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F.No.4-KLB 1181/2019-BAN/  
Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Government of Kerala, Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,  
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,  
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.33 ha. of forest land for Gail Cross Country RLNG gas pipeline laying project KKBMP (Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore Pipe Line, Phase -III) from Kochi to Bangalore and Mangalore, crossing 7 Districts of Kerala.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. C3/153/2018/F&WLD dated 28/01/2019 on the subject cited above and to inform that as per the site inspection report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kannur, gas pipeline on either side of the proposed forest land has already been laid. In this regard, it is informed that as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letter No. 11-63/2012-FC dated 07/01/2013, "In case linear projects involving use of forest land falling in a portion of their length pending consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, work on non-forest land may be executed only upto such point (to be selected by the User Agency) on either side of the forest land, if it is explicitly certified by the User Agency that in case approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land is declined, it is technically feasible to execute the project along an alternate alignment without involving diversion of forest land. Details of such structures along with alternate alignment identified to bypass the forest land should be explicitly provided in the proposal seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980". It is, therefore, requested that an undertaking from User Agency in this regard along with alternative alignments should be obtained and furnished to this office.

It is also observed that as per Part-III of the pro-forma proposal, no tree felling is required, where as the site inspection report Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, Kannur had mentioned that around 300 grown up Mahogany plants are to be removed. This contradiction may be clarified please.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)

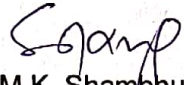
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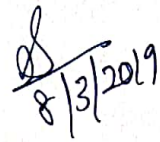
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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.

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2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
3. The Chief Manager, GAIL India Ltd, Kinfra Hi Tech Park, Off HMT Road, Kalamassery, Kochi -685 503, Kerala.

  
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8/3/2019