



Government of Gujarat
Forest & Environment Department

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No. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/2497/F Section

To,

Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

A-407 & 409, Aranyan Bhavan,

CH-3 Circle, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.

Subject: 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

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter no. FP/GJ/SubStation/150363/2021, Dt05/02/2025 on the above mentioned subject. A required detail is as below.

Sr. No.	Query	Answer
1	The justification provided for selection of forest land for this project is not convincing and further the details requested in the query such as details of alternative alignment examined, KML file/ map showing boundary of the forest land. KML file/map showing the alternative alignment examined and detailed comparative statement of forest area required under each alternative are not Submitted. Thus, the State Government is once again requested to submit the above details properly along with the remarks/comments of the concerned DFO and the Nodal Officer for further processing of the proposal	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Banni grassland Division- Bhuj vide their letter Dt.20.03.2025 submitted that due to the prevailing site conditions and the technical requirements of the project, no alternative site is found suitable. Therefore, keeping the said area in view, the proposal is recommended for favourable consideration and approval.

Yours Faithfully,

(Maulika Shah)

Signature Not Verified

Signed by : Smt Maulika S Shan
Deputy Secretary
Forest and Environment
Department
Date : 2026.07.06 13:49:04 IST

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Deputy Secretary
Forest & Environment
Department

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No. FCA/29-B/A/210-12/2026-27

Office of the,
Principle Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3,
Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar, Dt. 30/06/2026

To,
Principal Secretary
Forest & Environment, Department
Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.

Subject:- Diversion of 2.60 ha. of Protected Forest land of village Bhirandiyara Ta. Bhuj Dist. Kutch for Construction of 66 KV Substation Approach road and 66 KV overhead Transmission line in Favor of Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Ltd. (GETCO) Anjar in Gujarat State. (Online Proposal no. FP/GJ/Substation/150363/2021)

Ref. (1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Regional Office Gandhinagar's letter dtd. 05/02/2025 (Online received on dt. 17/06/2026)
(2) Conservator of Forest Kutch letter dtd. 20/03/2025

"With reference to the subject and reference letter mentioned above, it is to state that the Regional Office of the Government of India, Gandhinagar, had requested necessary clarifications and reports from the user agency regarding the shortcomings pointed out in the said proposal. In this regard, the Conservator of Forests, Kachchh Circle, via reference letter (2), has forwarded the necessary clarifications and report to this office. After careful verification of the location and the specific land area requested by the user agency, it is submitted that due to the prevailing site conditions and the technical requirements of the project, no alternative site is found suitable. Therefore, keeping the said area in view, the proposal is recommended for favourable consideration and approval."

Encl: As above.


(Dr. Jaipal Singh)
Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests
Land
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

Copy to: Conservator of Forest, Kutch / Deputy Conservator of Forest, Banni Grassland for information.



No: A/JMN/Te.-2/869-70 /2024-25
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Banni Grassland Division,
Arihant Nagar Road, Bhuj.
Date: 20/03/2025

To,
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Land
Gujarat State- Gandhinagar.

Sub: Diversion of 2.60 Ha Protected forest land of village: Bhirandiyara Ta: Bhuj, Dist. Kutch for construction of 66 KV Substation, Approach Road and 66 KV Overhead Transmission line in favor of Executive Engineer (Const.), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited (GETCO), District-Kutch.
(Proposal No. FP/GJ/Substation/150363/2021) - Compliance Submission regarding justification for locating the project in forest land therefore.

Ref: (1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Regional Office Gandhinagar's letter dtd. 05/02/2025.
(2) Executive Engineer(Construction), GETCO-Anjar Letter No:- 24-25/DN/ANJ/PRJ/FC-12/555 Dt. 20/03/2025.

Respected Sir,.....

In connection to the above subject it is to inform you that this office has asked the clarification/Compliances from the user agency for the subject proposal against query raised by Government of India Regional office Gandhinagar reference letter-(1) for the diversion of forest land under Indian Forest Conservation Act - 1980, with above letter under reference-(2), Executive Engineer(Construction), GETCO - Anjar has submitted the clarification to this office. Same is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.

It is further to be state that, after verifying the area demanded it appears that no other option is suitable as per site situation, other than this demanded area as per the requirement of the user agency, so it is positively recommended to approve the proposal. This is for your information please.

Enclosure: As above.

(B.M. Patel)
Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Banni Grassland Division-Bhuj.

✓ Copy forwarded with compliments: Chief Conservator of Forest, Kutch Forest Circle, Bhuj.



Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited
Construction Division office, 220 KV Anjar Substation Compound,
Opp.Kallash Baugh, Anjar-Bhuj Road, Anjar - Kutch, 370110,
E-Mail: eeconstanjar.getco@gmail.com
Corporate Identity No: -U40100GJ1999SGC036018



No. 24-25/DN/ANJ/PRJ/FC-12/555

Date : 20.03.2025

To,
Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Banni Grasslands Division,
Arihant Nagar Road, Bhuj.

Sub: - Diversion of 2.60 Ha Protected forest land of village: Bhirandiyara Ta: Bhuj, Dist. Kutch for construction of 66 KV Substation, Approach Road and 66 KV Overhead Transmission line in favor of Executive Engineer (Const.), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited (GETCO), District-Kutch. (FCA proposal No. FP/GJ/Substation/150363/2021) - Compliance Submission regarding justification for locating the project in forest land therefore.

Ref: - Your Office Letter No: B/JMN/Te-2/3017/2024-25 Dt. 12.03.2025 (Received at this office on 15.03.2025)

Respected Sir,

Anent to the above subject it is to inform you that by Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited has demanded diversification of 2.6 Ha forest land for 66kV Bhirandiyara substation and its connected transmission line work.

According to above, M/s GETCO has applied for Diversion of 2.60 Ha Protected forest land of village: Bhirandiyara Ta: Bhuj, Dist. Kutch for construction of 66 KV Substation, Approach Road and 66 KV Overhead Transmission line.

With reference to your letter under ref.01 Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change Regional office, Gandhinagar, has asked for the Justification for locating the project in Forest Land.

With due regards, details are attached herewith, this is for your information and further needful actions from your end please.

Looking forward to your kind and cordial cooperation.

Executive Engineer (Construction),
Construction Division Office,
GETCO - Anjar.

Enclosure: Documents regarding the proposal justification for location the project in Forest land.

Copy sent to: -

- 1) The Executive Engineer(Civil), Circle office, GETCO - Anjar,
- 2) The Deputy Engineer(Const), Construction Sub Division, GETCO - Bhuj.
- 3) The Deputy Engineer (Civil), Civil Sub Division, GETCO - Bhuj.



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CHANGE

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, गांधीनगर / Regional Office, Gandhinagar



ए 407, 409 "अरण्य भवन", सीएच-3 सकल के पास, सेक्टर-10 ए, गांधीनगर-382010/ A-407 & A-409,
"ARANYA BHAWAN" Near CH-3 Circle, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar-382010
Tel No: +9179-23255067 Email: iro.gandhinagr-mefcc@gov.in

दिनांक: 05th फरवरी, 2025

To

अपर मुख्य सचिव (वन)/The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)

गुजरात सरकार/Govt. of Gujarat

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(प्रस्ताव संख्या: FP/GJ/SubStation/150363/2021)

विषय: Diversion of 2.60 ha Protected Forest land of Village- Bhirandiyara, Ta.- Bhuji, 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.

Madam/Sir,

This refers to Govt. of Gujarat letter no. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2024/2497/F 19.10.2023 and letter of even no. dated 22.01.2025 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. The justification provided for selection of forest land for this project is not convincing and further the details requested in the query such as details of alternative alignment examined, KML file/ map showing boundary of the forest land, KML file/map showing the alternative alignment examined and detailed comparative statement of forest area required under each alternative are not submitted. Thus, the State Government is once again requested to submit the above details properly along with the remarks/comments of the concerned DFO and the Nodal Officer for further processing of the proposal

भवदीय/Sincerely,

(श्रवण कुमार वर्मा/Shrawan Kumar Verma)
क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी/Regional Officer (RO)

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, गांधीनगर/Regional Office, Gandhinagar.

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, Forest Division Banni Grassland Division, Bhuj, Gujarat.
4. The Executive Engineer (Const.), Construction Division, GETCO, Anjar-Kutch, Gujarat.
5. Guard File/ Order File.