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**AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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No: 6-GJC050/2020-BHO

Date : 28/12/2020

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)  
 Govt. of Gujarat,  
 Block No14, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Sachivalaya,  
 Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub : Re-diversion of 9.90 ha Protected/ Reserve Forest land for construction of Ambaji bypass (Km. 2/950 to Km. 5/150) on Himmatnagar-Kheroj-Ambaji-Aburaod SH-9 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State) Palanpur in Banaskantha District of Gujarat.

Ref: 1. 41<sup>st</sup> REC MoM letter No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/Part-II/010 dated 01/01/2020 (copy enclosed).  
 2. Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/7-22/20/SF-199/F dated 12/11/2020.

Sir,

With reference to the above mention subject and letter under reference, undersigned is directed to inform you that after examination of the proposal it is observed that the proposed area is part of 171.43 ha of mining proposal and that proposal was approved by MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter No. 8-108/1993-FC dated 24/02/2009.

The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of REC dated 24/12/2019 decided that the 171.43 ha of GMDC project was approved from MoEF&CC, New Delhi. Thus the 9.90 ha re-diversion proposal shall be submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval.

Encl : As above.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)  
 Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

- 1) The APCCF and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 2) The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Banaskantha Forest Division, Palanpur, Gujarat.
- 3) The Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Joravar Palace, Palanpur, Banaskantha, Gujarat.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)  
 Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.



41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal  
Dt. 24/12/2019

File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/ 6/0

Dated: 01-01-2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Bibhash Kumar Thakur, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Shri H. D. Vala, Member, REC
3. Shri Ravi Datta Kamboj, Member, REC
4. Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Member, REC
5. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

The following Special invitees were present:

1. Shri Sunil Agrawal, APCCF (LM)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri Jaipal Singh, APCCF (L)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Gujarat

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The following proposals were placed in the REC meeting for discussion:

State: Madhya Pradesh

Agenda No. 1

Proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh (6-MPC018/2019-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The item-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion.

No.	Purpose wise breakup	Forest Division	Village	Survey No.	Area (Ha)
1.	Construction of new coal transportation road	Singrouli	Medhauli	RF-273 RF-274	1.673 5.775
TOTAL					7.448 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2019 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent-00 & Temporary- 400 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis is submitted.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.2 to 0.8 and 1,151 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 906 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details is submitted.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis not submitted.
- 9) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 is not submitted.
- 10) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is submitted and no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.

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However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

- 1) The correct KML file of CA on non-forest land i.e. 23.40 ha shall be uploaded on e.portal.
- 2) As CA land shows the agriculture, a certificate for the district authority make land free from encroachment and handed over to the forest department. Handing over documents shall be submitted.
- 3) The CA scheme of Model No 3 with 1111/ ha on non-forest land is submitted which is not in accordance to the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019. Thus, site specific CA scheme as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and shall also include following points:
  - i. Saplings to be planted (minimum standard height and minimum collar girth species wise).
  - ii. Soil & moisture conservation.
  - iii. Regeneration cleaning.
  - iv. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
  - v. Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
  - vi. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
  - vii. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
  - viii. The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.

#### Agenda 8.

✓ Proposal for diversion of 23.178 ha (13.278 ha RF + 9.90 ha Re-diversion) Section-4 & Reserved Forest land for construction of Ambaji bypass road Km. 0/00 to Km. 51/150 on Himmatnagar-Kheroj-Ambaji-Abu road SH-9 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State) in Banaskantha District of Gujarat (6-GJC054/2019-BHO).

#### General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Section-4 & Reserved Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The purpose-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion:

No	Purpose wise breakup	Village	Survey No.	Re-diversion of GMDC lease area (ha)	Sanctuary & Forest area (ha)	Area (Ha)	Remarks
1.	Construction of Ambaji bypass road Km. 0/00 to Km. 51/150 on Himmatnagar - Kheroj-Ambaji-Abu road SH-9	Ambaji	2 pt	9.90	-	-	Re diversion of GMDC lease area.
		Zariyav	57 pt	-	-	11.370	Forest area
		Kumbhariya	159 pt	-	0.198	0.198	Sanctuary &
		Chikhala	88 pt	-	1.71	1.71	Forest area.
Total (A) + (B)				(A) 9.90	1.908	(B) 13.278	
				23.178 Ha			

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 8500 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent- 150 & Temporary- 25 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis has been submitted.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.1 and 885 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 336 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative have been given on a map & comparative analysis not submitted.
- 9) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.
- 10) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and proposed project is 0.015 km away from the Balaram-Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary.

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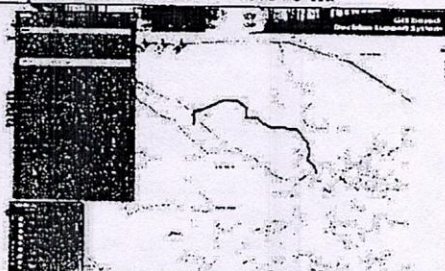

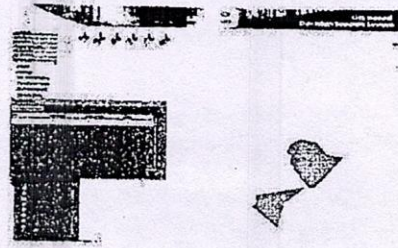
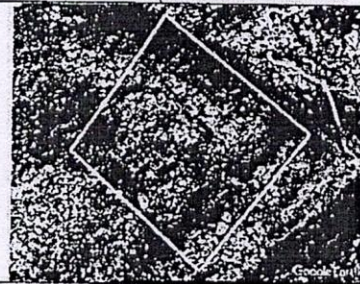


- 11) A 1.908 ha land in Balaram-Ambaji Sanctuary for construction of Ambaji Bye Pass Road Km 0/0 to 4/256 (Length 4.526 km width 45 mtr around Ambaji Township has recommended by Chief Wildlife Warden is submitted.
- 12) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 13) Environmental Clearance is not required under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for this project.
- 14) Displacement of people is and rehabilitation plan is not applicable.
- 15) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.
- 16) As per GMDC letter dated 15/06/2018 has mentioned that metal mining lease over an area of 184.9840 ha at Village-Ambaji & Jarivav of Banaskantha District is holding and GMDC has no objection, if Road & Building department, after considering the technical, economical & social aspects divert the proposed bye-pass as per alignment shown in enclosed plan.

#### Documents Submitted:

- 1) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 is submitted.
- 2) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is available.
- 3) CA is proposed over 13.278 ha non-forest land (Survey No. 21 pt, Village- Virpur(Lotal), Taluka- Danta. District- Banaskantha. The land is found suitable for raising plantation, map of CA and CA scheme is for 10 years is submitted.

#### DSS Analysis:

Proposed diversion = 23.178 ha	DSS area= 23.137 ha
	
DSS Image	Google earth Image
Proposed CA land = 13.2780 ha (NFL)	DSS area= 13.298 ha (MDF= 1ha & OF = 4 ha)
	
DSS Image	Google earth Image

#### Observations of Regional Office:

- a. The proposal is in two parts i.e 13.278 ha RF for diversion and 9.90 ha re-diversion
- b. The 9.90 ha re-diversion, the a chunk of forest land was given to GMDC for mining and out of which for 9.90 ha forest land GMDC had given NOC to R&B Department, Govt. of Gujarat for road construction.
- c. The status of the forest clearance give to GMDC is not submitted.

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- d. There is standard condition in all the cases "The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government". Thus required changes needs to approved form the Govt. of India.
- e. The proposal attracts Para 1.2 (iv) of FCA Handbook 2019: Violation on account of change of land use in the approved mining plan.
- f. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative have been given on a map & comparative analysis not submitted/ uploaded.
- g. The CWLW letter dt. 30/03/2016 is for 1.908 ha out of 23.178 ha, however, detailed break out the project in the Protected area, eco-sensitive zone area and outside protected area long with detailed CWLW comments for eco-sensitive zone shall be submitted.
- h. The CA scheme of Model No 3 with 1111/ ha on non-forest land is submitted which is not in accordance to the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019. Thus, site specific CA scheme as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 is required.

**Recommendations of REC:**

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also saw the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

Accordingly, REC *defers* the proposal for diversion for 23.178 ha (13.278 ha RF + 9.90 ha Re-diversion) Section-4 & Reserved Forest land for construction of Ambaji bypass road Km. 0/00 to Km. 51/150 on Himmatnagar- Kheroj-Ambaji-Abu road SH-9 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State) in Banaskantha District of Gujarat for want of following informations:

1. The proposal is in two parts i.e 13.278 ha RF for diversion and 9.90 ha re-diversion, thus the status of the forest clearance given to GMDC and copy of Stage-II approval shall be submitted.
2. The CWLW letter dt. 30/03/2016 is for 1.908 ha out of 23.178 ha, however, detailed break up of the project in the protected area, eco-sensitive zone area and outside protected area long with detailed CWLW comments for eco-sensitive zone shall be submitted.
3. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative have been given on a map & comparative analysis shall be submitted/ uploaded.
4. The CA scheme of Model No 3 with 1111/ ha on non-forest land is submitted which is not in accordance to the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019. Thus, site specific CA scheme as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and shall also include following points:
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  - iii. Regeneration cleaning.
  - iv. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
  - v. Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
  - vi. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
  - vii. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
  - viii. The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.
5. The proposal attracts Para 5.6 (b) "In case the re-diversion of a forest land becomes necessary for another purpose by another user agency a fresh proposal for prior approval under FCA has to be sent to GOI". Thus, the separate proposal 13.278 ha RF for diversion and 9.90 ha re-diversion shall be submitted for consideration.
6. As the GMDC project was approved form the MoEFCC, New Delhi, thus the 9.90 ha re-diversion proposal shall be submitted to MoEFCC for approval.

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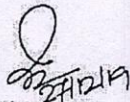
Accordingly, REC *in-principle* approves the proposal for diversion for 24.695 ha Reserved forest land for laying of 400 KV Double Circuit Vindhyaachal/Sasan-Rewa Transmission line for THDC Coal Mines in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh for Stage-I approval on standard terms and condition

However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

1. The CA is proposed over two patches (1) 60 ha at PF 776 effective CA area 40 ha and (2) 32 ha at PF 777 totalling to effective CA area  $40 + 32 = 72$  ha. As per DSS analysis, the CA shows 24 ha MDF out of 60 ha and 4 ha MDFO out of 32 ha. However, the 60 ha at PF 776 is not acceptable and revised CA patch of 40 ha on degraded forest land ( $CD > 0.4$ ) shall be submitted & uploaded on e.portal.
2. The revised CA scheme for selected patch as per Sl. No. (1) shall be submitted & uploaded on e.porta.

Approved via email  
dt 29/12/2019

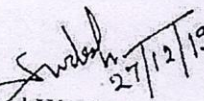
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Member, REC



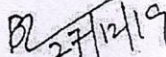
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