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INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE, GANDHINAGAR



F. No: 6-GJC 048-2020-BHO/

Date: 05/10/2021

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Block No14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 3.0684 ha Protected Forest land for lignite mining on SH-166 Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhanhav road in Magnrol Taluka in favour of Chief General Manager (Mines), Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd in Surat District of Gujarat-reg.

Ref: 1) Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/6-01/20/SF-187/F dated 07/11/2020 and even letter dated 16/06/2021.
2) 11th REC MoM letter No. 6-REC 10/2014-GNR/190 dated 01/09/2021.

Sir,

With reference to the above mention subject and letter under reference, undersigned is directed to inform you that it is observed that proposal needs further clarification. In this connection, undersigned is directed to request you to submit following information/ documents :

1. The CA land over 3.0684 ha is proposed and this area is already planted by the user agency and there is no scope to plant more than 100 saplings/ha, yet DFO issued suitability certificate, this needs to be re-looked. There is a transmission line passing through the proposed Non Forest Land of CA.
2. In initial approval for EC of mining in 2003, capacity was shown 4.2 MTPA and no forest area was shown, now it includes forest area as well as increased capacity of 7.4 MTPA. Whether EC for these revised parameters is taken or not, shall be clarified.
3. Whether there was any "Forest area" in the original lease deed done on 24/04/2006 over an area of 1209.8340 ha shall be clarified.
4. At present total forest area in the Mining plan is 4.8 ha but proposal is for only 3.0684 ha leaving a small area needs to be justified.
5. Whether shifting of SH-166 for mining underneath, it will involve any forest land or the road will be shifted to non-forest area is also not mentioned needs to be clarified.
6. As per the land use provided in the Mining Plan (post closure) entire forest area of 4.80 ha has been proposed as green belt while the IRO has mentioned that the area is required for mining shall be clarified.
7. Safety zone proposal is not mentioned shall be clarified.

Yours faithfully

(Hare Ram Kumar)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

Copy to :-

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Arayan Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. The Chief General Manager (Mines), Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd, Surat, Gujarat.

Signed by Hare Ram Kumar

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Reason: Approved