

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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*(Through the Conservator of Forests,
Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri)*

C.No. 148 / 2023 / D dated. 19 -06-2023

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act 1980– Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest area 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF of Dharmapuri Range and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying pipeline under KKBMP Tamil nadu section – Dharmapuri District – submission of revised proposal - Regarding.

Ref : 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai. C.No. TS4/36808/2022 dated.17-02-2023

2) Minutes of the Project Screening Committee meeting – II conducted on 23-02-2023 at 12.00 Noon

3) The Deputy General Manager(Const), GAIL INDIA Limited, Chennai. Proposal No.FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 (Proposal received at online on 16-03-2023)

4) This Office Ref.No.148/2023/D dated.25.03.2023

5) The Deputy General Manager(Const), GAIL INDIA Limited, Chennai. Proposal No.FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 (Proposal received at online on 24-04-2023)

6) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle. C.No. C.No.9398/2021/D dated.17.05.2023

- 7) The Deputy General Manager(Const), GAIL INDIA Limited, Chennai. Proposal No.FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 (Proposal received at online on 12-06-2023)

I submit to state that, As per the instructions and the query raised by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle vide reference 6th cited above, the proposal is revised from 5.94Ha to the diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest area 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF of Dharmapuri Range and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range for laying Ø24" R-LNG pipeline under KKB MPL - Tamil Nadu section was received from the User Agency the Deputy General Manager (Construction), GAIL india limited, Chennai in the reference 7th cited above.

- 2) The Pipeline length for the both crossings of NH-44 has been deleted by the User Agency from the KML and the Thoppur Reserved Forest and Gummanur Reserved Forest alone furnished in the KML by the User Agency. This may be accepted.
- 3) The total forest area required for laying Ø24" R-LNG pipeline under KKB MPL in Thoppur Reserved Forest of Dharmapuri Range and Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division is as follows.

Area of Forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha)	<p>1. Gummanur RF (Segment 1) :</p> <p>68.35m X 2.00m = 137 sq.m.</p> <p>2. Gummanur RF (segment 2) :</p> <p>256.66m X 2.00m = 513 sq.m.</p> <p>3. Thoppur RF (Segment 3) :</p> <p>65.50m X 2.00m = 131.00 sq.m.</p> <p>4. Thoppur RF (Segment 4) :</p> <p>5505m X 10.00m = 55050.00 sq.m.</p> <p>Total area = 55831.00 sq.m</p> <p>(or) 5.5831 Ha</p>
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- 4) Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation land, the proposal submitted by the User Agency is a linear project and as per Hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 dated.28.03.2019 (Guidelines and Clarification) stated in **2.5(i) Special provisions for CA for certain categories of projects**. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained at the cost

of the User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area diverted in the cases of the Projects implemented by the Central Government / Public Sector Units. Accordingly the Compensatory Afforestation to be raised over 11.88Ha in Masakkal Reserved Forest of Pennagaram Range. This degraded forest land was inspected by me on 04.04.2023 and it is quite suitable for protection and management point of view. For this purpose, the **user agency has given necessary undertaking for payment of cost for Compensatory Afforestation over 11.88Ha as fixed by the forest department.** Hence the revision of CA Estimate does not arise. This may be accepted.

5) The User Agency has reported that as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC. Certificate of District Collector regarding completion of process for settlement of Rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest area proposed for diversion and non availability of non -forest land for the project will be furnished before stage-II approval. This has been discussed in the Project Screening Committee meeting-II which is conducted on 23.02.2023 and the minutes of the meeting also obtained from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai in Ref.No.TS4/36808/2022 dated.23.02.2023.

6) It is also discussed during the Project Screening Committee meeting-II that, the User Agency has mistakenly mentioned as Mahendramangalam Reserved Forest instead of Gummanur Reserved Forest. This is also rectified by the User Agency.

7) The Justification letter for the requirement of 10mtr Right of way in Thoppur Reserved Forest is furnished and uploaded by the User Agency in PART I of form A – Section D (i). This may be accepted.

8) The Proposed alignment of the laying Ø24" R-LNG pipeline lies in the same stretches of four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli section of new NH-844 from km.33/510 to km.60/100 (RHS) (package-II) and 60/100 to km.94/460 (RHS) on Jittandahalli to Dharmapuri section of NH-844 (Package-III) National Highways Authority of India, Krishnagiri proposed road, which is passing through the Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range. **The User Agency has also obtained the NOC from National Highways Authority of India, Krishnagiri** and the same is uploaded in additional information details section in PART I of Form-A. This may be accepted.

9) In the proposed alignment of the pipeline, there are cumulatively 609 numbers of trees has to be felled in the proposed diversion of 5.5831ha of forest area. In these 603 numbers of spontaneous trees to be felled in Thoppur reserved Forest of Dharmapuri Range and 6 numbers of spontaneous trees to be felled in

Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range due to this project. The User Agency has also given necessary "undertaking" for payment of value of trees as fixed by the forest department including cost of transportation and loading and unloading charges.

10) The revised rate of Net Present Value may be fixed based on the Honourable supreme court of India judgment dated 28-03-2008 and 07-05-2008 in IA No.826 in 566 and also as per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi, File No.5-3 / 2011-FC (Vol-I) dated. 06-01-2022.

ECO class III – consisting of tropical dry deciduous forest

Very dense forest : Rs. 13,57,110 / ha.

Dense forest : Rs. 12,28,590 / ha.

Open forest : Rs. 9,57,780 / ha.

In this case the rate for Open forest may be fixed as Net present value for 5.5831 Ha of diverted land. i.e. 5.5831 ha X Rs. 9,57,780 / ha. = **Rs.53,47,382/-**

The User Agency has given necessary "Undertaking" for the payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value if any as fixed by the forest department.

11) The user agency has furnished necessary undertaking for the payment of Annual Lease Rent as assessed by the Forest Department. All the "Undertaking" given by the User Agency are enclosed in the proposals itself along with the prescribed checklist.

12) The Current year 2023-2024 FSR Rate is adopted for Compensatory Afforestation scheme (Raising Nursery, Planting and maintenance) and current year 2023-2024 PWD SSR Rate is adopted for Chain link Fencing. Hence the total cost of Compensatory Afforestation scheme including Chain link fencing works to **Rs.190.313 Lakhs.**

13) The Site inspection report and the Recommendation letter also uploaded in the Additional information details section in PART II of Form- A.

14) The User Agency is requested this office that the extent of forest area diversion proposed in the earlier online proposal is unable to Edit / Change the following datas in PART I of Form-A is as follows. This may be accepted.

S.NO.	Particulars in FORM-A of Part-I.	Diverted Area in the portal.	Actual diverted area (Revised Proposal)
1.	A. General details A-1 VIII	5.94	5.5831
2.	B. Land required for the Project B2.1	5.94	5.5831
3.	C. Land required for the Project B2.2	5.94	5.5831
4.	C – Maps of forest land proposed to be diverted.	5.94	5.5831

Also I request that the following details are unable to edit/change in Parivesh web portal – PART II of Form- A for the updation of revised proposal. This may kindly be accepted and approved for further process.

Sl no	Part-II	Diverted Area in Portal	Actual diverted area after rectification of KML file
1	1. Location of the project/Scheme – iv. Project area is unable to change	5.94	5.5831
2	4. Other details Part II- Project area is unable to change	5.94	5.5831
3	9. Details of Compensatory Afforestation area - Project area is unable to change	5.94	5.5831
4	10. District profile Part II - Project area is unable to change	5.94	5.5831

Therefore, under these circumstances, i request that the revised proposal for diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest area 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF of Dharmapuri Range and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division in Dharmapuri district for laying under ground

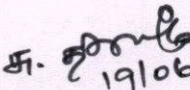
Ø24" R-LNG pipeline may kindly be submitted for getting the concurrence of the Government of India.

Enclose: As stated above. (Proposal in quadruplicate)

Yours faithfully
Sd/-K.V. Appala Naidu
District Forest Officer,
Dharmapuri Forest Division,
Dharmapuri.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

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For  19/06/2023
Superintendent