

Forest Land- Thane

**Re-diversion of 0.3194 ha of forest land.
for laying of Gas Pipeline from Vadape
Naka Ch.539.750 Km. to Mankoli Naka
Ch.554.500 Km along RHS in the
Section NH-3 (New NH-848), Tal.
Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane in the State of
Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD- 1225/C.R.74/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 23.12.2025**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/S1/PID-498086/Thane/95/25-26, dt.11.04.2025.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 1225/C.R.74/F-10, dt.13.05.2025.
- 3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FP/MH/REDIV/498086/2024, dt. 16.05.2025.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-498086/Thane/879/2025-26, dt.11.07.2025.
- 5) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter FP/MH/REDIV/498086/2024, dt. 23.07.2025.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/FCA/S2/PID-498086/Thane/2025-26/1511, dt.29.09.2025.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for re-diversion of 0.3194 ha. of forest land for laying of Gas Pipeline from Vadape Naka Ch.539.750 Km. to Mankoli Naka Ch.554.500 Km along RHS in the Section NH-3 (New NH-848), Tal. Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of Regional Officer (Central) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded '**In-principle**' approval to divert the 0.3194 ha. forest Land for the above project under section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded '**Final approval**' to divert the 0.3194 ha of forest land in favour of Mahanagar Gas Limited, Mumbai for laying of Gas Pipeline from Vadape Naka Ch.539.750 Km. to Mankoli Naka Ch.554.500 Km along RHS in the Section NH-3 (New NH- 848), Tal. Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.3194 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest, Private Forest & Protected forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Mahanagar Gas Limited, Mumbai for laying of Gas Pipeline from Vadape Naka Ch.539.750 Km. to Mankoli Naka Ch.554.500 Km along RHS in the Section NH-3 (New NH- 848), Tal. Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 16.05.2025 and dated 23.07.2025 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Thane should ensure that fulfillment of condition No.1.2 mentioned in the letter dated 23.07.2025 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur before giving possession of the forest land to the user agency.
2. User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 16.05.2025 and dated 23.07.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall

amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Schedule

Sr. No .	Name of Village	Taluka	District	Survey No.	Old Survey No.	Patch No.	Length X Width (in Mtr)	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Vadape	Bhiwandi	Thane	138	--	1	81 x 1.50	0.0122	Reserved Forest
2	Dhamangaon			193/A	--	2	861 x 1.50	0.1292	
3	Yewai			14 pt.	--	3	126.70 x 1.50	0.0190	Private Forest
4	Yewai			14pt.	--	4	106.70 x 1.50	0.0160	
5	Yewai			37 pt.	--	5	210 x 1.50	0.0315	
6	Sonale			49	204	6	70 x 1.50	0.0105	Protected Forest
7	Pimplas	Bhiwandi		44pt.	410	7	283 x 1.50	0.0425	
8	Pimpalner			63pt.	448	8	221 x 1.50	0.0332	
9	Ovali			73pt.	--	9	170 x 1.50	0.0255	
Total Forest land involved in the project								0.3194	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference no. 202512231754555919. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Subhash Rathod)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur.

6. Additional APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur.
8. Collector, Thane.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Thane.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane.
12. General Manager (Projects), Mahanagar Gas Limited, Mumbai.
13. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Thane, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Thane and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. The General Manager (Projects), Mahanagar Gas Limited, Mumbai is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thane.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.