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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Forest &amp; Wildlife (C) Department

No:C3/153/2018/F&amp;WLD

02/05/2019, Thiruvananthapuram

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change;  
Regional Office (South Zone),  
Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road,  
IInd Block, Koramangala  
Bangalore - 560034.

Sir,

Sub: Forest & Wildlife Department - Diversion of 0.33 ha of forest land for GAIL cross country RLNG Gas pipeline laying project KKBMPL (Kochi Kootanad-Bangalore-Mangalore-Pipeline, Phase III) from Kochi to Mangalore, Crossing seven districts of Kerala - Clarification furnishing of - regarding.

Ref: 1. Your letter F.No.4-KLB 1181/2019-BAN/ no. dated 08.03.2019.

2. Letter No. FCI 7212/2018 dated 12.04.2019 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

Please refer to the letters cited . The clarification/details called for as per the letter 1st cited have already been furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram vide his letter 2nd cited. A copy of the same is also enclosed herewith for further action.

Yours faithfully,

**SABITHA.S**

Deputy Secretary

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government

FC1- 7212/2018

Forest Headquarters,  
Vazhuthacaud,  
Thiruvananthapuram - 14.  
Date : 12.04.2019

From

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer,  
F(C)Act & CAMPA,  
Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

To

The Conservator of Forests (Central),  
MoEF & CC,  
Bangalore.

Sir,

**Sub :-** Diversion of 0.33 ha of forest land for GAIL cross country RLNG Gas pipeline laying project KKBMP (Kochi Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore-Pipeline, Phase III) from Kochi to Mangalore, Crossing seven districts of Kerala - Reply for query - regarding.

**Ref :-** 1. That office letter No. 4-KLB 1181/2019-BAN dated 08.03.2019.  
2. Government of Kerala letter No. C3/153/2018/F&WLD dated 18.03.2019.

Attention is invited to the subject and references cited above.

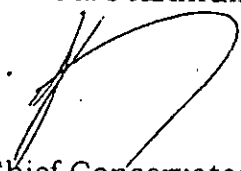
Vide reference (1) cited above, that office raised some queries regarding laying of pipeline through vested forest in Kasaragode Forest Division. The gas pipeline from Kochi to Mangalore is scheduled to crossing a forest land is at the shortest distance only through the proposed forest site. It is not feasible to take the gas pipeline to circumvent the vested forest and implementing the project. Hence it is recommended to consider this proposal as the barest minimum forest land diversion and the only feasible laying of the LNG Pipeline.

Part III of the proforma duly filled by Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur and the undertaking submitted by User Agency was submitted herewith. 300 Mahagony saplings have to be removed for

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implementation of this project. This project will benefit the public of both Kerala and Karnataka and hence the replies to the queries may be accepted.

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest, Land & Resources) & Nodal Officer  
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