

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From.

Thiru. K.Rajangam, IFS.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Dharmapuri Forest Division,  
Dharmapuri – 636 705.

To.

The Deputy General Manager (Const),  
GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED,  
No.4, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Kuppu Arcade,  
Venkat Narayana road,  
T.Nagar,  
Chennai – 17  
Tamil Nadu.

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**C. No. 148 / 2023 / D, dated.07.06.2024**

Sir,

Sub : Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Online forest clearance proposal for diversion of 5.5831Ha of forest area 5.5181Ha (Two segments) in Thoppur RF of Dharmapuri Range and 0.065Ha (Two segments) in Gummanur RF of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying pipeline under KKB MPL Tamil Nadu Section – Dharmapuri District – Additional details called for - Regarding.

- Ref
- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai. Ref.No. TS3/29849/2021 dated.18.01.2024.
  - 2) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle. C.No.9398/2021/D dated.21.07.2023.
  - 3) This Office C.No. 148 / 2023 / D dated.03.02.2024.
  - 4) Online proposal submitted vide Proposal No. FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020. Dated.06.05.2024.
  - 5) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle. C.No.9398/2021/D dated.31.05.2024
  - 6) District Forest Officer Field Inspection on 04.06.2024.

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I wish to invite your kind attention to the references cited above. In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai has raised few queries based on the recent Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules 2023.

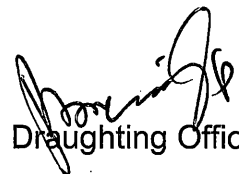
- (i) As per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules 2023, the Compensatory Afforestation land has to be identified as per the criteria mentioned in Schedule I of the Rule 2023.
- (ii) In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited above, the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle has instructed that ongoing works undertaken by the GAIL India Ltd in the area other than Forest (Patta lands/ Other department lands) in Salem – Dharmapuri stretches and assess the area utilized for laying pipeline.
- (iii) Accordingly, the District Forest Officer vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited above has done a field inspection on 04.06.2024. it is pointed out that the area to be used in Patta land / Other than Revenue lands, the same area should be used for laying pipeline along the road.

Hence, the user agency may select the alignment along the National Highways Road instead of passing through the Thoppur Reserved forest. Accordingly, the rectified proposal with required documents may kindly be submitted to this office.

Yours Sincerely,  
Sd/- K.Rajangam,  
District Forest Officer,  
Dharmapuri Forest Division.  
Dharmapuri.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri for kind information.

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