

## भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

## पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE





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दिनांक:05<sup>th</sup> फरवरी, 2025

To अपर मुख्य सचिव (वन)/The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) गुजरात सरकार/Govt. of Gujarat ब्लॉक नं. 14, आठवां तल, न्यू सचिवालय

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प्रस्ताव संख्या: FP/GJ/SubStation/150363/2021)
विषयः 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 in Guiarat.

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

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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.