



## GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

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To,

**Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar,**

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

A-407 & A-409, Aranya Bhavan,

CH-3 Circle, Sectr-10 A,

Gandhinagar-382010

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

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJC048/2020-BHO/ dated 05.10.2021 on the subject cited above and the required information are furnished as under:

Sr.	Query	Reply
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/per ha., yet DFO issued suitability certificate, this need to be re-looked. There is a transmission line passing through the proposed Non-Forest Land of CA.	It is proposed to take up additional plantation in 3.00 ha. area in degraded forest area at Village-Godhara, Compartment no. 108 pt., Taluka-Mangrol, District-Surat. A CA scheme for the above additional proposed area and KML file has already been submitted to IRO, Gandhinagar vide this office letter no. FCA/31/A/273, Dt.30/08/2021. A copy of letter is attached herewith. The same was also noted in the REC meeting. As the User Agency is providing non-forest land for CA, which is already having good vegetation density, the same should be

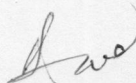
		<p>considered.</p> <p>It is to clearly that the Transmission line is not passing through the proposed non-forest land identified for CA. A safe distance has been kept between the transmission line and the proposed non-forest land for CA.</p>
2	<p>In initial approval for EC of mining in 2003, capacity was shown 4.2 MTPA and no forest area 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.</p>	<p>As per the EC approval letter of Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine for 4.20 MTPA, dated 21/07/2003, no forest land was involved. Later on during the proposal for diversion/shifting of part of the State Highway no. 166 (Kosamba-Vankal measuring about 2.0 Km.) between Mosali Chokri and Ukai-Kakarapar Main canal, beside the Narrow Gauge Kosamba-Zankhvav Railway line, for using the part of the existing SH-166 road land for extracting Lignite, it came to notice that both sides of this part of the road &amp; declared as protected forest &amp; is also involved in the project.</p> <p>Accordingly, we incorporated the 4.48 ha. of Road area including the PF on the ROW in the Pre-Mining and Present land use of Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan for 7.4 MTPA and 5.40 MTPA, during the submission to Ministry of Coal for the approval of revised mining plan and mine closure plan and subsequently 5.40 Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan approved by the Ministry of Coal vide F. No. MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated 28/09/2020</p> <p>The user agency has applied for the EC for the revised capacity of 5.40 MTPA and the same is awaited.</p>



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.	As per the original lease deed done on 24/04/2006 over an area of 1209.8340 ha., no forest land was involved.
4	At present total forest area in the Mining Plan is 4.8 ha. but proposal is for 3.0684 ha. leaving a small area needs to be justified.	<p>During the proposal for diversion/ shifting of part of the State Highway no. 166 (Kosamba-Vankal measuring about 2.0 Km.) between Mosali Chokri and Ukai-Kakarapar Main canal beside the Narrow Gauge Kosamba-Zankhvav Railway line, for using the part of the existing SH-166 road land for extracting Lignite, it came to notice that both sides of this part of the road, an area covering tentatively about 4.48 ha. of protected forest land belong to Social Forestry Division, Surat.</p> <p>Accordingly, the user agency incorporated the 4.48 ha. of protected forest land in the Pre-Mining and present land use of Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan for 7.4 MTPA and 5.40 MTPA, during the submission to Ministry of Coal for the approval of revised mining plan and mine closure plan and subsequently 5.40 Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan approved by the Ministry of Coal vide F. no. MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated 28/09/2020</p> <p>But during the proposal for diversion of 4.48 ha. Protected Forest land for lignite mining on SH-166, Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhanhav road in Mangrol Taluka, District-Surat, Joint survey has been carried out by RFO, Mangrol, DCF, SF Surat and GIPCL officials with the help of DGPS and the final measured area</p>

		was 3.0684 ha. Accordingly GIPCL had applied for the diversion of 3.0684 ha. protected forest land.
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 need to be clarified.	The diversion of the SH-166 road for mining underneath will be diverted to Non-Forest area and no forest area is involved.
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.	After the diversion of SH-166, lignite will be excavated in this 3.0684 ha. area in continuation of other area of the road. After that whole area will be reclaimed as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Coal and MoEF & CC. Hence, as per the post land use mentioned in the approve Mining Plan, complete area including the existing area covering tentatively about 3.0684 ha. of protected forest land, will be reclaimed.
7	Safety Zone proposal is not mentioned shall be clarified.	The user agency have kept about 50.00 mtr. as safety zone all along the mining lease boundary and green belt plantation shall be developed as per the requirement of approved Mining Plan (including Mine and Closure Plan) of Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine and Environment Clearance granted for Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine.

Yours faithfully,

  
( S.J. Pandit )

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department.

Encl. As above.

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