



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Regional Office, Gandhinagar



Online Proposal No.: **FP/GJ/TRANS/406118/2022**

Dated: **16/02/2024**



To,

**The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Gujarat
Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.**

Subject: Diversion of 2.5694 ha. (1.173 ha. SF Valsad & 1.3964 ha. SF Navsari) Protected Forest land for construction of Navsari-Magarwada 400 KV M/C Transmission line under Regulated Tariff Mechanism (RTM) through received forest land in Navsari and Valsad in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid, Navsari.

Sir/Madam,

This is reference to the online proposal no. FP/GJ/TRANS/406118/2022 dated 11/11/2022 seeking prior approval in accordance with section' 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. The proposal was granted "In-Principle" (Stage-I) approval by the Central Government online on dated 18.12.2023. The Government of GUJARAT has reported/submitted the compliance report on dated 12.02.2024 to the conditions stipulated in the "In-Principle/Stage-I" approval and requested for grant of final approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report furnished by the Government of GUJARAT online dated 12.02.2024, the undersigned directed to convey the "Final/Stage-II approval" under section 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 the Proposal for diversion of 2.5694 ha. (1.173 ha. SF Valsad & 1.3964 ha. SF Navsari) Protected Forest land for construction of Navsari-Magarwada 400 KV M/C Transmission line under Regulated Tariff Mechanism (RTM) through received forest land in Navsari and Valsad in favour of Chief Manager, Power Grid, Navsari, Gujarat subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

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1.2	The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale
1.3	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.4	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar
1.5	The User agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures in the area being diverted at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same may be submitted along with the compliance report
1.6	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.7	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.8	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.10	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.11	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.12	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project
1.13	The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State
1.14	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
1.15	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.16	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project
1.17	Grant of working permission to the extant proposal may be considered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions as contained in the MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 28.08.2015

S. No	Conditions
1.18	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.0 ha degraded forest land, Coupe No. 10Pt, F.S No. XII, S.No. 176/A, Village-Palgam, Taluka-Umargam, District-Valsad of Gujarat at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species may be avoided.
1.19	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.0 ha degraded forest land, Block/Compartment No. 79, Village-Vagan, Taluka-Vansda, District- Navsari of Gujarat at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species may be avoided
1.20	User Agency shall be obtained Wildlife Clearance as per the provisions of the extant, rules and regulation. If required.
1.21	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 46 trees/minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;
2.2	No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The State Government shall issue orders of diversion after fulfillment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
3.2	The KML file of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.

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1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change,

Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.

2. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Department of Forest and Wildlife, Aranya Bhawan, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Valsad SF Division, Gujarat.
4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Navsari SF Division, Gujarat
5. The concerned User Agency



Your's faithfully
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
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