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No. 6-GJB-2/2013-BHO/103

Date: 27/01/2014.

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
14/8, Sardar Bhawan, Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 2.5013 ha of Reserved Forest land for laying of 28 inch dia meter pipeline (parallel to 0.5126 ha protected forest land and 1.9887 ha reserved forest) for SMPL De-Bottlenecking Project in favour of Chief Construction Manager, Indian Oil Corporaiton Ltd. in Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Mehsana & Patan Districts of Gujarat.

- Ref. 1) This office letter No. 6-GJB-2/2013-BHO/200 dated 29/01/2013.
2) Govt.of Gujarat letter No.FCA-1012/10-11/(12)S.F.-121/F dated 29/11/2013.
3) Office on Special Duty (Ad-hoc CAMPA) MoEF, New Delhi letter no. 1-12/2013-CAMPA dated 27/12/2013.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No.FCA-1012/10-11/(12)S.F.-121/F dated 08/01/2013 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed in-principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of conditions No.3,4,5 & 7 stipulated therein.

The State Government vide letter (2) referred above reported compliance on the fulfillment of the said conditions of the in-principle approval order.

Therefore the undersigned is hereby directed to convey formal approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.5013 ha of Reserved Forest land for laying of 28" dia meter pipeline (parallel to 0.5126 ha protected forest land and 1.9887 ha reserved forest) for SMPL De-Bottlenecking Project in favour of Chief Construction Manager, Indian Oil Corporaiton Ltd. in Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Mehsana & Patan Districts of Gujarat subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over following area (at the cost of User Agency) :
 - a) 2.9082 ha degraded forest land in village-Anida, Taluka-Patan, District-Bhavnagar, Survey No.30/1 Pt.


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- b) Village-Vittalgad S.No.705/7, Taluka-Lakhten, Dist. Surendra Nagar on 2.9082 ha forest area.
 - c) PF area on sides of State Highway Jamwanthali to Kalawad road in Jamnagar.
 - d) 1.0692 ha degraded forest land of Survey No.783/Pt., Village-Jivapur, Taluka-Wankaner, District-Rajkot.
 - e) Survey No.43/1 Paiki, Chikhi Joja, Taluka-Virpur, District-Kheda.
 - f) Survey No.201, Village-Gogla, Taluka-Dhandhuka, District-Ahmedabad.
 - g) 1.00 ha degraded forest land of Survey No.559, Village-Motakotda, Taluka-Idar, District-Sabarkantha.
 - h) 1.00 ha degraded forest land of Survey No.42 Pt., Chhansara, Taluka-Santalpur, District-Patan.
3. a) User Agency will pay the cost of felling of 11 trees in the area that fall in diversion. However only the required and minimum number of trees will be felled.
b) The funds shall be deposited by the User Agency for the trees to be felled in the Adhoc-CAMPA New Delhi.
c) The pipeline shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and forest land shall be restored to its original stage after laying the pipe line.
4. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 5. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers or staff engaged in construction activity does not damage any forest flora and fauna.
 6. Proposed labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
 7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 8. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.
 9. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment & Forests may impose if required in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area will be complied by the user agency.
 10. All statutory Acts and rules made thereunder and guidelines applicable to the project have to be strictly followed.
 11. a) The User Agency shall submit six-monthly compliance report as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State.
b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.
 12. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


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Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Bhandari)
Chief Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to: -

1. The Dy.Secretary (RO HQ), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No.A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Extension Division Jamnagar, District-Jamnagar (Gujarat).
4. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Rajkot, District-Rajkot (Gujarat).
5. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Surendranagar, District-Surendranagar (Gujarat).
6. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Ahmedabad, District-Ahmedabad (Gujarat).
7. IOCL, Construction office, 33 & 281, Mukatanand Nagar, Near Gopalpura, Bypass, Jaipur-302 018 (Rajasthan).
8. ✓ Order File.


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Chief Conservator of Forests(C)
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