

GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

Forests & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1021/5-67/20/SF-19/F

Dated:- 21 MAY 2021

Subject: Diversion of 0.12 ha. Protected Forest land for laying 125mm dia PE gas pipeline along NH-341 Ashphalt road (Bhuj-Khavda) from MES Colony to Palara Jail in Bhuj Taluka of District Kachchh in favour of Dy. Manager (PR-RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd., Ahmedabad.

- **Ref.** (1) Forest & Environment Department letter No. FCA-1021/5-67/20/SF-19/F, Dt.12.02.2021
 - (2) Nodal officer (FCA) Gujarat's Single File No. FCA-1021/5-67/20/SF-19/F, dt.12.04.2021
 - (3) Handbook of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) Year 2019 in Chapater-4(4.2).

MEMORANDUM:-

This department has given an "in principle" approval for Diversion of **0.12 ha.** Protected Forest land for laying 125mm dia PE gas pipeline along NH-341 Ashphalt road (Bhuj-Khavda) from MES Colony to Palara Jail in Bhuj Taluka of District Kachchh in favour of Dy. Manager (PR-RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd., Ahmedabad, vide letter referred at Sr. No.(1) above.

The Nodal Officer (FCA), Gujarat has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.52,560/- through NEFT/RTGS, dt.12.03.2021 towards the cost of NPV in Adhoc CAMPA, New Delhi by NEFT/RTGS(Challan) & Processing Fees and Registration fee Rs.7,400/- is deposited in 8782 Forest Remittance referred at Sr. No. (2) above.

The undersigned is pleased to convey the formal approval of the Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, 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 forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
- 3. User Agency will have to obtain permission from the Nodal Officer (FCA), for carrying out any maintenance works in future except emergencies.
- 4. User Agency will have to restore the forest land after use/ maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.

- 5. User Agency will be liable to compensate any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
- 6. User agency will seek permission from the Roads & Buildings Department/Science and Technology Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.
- 7. Gas Pipe line will be laid underground in the trench of maximum depth of 2.00 meters and width of 0.4 meters, in between rows of road side plantation.
- 8. Additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No.FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall be bound to comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution. The project authority has submitted undertakings for the same.
- 9. Any other condition, which the Nodal officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

(S. J. Pandit)
Additional Secretary
Forest & Environment Department

Copy to:-

- 1. Director(FC). Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhavwan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003
- Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar, BHOPAL (M.P.)-462016BHOPAL-462016(M.P.)
- 3. Addl. Prin. Chief Conservator of Forests (Land) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's office, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
- 4. Dy. Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, 301, Bahumali Building, 2nd Floor, Near Court, Bhuj, Gujarat.
- 5. Dy. Manager(RoU), Gujarat Gas Ltd, 2, Shanti Sadan Society, Near Parimal Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat.

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