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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Forest & Environment Deptt.,  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj District of Odisha pertaining to 3 Divisions i.e. Bhadrak (WL) Division (0.3762 ha of forest land), Balasore (WL) Division (1.1921 ha of forest land) and Baripada Division (0.2807 ha of forest land by GAIL (India) Ltd.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0021-2023-4529/FE&CC dated 10.03.2023.

Madam,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval under Section 2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980. On examination of the proposal, following short comings have been observed.

- 1) The KML file of the CA area has not been uploaded by DFO, Baripada in Online proposal (Parivesh web portal).
- 2) The user agency has not submitted the entire KML file of the proposed pipeline with the proposal.
- 3) The user agency has laid pipeline over 0.2379 ha of Revenue forest land in Baripada Forest Division without prior approval under FC Act, 1980. Detailed action taken report on violation of FC Act, 1980 along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for negligence of duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above information to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

*Padma Mahanti*

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Deputy General Manager, GAIL (India) Limited, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101 for information and necessary action.

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