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दिनांक: 30th अक्टूबर, 2024

To

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(प्रस्ताव संख्या: FP/GJ/ROAD/44565/2020)

विषय: Diversion of 0.9816 ha Reserved Forest land for construction of non plan road from 2.404 km to 4.040 km Mumanavasa to Paniyari road Ta. Vadgam, District- Banaskantha in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B (Panchayat) Division, Banaskantha, Gujarat.

Madam/Sir,

This refers to Govt. of Gujarat letter no. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/2069/F dated 21.09.2024 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

The Central Government duly examined the proposal and it has observed that the proposal needs further clarification. Thus, The State Government of Gujarat is requested to submit the following information/ documents:

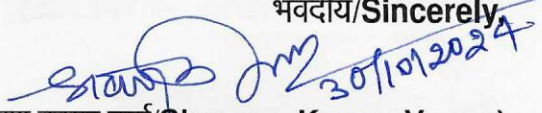
1. In the justification note, the User Agency has not properly mentioned what is the purpose and use of this road. The State Government is requested to submit proper justification for making this new road in the forest area.
2. The land proposed for diversion is already a cart road that is in use. In this regard, the State Government shall clarify whether the road is pre 1980 or post 1980 and is there any violation of VSSA, 1980 in developing this cart road.
3. The User Agency has not examined any alternative alignment instead it has mentioned in the proposal that it is site specific. The State Government is requested to examine the alternative alignments, compare them with respect to requirement of forest area and provide proper reasons for selecting the best alternative.
4. From the KML file it is seen that the proposed road will end at a point where there is no human habitation, houses and village. It is not clear what is the utility of the project. The State Government is requested to clarify for whom this road will be beneficial and what is the utility of the project.
5. Since the land proposed for diversion is within the Balaram Ambaji Wildlife

(Signature)
30/10/2024

Sanctuary, State Government is requested to submit the Wildlife Clearance obtained from the competent authority.

6. In the site inspection report, concerned DCF has recommended for only 0.6544 ha (4 m width road) but in the recommendation by the State Government it is proposed for diversion of 0.9816 ha (6 m width road). According to Indian Road Congress, the width of carriageway **for single lane** road is **3.75 m**. The State Government is requested to clarify regarding the need for 6 m wide road to connect a place where there are no human habitations or villages.

भवदीय/Sincerely


(श्रवण कुमार वर्मा/Shrawan Kumar Verma)

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प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:

1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Banaskantha, Palanpur, Gujarat.
4. The Executive Engineer, R & B (Panchayat) Division, Banaskantha, Gujarat.
5. Guard File/ Order File.