

**Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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**Dated: 22nd March, 2022**

**To**  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Gujarat,  
Gandhinagar.

**Sub: Proposal for Re-Diversion of 9.90 ha Protected/Reserve Forest land for construction of Ambaji bypass (Km. 2/950 to km. 5/150) on Himmatnagar- Kheroj-Ambaji - Aburaod SH-9 in Banaskantha District in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Palanpur, Gujarat (Online No. FP/GJ/ROAD/47665/2020)– regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/7-22/20/SF-199/F dated 22.02.2022 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. As per the information submitted by the State Govt, it is not clear whether the area proposed for re-diversion was earlier diverted for underground mining or surface rights. In case it is a part of underground mining then the suitable land for Compensatory Afforestation shall have to be provided along with CA scheme maps and other relevant details.
- ii. Area of diverted forest land calculated through KML file is 178.691 ha instead of 171.43 Ha as approved vide this Ministry's letter dated 24.02.2009. Therefore, correct KML file of 171.43 ha shall be submitted.
- iii. Some Non-forestry activity like construction of a Building and approach road have been noticed through satellite imagery. Moreover, Building & approach Road within the diverted area was constructed after obtaining the final approval under FCA, 1980 vide this Ministry letter dated 24.02.2009. This needs clarification.
- iv. The State Govt has informed that the area proposed for re-diversion is within the Eco-sensitive zone of the Ambaji-Balaram Wildlife sanctuary, therefore the state Govt may ensure that the proposed activity is not prohibited as per ESZ regulations.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Sd/-  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)  
Asst. Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Gandhinagar;

3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
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5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.