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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 Mangrol 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 02.05.2022 on the subject cited above and the required information are furnished as under:

Sr.	Query	Compliance
1	The present status of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any, committed by the User Agency and State Government by executing lease deed on 24/04/2006 without prior approval of Central Government under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of forest land involved in the mining lease.	There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 because GIPCL has not commenced mining activity in and around 3.0684 Ha. of Protected Forest land on SH-166 Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav road in Mangrol Taluka, Dist-Surat. The mining lease deed executed on 24/04/2006 does not find any mention of forest land in it. (Annexure-1) Prior to this, Mining Plan from Mangrol-Valia Lignite Mine (4.2 MTPA) was approved by Ministry of Coal on dated 23/01/2001 (Annexure-2) and Environment Clearance was granted on 21/07/2003, no forest land was involved/mentioned in it (Annexure-3) Later on during the proposal for diversion shifting on part of the State Highway No.166 (Kosamba-Vankal measuring about 2.0 KM) between Mosali chowkdi and Ukai-Kankrapar Main canal, beside the Narrow Gauge

		<p>Kosamba-Jhankhav 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. (Annexure-4).</p> <p>Accordingly, GIPCL incorporated the 4.48 ha. protected forest land area in its Mine plan for 5.40 MTPA and the proposal for shifting of the road. Ministry of Coal vide F.No.MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated 28/09/2020 (Annexure-5). approved the same.</p> <p>During the proposal for diversion of 4.48 Ha. Protected Forest land on SH-166, Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhankhav Road in Mangrol Taluka. Dist.Surat. Joint survey had been carried out by RFO, DCF, SF Surat and GIPCL officials during October. 2019, with the help of DGPS and the final measured area was 3.0684 Ha. Accordingly, GIPCL has applied for the diversion of 3.0684 Ha Protected Forest Land</p> <p>No Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act has been committed in the present matter.</p>
2	Detail of action taken by the State and the User Agency to correct the detail of forest area in the mining plan approved by the M/o Coal shall be submitted.	<p>GIPCL incorporated the 4.48 Ha. (Revised Area 3.0684 Ha) of Protected Forest land area in the Pre-Mining Land use of Revised Mining plan and Mine Closure Plan for 5.40 MTPA during the submission to Ministry of Coal, for the approval of revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan.</p> <p>Subsequently, Revised Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan of 5.40 MTPA capacity has been approved by the Ministry of Coal vide F.No.MPS-34011/24/2018-CPAM, dated:28/09/2020</p>

Yours faithfully,



(B.L.Chaudhary)

Deputy Secretary

Forest & Environment Department.

Encl. As above.

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1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State.

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