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Forest & Environment Department

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No. FCA-1021/10-09/21/SF-232/F To.

Date: 12 2 MAR 2022

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 3.2512 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction of Karjan Right Bank High Level recharge canal & its Head Regulator in S.No.182 of Village Jitgadh Ta.Nandod, Dist.Narmada in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Project Division No.4, Rajpipla.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJB003/2022-FC/ dated 27.01.2022 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

1. Since construction of Head regulator need deep gorge portion with sufficient width between hill-lock, there is no such location available nearby. Also constructing Head regulator at selected location require minimum forest land to be diverted for this project. Hence no alternative alignment is possible.

Since selected location is surrounded by forest land, there is no scope for using private/government land for this project, hence use of forest land is justified.

Since there is proposed canal based small hydropower plant at this location transporting water through underground pipeline is not viable.

A justification letter of User agency is attached herewith.

Yours Faithfully,

(S. J. Pandit) Additional Secretary Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

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Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar

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