Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 05th August, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Sub: Proposal for Re-Diversion of 9.90 ha Protected/Reserve Forest land for construction of Ambaji bypass (Km. 2/950 to km. 5/150) on Himmatnagar- Kheroj-Ambaji - Aburaod SH-9 in Banaskantha District in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Palanpur, Gujarat (Online proposal No. FP/GJ/ROAD/47665/2020) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/7-22/20/SF-199/F dated 01st June, 2021 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and intimate that the following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal:

- i. The complete compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval letter No. 8-108/1993- FC dated 24.02.2009 is required to be submitted.
- ii. The KML files of already diverted area, Lease boundary, safety zone along with the KML files of CA sites identified and approved earlier by the Ministry vide letter No. 8-108/1993-FC dated 24/02/2009 are required to be submitted.
- iii. As per the DSS analysis Report, the instant project is partially inside the Balaram Ambaji Wildlife sanctuary. The comments of CWLW are therefore required to be submitted.
- iv. The details of land use changes like shifting in dumping sites, shifting in mining areas, shifting in allied infrastructure etc. which will occur within the GMDC Ltd lease hold area as a result of the proposed Road are required to be submitted.
- v. A kml file containing complete layout of the road, including the starting/end points and the forest/non-forest land involved is required to be submitted.

In view of the above, it is requested to submit the above information at the earliest

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for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Gandhinagar;
- 3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.