, Kune and Beloshi villages of Taluka Alibag in Raigad District in the state of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;**
- iii. **Compensatory Afforestation will be carried over 7.00 ha. on double degraded forest land Compartment No.168 at Village Vadgaon, Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;**
- iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- v. Tree felling shall be carried out in the forest area wherever necessary under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. Tree felling shall be carried out at the cost of the User Agency;
- vi. The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;
- vii. Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;
- viii. After ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and compliance to all such conditions, the State Government shall issue order for diversion;
- ix. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- x. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- xiii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.4151 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;
- xv. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and

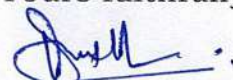


management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

- xvi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.



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