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No: 6- GJA 01/2020-BHO/ 283

Date - 03/03/2020

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 42.46625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of widening & strengthening four lane of Mitha Tharad Deesa Road (Section Deesa-Lakhani road) Ch. 56/340 to 88/390 Ta. Deesa & Lakhani, District Banaskantha in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Palanpur, Gujarat.

Ref: 1) Your letter No. FCA-1019/7-31/19/S.F-182/F dated 24/01/2020.
2) REC minutes letter No. 6-REC10/2014-BHO/Part-II/247 dated 26/02/2020.

Sir,

Kind reference to above given subject and reference, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of Agenda No. 14 of the minutes of meeting of 43rd REC dated 26/02/2020, in which above said proposal was discussed. The copy of the minutes of meeting of 43rd REC is also available on e.portal (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. 14 of 43rd REC meeting held on 25/02/2020 for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to :-

- 1) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator 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) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry Division, Banaskantha-Palanpur, Gujarat.
- 3) Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Palanpur, Banaskantha, Gujarat.



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

43rd Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal
Dt. 25/02/2020



File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/ 247

Dated : 26/02/2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Bibhash Kumar Thakur, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Shri H. D. Vala, Member, REC
3. Shri R.D. Kamboj, Member, REC
4. Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Member, REC
5. 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 9.61 ha unclassified forest land for construction of Kundalia irrigation left wing project in favour of Project Manager, Mohanpura-Kundalia project, Management Unit in Agar Malwa district of MP 6-MPC009/2020-BHO

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is unclassified Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The component-wise break-up of the forest land proposed for diversion.

SN	Component	Village	Forest Division	Area (Ha)
1	Pump house with Distribution chamber system.	Gujerkhedi	Shajapur (T)	9.61
		Total		9.61 ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, 59.92 ha non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1,19,020 lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent-04 & Temporary-85 Person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis not submitted. The proposed irrigated area is 63548 .ha.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.2. No 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 and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis at is submitted.
- 9) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.
- 10) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and proposed project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.

Accordingly, REC *in-principle approves* the proposal for diversion of 22.6756 ha Protected Forest land for widening and strengthening up to four lanning of Kheda-Dholka road Km. 36/600 to Km. 53/200 in favour of Executive Engineer, Kheda R&B Division (State) in Kheda District of Gujarat for Stage-I approval on standard terms and conditions.

However, Stage-I shall be issued only after submission of following documents :

1. Submission and uploading of KML and CA map for 46.00 ha of degraded forest land.
2. The 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.
 - e) Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
 - f) Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters.
 - g) Technical and administrative approvals from the Competent Authority for current year.
 - h) The CA scheme shall have 10 year maintenance excluding the plantation year.
 - i) Detailed work scheduled involved in 10 years maintenance and year wise operation and amount to be incurred.
 - j) Recording of height and collar girth species wise at the time of plantation, once every year and at the end of maintenance year.
 - k) Recording of stump dressing girth wise and species wise.
 - l) The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal

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Agenda No. 14

✓ Diversion of 42.46625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of Widening & Strengthening four lane of Mitha Tharad Deesa Road (Section Deesa-Lakhani road) Ch. 56/340 to 88/390Ta. Deesa & Lakhni, District Banaskantha in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Palanpur, Gujarat (6-GJA01/2020-BHO)

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:

SN	Village Name	Length X Width (Mtr.)		Total Area (Ha.)
1	Lakhani	3390.00	13.25	4.49175
2	Agthala	4950.00	13.25	6.55875
3	Chitroda	2760.00	13.25	3.657
4	Katarva	1110.00	13.25	1.47075
5	Nana Kapra	3210.00	13.25	4.25325
6	Mota Kapra	2520.00	13.25	3.339
7	Godha	2760.00	13.25	3.657
8	Rampura	4620.00	13.25	6.1215
9	Dama	3630.00	13.25	4.80975
10	Jorapura	1500.00	13.25	1.9875
11	Shamsherpara	1020.00	13.25	1.3515
12	Akhol Nani	580.00	13.25	0.7685
Total				42.46625


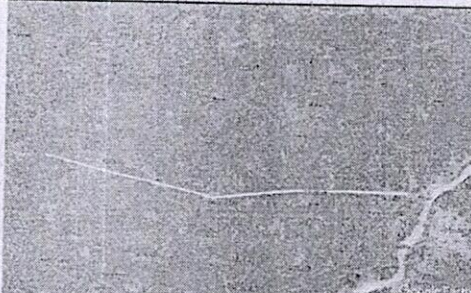
4. Map of the site is available.

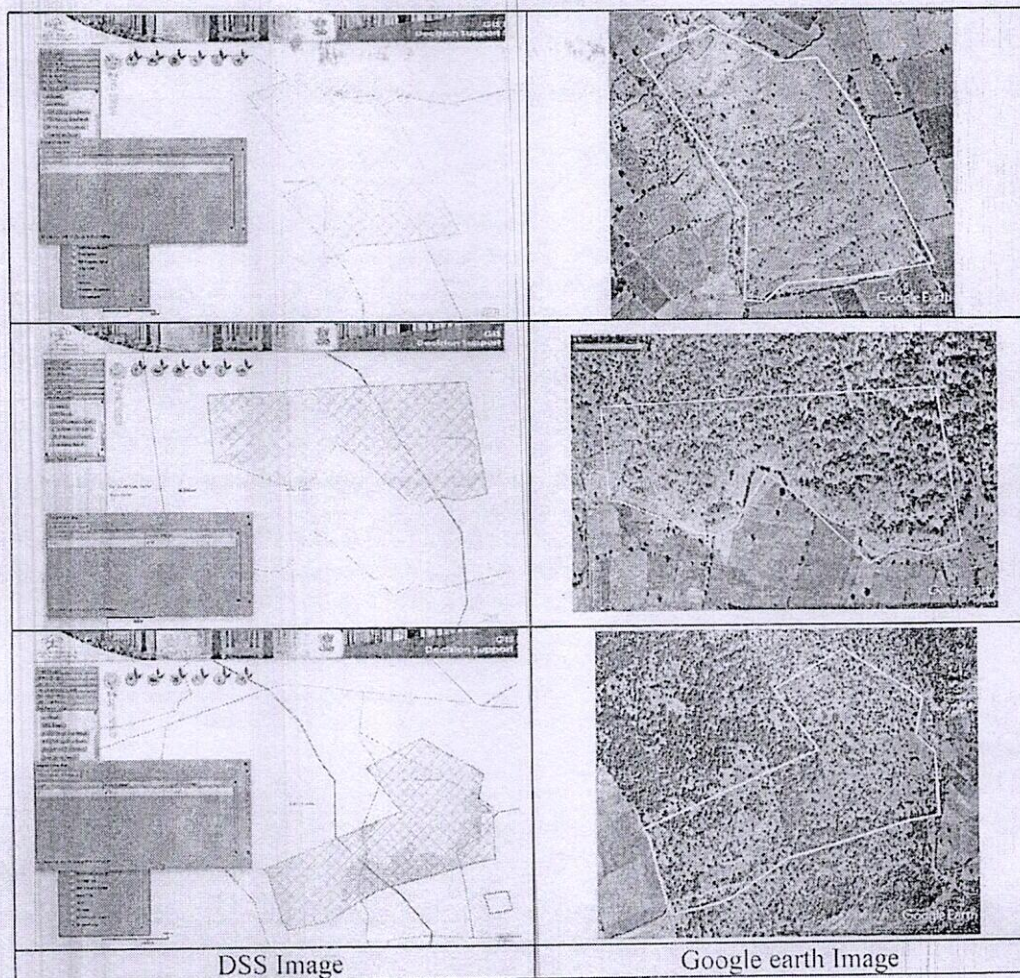
5. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 85 Crore and employment generation- 200 permanent person and 50 temporary person.
6. Cost-Benefit analysis is available.
7. Density of vegetation is 0.0 and there are 3276 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land.
8. It has been certified that 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. Certificate of Collector (for FRA) is available.
11. The Site Inspection report of the concerned DFOs and concerned CF/CCF is available.
12. The proposed forest land is not a part of any Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc.
13. The proposed project is beyond 10 km radius of the boundaries of the nearest Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary/ Protected Area.
14. There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
15. Certificate of displacement of people is not applicable.
16. CA is proposed over 85.00 ha degraded-forest land:
 - i. Survey No. 64 pt, area-25.00 ha, Village-Godha, Taluka-Palanpur, District-Banaskantha.
 - ii. Survey No. 59, 60, 72pt, area-50.00 ha, Village-Jalotra, Taluka-Vadgam, District-Banaskantha.
 - iii. Survey No. 38, area-10.00 ha, Village-Malpuriya, Taluka-Palanpur, District-Banaskantha.
 - iv. The land is found suitable for raising plantation, map of CA, and CA scheme is for 10 years is submitted
17. State Government has recommended the proposal for approval.

Observation of RO Bhopal.

- 1) The widening of road is proposed 42.46625 ha and KML file is submitted for 73.70 ha. The length of KML 32.00 ha which is, correct as per requirement, however, due to width the variation in area of KML file is observed.
- 2) As per DSS CA area of 50.30 ha shows MDF in 11.00 ha.
- 3) The CA scheme is not in accordance to para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook, 2019. The CA scheme is proposed for 858 plant per ha.

DSS Analysis:

Proposed land = 42.46625 ha	DSS area= 36.85+63.85 =73.7 ha
	
DSS Image	Google earth Image
Proposed CA land =10+25+50 = 85 ha	DSS area=10.03+25.37+50.30=85.7ha - CA : 50.30 ha shows MDF in 11.00 ha.



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 diversion of 42.46625 ha Protected Forest land for the project of Widening & Strengthening four lane of Mitha Tharad Deesa Road (Section Deesa-Lakhani road) Ch. 56/340 to 88/390Ta. Deesa & Lakhni, District Banaskantha in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Palanpur, Gujarat for Stage-I approval on standard terms and conditions and following specific condition:

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

1. The widening of road is proposed 42.46625 ha and KML file is submitted for 73.70 ha. The length of KML 32.00 ha which is, correct as per requirement, however, due to width the variation in area of KML file is observed. Thus, correct KM file of the proposed road of 42.46625 ha excluding blacktop road.
3. The 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.

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- 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.
- e) Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
- f) Details of proposed monitoring mechanism and outcome parameters.
- g) Technical and administrative approvals from the Competent Authority for current year.
- h) The CA scheme shall have 10 year maintenance excluding the plantation year.
- i) Detailed work scheduled involved in 10 years maintenance and year wise operation and amount to be incurred
- j) Recording of height and collar girth species wise at the time of plantation, once every year and at the end of maintenance year.
- k) Recording of stump dressing girth wise and species wise.
- l) The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal

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Agenda No. 15

Diversion of 6.73 ha Protected Forest land for the project of Four laning of Pragatipath section of link road Ahmedabad-Kuha-Kathlal-Balasinor-Godhara-Dahod-Indore road (Old NH-59) Sonipur Junction, Sevaliya Junction, Mahisagar bridge Km. 90/275 to 95/890 (Narayan Sarovar-Dahod Sub Station-3) in favour of Executive Engineer, Kheda R&B Division in Kheda District of Gujarat (6-GJC 003/2020-BHO).

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The item/purpose-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion:

SN	Particulars	Length X Width (mtr)		Area (Ha)
1.	Sonipur (Chainage Km. 90/275 to Km. 90/935)	660.00	14.25	0.9405
2.	Pali (Chainage Km. 90/935 to 95/000)	4065.00	14.25	5.7926
TOTAL				6.73 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 90 Lakh and manpower to be generated 3000 mandays.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis has been submitted.
- 7) Density of vegetation is medium and 191 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 13 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 on a map & comparative analysis not required for road widening projects.
- 9) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.
- 10) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and proposed project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 11) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 12) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not applicable.
- 13) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval

Documents submitted :

- 1) NOC of Gram Panchayat & proceedings of Gramsabha's are not applicable for linear projects.

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