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दिनांक: 28th जून, 2023

To

अपर मुख्य सचिव (वन)/The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
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(प्रस्ताव संख्या: FP/GJ/Others/145410/2021)

विषय: Diversion of 0.0981 ha Protected Forest land for retail outlet on National Highway 848 Opp. Kaprada Bus Depot at Kapdara Village, Taluka: Kaprada, Valsad.

Madam/Sir,

This refers to the Government of Gujarat letter no. FED/FLP/e-file/6/2023/0899/F dated 08.05.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **After examination of the proposal following are observed:**

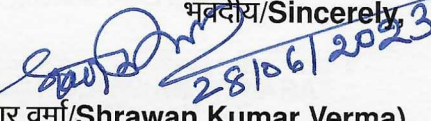
1. In the site inspection report of DFO, it is mentioned that there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 reported at the site. However, from the google maps it could be seen that there already exist a Kachcha road and also, the construction work could be seen in the adjacent plot so it is not clear till now how the user agency has transported the material for the construction. Was there any permission given by the Forest department to the User agency?
2. In Annexure-2, the applicant name is different and the applicant is not authorized by the User Agency. This shall be rectified.
3. Details of alternative alignments on toposheet map along with detailed comparative statement shall be submitted.
4. It is not clear whether the proposal is a linear project or a non linear project. In Form-A and in many other pages it is mentioned that the diversion of 0.0981 ha Protected Forest land for retail outlet whereas in justification the proposal appears to be an approach road project. Clarity on this shall be provided and accordingly the revised KML file shall also be submitted.

[Signature]
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Accordingly, it is requested to furnish **upload** the above-mentioned information for further consideration of the proposal.


भवदीय/Sincerely,
28/06/2023

(श्रवण कुमार वर्मा/Shrawan Kumar Verma)
उप महानिरीक्षक एवं क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी/
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Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Gandhinagar.

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Valsad, Gujarat.
3. The User Agency.
4. Guard File/ Order File.