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No: 6- GJA 014/2019-BHO/122

Date - 31/01/2020

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)  
Govt. of Gujarat,  
Forest and Environment Department,  
Block No14, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Sachivalaya,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 75.88625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of wideing & streghthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km. 0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km. 0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km. 126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar.

Ref: 1) Your letter No. FCA/1019/7-14/19/S.F-137/F dated 16/10/2019 and even number dated 08/01/2020.  
2) This office letter No. 6-GJA014/2019-BHO/1210 dated 10/12/2019.  
3) REC minutes letter No. 6-REC10/2014-BHO/Part-II/ 110 dated 27/01/2020.

Sir,

Kind reference to above given subject and reference, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of Agenda No. 05 of the minutes of meeting of 42<sup>nd</sup> REC dated 27/01/2020, in which above said proposal was discussed. The copy of the minutes of meeting of 42<sup>nd</sup> REC is also available on e.portal ([http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC\\_Report.aspx](http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC_Report.aspx)).

Further, you are requested to submit the detailed compliance report in accordance to decision taken at Agenda No. 05 of 42<sup>nd</sup> REC meeting held on 21/01/2020 for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Encl : As above

Copy to :-

- 1) The Addl. Principal Chief Cofnservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 2) The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division, Surendranagar, Gujarat.
- 3) Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar, Gujarat.





Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.



42nd Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal  
Dt. 21/01/2020

File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/110

Dated : 27/01/2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Bibhash Kumar Thakur, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Shri R. D. Kamboj, Member, REC
3. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

The following Special invitees were present:

1. Shri Sunil Agrawal, APCCF (LM)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri Jaipal Singh, APCCF (L)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Gujarat

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The following proposals were placed in the REC meeting for discussion:

State: Madhya Pradesh

Agenda No. 1

Diversion of 18.4732 ha Reserved & Protected forest land for construction of new 8 lane Express way connecting from Dhabala Village in (Mandsaur) to Kandarwas Village in (Ratlam) in favour of Project Director, National Highways Authority of India in Mandsaur & Ratlam Districts of in Madhya Pradesh (6-MPC 051/2019-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved & Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are in order.
- 3) The component-wise breakup of to the forest land proposed for diversion

Construction of new 8 lane Express way connecting from Dhabala Village (Mandsaur) to Kandarwas Village (Ratlam)	Mandsaur	Garoth	Bhagouri	RF-20	15.8808
	Ratlam	Sailana	Asavati	PF-188	2.5924
Total = 18.4732 Ha					

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, 1659.5268 ha non-forest land is also required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 462000 Lakh and manpower to be generated. Permanent- 300 & Temporary- 00 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis has been given.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.00 to 0.3 & less than 0.4 and 688 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. 686 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative have been given on a map & comparative analysis is submitted.
- 9) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 10) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 11) Environmental Clearance is required under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for this project.
- 12) Displacement of people is not involved. The rehabilitation plan is not required.

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- f. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
- g. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
- h. The CA scheme shall have 10 year maintenance excluding the plantation year.
- i. Recording of height and collar girth species wise at the time of plantation, once every year and at the end of maintenance year.
- j. Recording of stump dressing girth wise and species wise
- k. The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.

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### Agenda 5

✓ Diversion of 75.88625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & Strengthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km. 0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km. 0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km. 126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar, Gujarat (6-GJA014/2019-BHO)

#### **General Information:**

1. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion has been mentioned as Protected Forest land.
2. In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is mentioned for the project.
3. The component and village-wise break-up of the forest land proposed for diversion:

Sr. No.	Village Name	Length X Width (Mt.)		Total Area (in Ha.)
Sayala-Sudamda-Paliyad road				
1	Thoriyali	5.49	13.75	7.54875
2	Sudamda	6.16	13.75	8.47
3	Valukad	1.10	13.75	1.5125
4	Vanta Vachh	1.95	13.75	2.68125
5	Vihalnagar	4.73	13.75	6.50375
6	Noli	0.57	13.75	0.78375
7	Paliyad	5.60	13.75	7.70
Sayala-Muli road				
8	Sidhsar	6.33	13.75	8.70375
9	Muli	4.56	13.75	6.27
Muli-Surendranagar road				
10	Kukda	7.24	13.75	9.955
11	Shekhpar	6.26	13.75	8.6075
12	Surendranagar	5.20	13.75	7.15
Total				75.88625

4. Map of the site is available.
5. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 19150 lakh and employment generation- 3000 permanent person and 4500 temporary person \.
6. Cost-Benefit analysis is available.
7. Density of vegetation is less than 0.01 and there are 3623 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land.
8. It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives alignment and the suitability of present alternative map is not applicable due to road widening.
9. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. No work on non-forest land has been taken up.
10. The proposed forest land is not a part of any Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and project is beyond 10 km radius of the boundaries of the nearest Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary/ Protected Area.
11. There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
12. Certificate of displacement of people is not applicable.


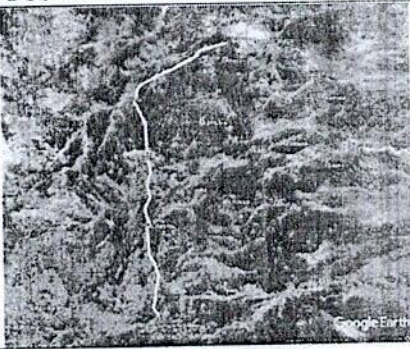
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**Documents Submitted:**

1. Certificate of Collector (for FRA) for proposed diversion is submitted.
2. The Site Inspection report of the concerned DFOs and CF/CCF is submitted.
3. CA is proposed 151.7725 ha degraded-forest land:
  - i. Survey No. 283 pt : 20 ha, Village-Ratanpur, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar.
  - ii. Survey No. 747/2 : 20 ha, Village-Methan, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar.
  - iii. Survey No. 18 pt : 20 ha, Village-Mevasa(She), Taluka-Chotila, District-Surendranagar.
  - iv. Survey No. 14 pt:21.7725 ha, Village-Rampara(ru), Tal : Chotila, District-Surendranagar.
  - v. Survey No. 36 pt : 20 ha, Village-Karadi, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.
  - vi. Survey No. 16/1/9 : 20 ha, Village-Shekhod, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.
  - vii. Survey No. 164 : 15 ha, Village-Raysangapar, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.
  - viii. Survey No. 158 pt : 15 ha, Village-Gadhada, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.
4. Suitability certificate, land Map of CA and CA Scheme is for 10 years is availabl.
5. State Government has recommended the proposal for approval.

**DSS Analysis:**

Proposed diversion = 75.88625 ha	DSS area= 78.40 ha
	
DSS Image	Google earth Image
Proposed CA land = 152.00 ha (DFL)	DSS area= 257.76 ha

**CA area details**

S.no.	Range	Forest Comp.	Proposed area (Ha)	DSS area (Ha)	OF	Water	Non Forest
1	Dhrangadhra SF	19RF	20	36.85	22	6	9
2	Dhrangadhra SF	31RF	20	39.83	25		15
3	Chotila SF	25RF	20	36.66		1	36
4	Chotila SF	13RF	22	40.06	11		29
5	Muli SF	37RF	20	41.07			41
6	Muli SF	45RF	20	20.93			21
7	Muli SF	63SE4	15	21.82			22
8	Muli SF	69RF	15	20.54			21
Total			152	257.76	58	7	194

**Additional Information Sought:**

1. This office letter dt. 10/12/2019 had submitted the letter to the Stat Govt of Gujarat for submission of additional information / clarification on following points
  - i. The KML file excluding blacktop road shall be uploaded on e.portal.
  - ii. The DSS analysis reveals that KML file of CA is 248.08 ha instead of 15.00 ha. Thus, revised KML file free from encroachment shall be submitted.
  - iii. The CA scheme at 152 ha with Modle-3 approved on 29/11/2013 is proposed which is not as per the provisions of the Para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook 2019.
  - iv. Therefore, revised site specific CA scheme shall be submitted as per the Para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook 2019 and shall include following points
    - a. Saplings to be planted (minimum standard height and minimum collar girth species wise).

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- b. Soil & moisture conservation.
  - c. Regeneration cleaning.
  - d. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
  - e. Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
  - f. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
  - g. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
  - h. The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.
2. The State Govt of Gujarat vide letter dt. 08/01/2020 submitted the information
- i. The revised KML file of proposed area is uploaded on e.portal.
  - ii. The area proposed for CA includes rivers / drain / sink and other area. This area is reduced and after net area for CA is 152.00 ha.
  - iii. 3. & 4. The revised KML file of proposed CA area and CA scheme as per Para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook 2019 is uploaded and submitted.

#### Recommendations of REC:

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also saw the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

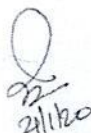
Accordingly, REC *in-principle approves* the proposal for 75.88625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & Strengthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km. 0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km. 0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km. 126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar, Gujarat on standard terms and condition and following specific condition:

- 1) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e(ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted before Stage-II approval.

However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

- 1) Revised KML file of CA land in 8 (eight) patches totalling area to 152.00 ha excluding the encroachment shall be uploaded on e.portal.
- 2) Revised CA scheme for 152.00 ha in accordance to Para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook 2019 shall be submitted and uploaded on e.portal.
  - a. Standard size saplings to be planted (minimum standard height and minimum collar girth species wise) as approved by the State Govt.
  - b. Soil & moisture conservation works.
  - c. Regeneration cleaning.
  - d. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan including all stumps upto 90 cm dressing of coppicing species form ground level.
  - e. Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
  - f. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters
  - g. Technical & administrative approvals from Competent Authority for current year.
  - h. The CA scheme shall have 10 year maintenance excluding the plantation year.
  - i. Recording of height and collar girth species wise at the time of plantation, once every year and at the end of maintenance year.
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(Km. 79+300) to Palanpur (Km. 141 +100) in favour of Chief Engineer (World Bank), Roads and Building Department, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar Gujarat on standard terms and condition and following specific condition:


1. The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e(ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted before Stage-II approval.

However, the Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of following information:

1. The CA scheme of 424.00 ha shows the preparation of Model-2 and Model-3 type plantation on the selected degraded forest land for 10 year is submitted, which attracts Para 2.8(iii) of F(C) Act, 1980 Handbook 2019. Thus revised site specific CA scheme shall be submitted as per the Para 2.8 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and shall include the following points also:
  - a. Standard size saplings to be planted (minimum standard height and minimum collar girth species wise) as approved by the State Govt.
  - b. Soil & moisture conservation works.
  - c. Regeneration cleaning.
  - d. Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan including all stumps upto 90 cm dressing of coppicing species from ground level.
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  - f. Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters.
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