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दिनांक:15th नवंबर, 2023

To

अपर मुख्य सचिव (वन)/The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) गुजरात सरकार/Govt. of Gujarat ब्लॉक नं. 14, आठवां तल, न्यू सचिवालय Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya गांधीनगर, गुजरात/Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(Online Proposal No. FP/GJ/SubStation/150363/2021)

Sub: Diversion of 2.60 ha Protected Forest land of Village- Bhirandiyara, Ta.-Bhuj, District- Kutch for construction of 66 KV Substation Approach Road and 66 KV overhead transmission line in favour of Executive Engineer (Const.), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd, District- Anjar in Gujarat.

Sir,

This refers to letter No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/2497/F dated19.10.2023 of the State Govt. of Gujarat on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The detailed examination of the proposal has revealed that:

- State Government in its forwarding letter submitted the Compensatory Afforestation will be carried out on 2.60 ha non-forest land, but no details for Compensatory Afforestation is submitted on Parivesh Portal i.e. the CA scheme, CA site suitability certificate, maps and KML file for CA are not provided.
- 2. Justification for locating the project in forest land submitted with the proposal is not clearly stated that the forest land is unavoidable for the purpose. Details of alternative alignment and comparative statement is not provided. Thus, State Government is requested to submit the proper justification for selection of the forest land for the purpose, map showing boundary of the forest land and alternative alignment examined for the purpose along with the detailed comparative statement.
- 3. In online Part-II, diversion area is mentioned as 0.49 ha in place of 2.60 ha. This shall be clarified.

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Accordingly, it is requested to furnish/upload the above-mentioned information for further consideration of the proposal.

भवदीय/Sincerely,

(श्रविण कुमार वर्मा/Shrawan Kumar Verma) क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी/ Regional Officer (RO) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, गांधीनगर/

Regional Office (IRO), Gandhinagar

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kutch Forest Circle, Bhuj, Gujarat.

3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Division Banni Grassland Division, Bhuj, Gujarat.

4. The Executive Engineer (Const.), Construction Division, GETCO, Anjar-Kutch, Gujarat.

5. Guard File/ Order File.