

Agenda for 132th meeting of Unit Approval Committee for Dahej SEZ to be held on Friday, 29th August, 2025 at 04:00 PM through hybrid mode (Webex Video Conferencing & Physical at Dahej SEZ) under the Chairpersonship of Shri Anupam Kumar, ITS, Development Commissioner, Dahej SEZ.

Ratification of Minutes of 131th UAC Meeting.

132.1 Fresh Cases for Dahej SEZ: - NIL

132.2 Deferred cases for Dahej SEZ: -NIL

132.3 Other cases for Dahej SEZ: - One

Sr. No.	Name of the Applicant Unit	Proposal/Request
1	M/s. ONGC Petro additions Limited, DTA Unit (earlier in Dahej SEZ)	Application for allowing to use SEZ road network as an interim measure.

Item No. 132.03.01 M/s. ONGC Petro additions Limited, DTA Unit (earlier in Dahej SEZ)
Request for allowing OPaL to use SEZ road network as an interim measure.

M/s ONGC Petro additions Ltd was issued a Letter of Approval No. KASEZ/P&C/6/28/2007-08 dated 17.10.2007 for manufacturing and export of items specified in the said LoA at Plot No. Z/1 & Z/83 in Dahej Special Economic Zone, Village Lakhigam, Tal- Vagra, District- Bharuch.

The 127th Unit Approval Committee vide meeting held on 06.03.2025 had granted final exit approval to the unit. Accordingly, this office vide letter bearing F. No. KASEZ/P&C/6/28/2007-08/Vol. IV dated 07.03.2025 issued exit order to the unit with certain terms and conditions and one such condition is that **"The unit shall move all goods only through the SEZ gates till the partial de-notification of the land is approved by the board."**

The Central Government had in exercise of powers conferred by second proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the SEZ Act, 2005 and in pursuance of Rule 8 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 de-notified an area of 529. 4586 Hectares of Dahej SEZ Ltd vide Notification dated 01.05.2025.

The unit M/s. ONGC Petro additions Limited shall not use the entry and exit gates of Dahej SEZ w.e.f 02.05.2025.

This office vide letter dated 01.05.2025 had requested the SO, Dahej SEZ and the Developer to take action as appropriate, and the same is placed below: -

1. The Developer i.e. M/s Dahej SEZ Limited is requested to take necessary steps in order to make the SEZ boundary free from trespassing and close the entry and exit gates for M/s. ONGC Petro additions Limited.

2. The Specified Officer, Dahej SEZ is requested to ensure that the unit henceforth will not be able to use the SEZ premises anymore.

This office has received an email dated 27.08.2025 wherein, the firm has requested for movement of vehicles from the SEZ and the same is placed below: -

“This is to bring to your kind attention an urgent matter regarding the movement of vehicles and personnel to and from the OPaL plant at Dahej. As you may be aware, OPaL was previously operating as an SEZ unit but was granted formal exit from SEZ vide order number KASEZ/P&C/6/28/2007-08/Vol. IV/6890 dated 01.05.2025.

Post our SEZ exit, OPaL has been using an alternate route via the GIDC road near Village Suva for vehicular and manpower movement, an MoU to use this road Post OPaL's SEZ exit was signed between OPaL and GIDC in 2021. However, a portion of this road is now under dispute between GIDC and Suva Village, with Suva Gram Panchayat claiming it as *Gauchar* (grazing) land. The matter is currently sub judice, and recently, the Hon'ble Civil Court, Vagra has issued an interim order in favour of Suva Gram Panchayat.

Following this development, Suva Gram Panchayat has physically blocked a portion of the road, practically rendering the entire route non-functional for OPaL. As a result, all movement of vehicles, material and personnel to OPaL has come to a standstill. On the other hand, GIDC is actively pursuing this matter through legal channels and it is learnt that GIDC has also identified an alternate land to exchange with the existing disputed land; however, the resolution may take some time.

It is important to note that OPaL is a critical petrochemical installation of national importance, being one of the largest petrochemical complexes in India. Our operations contribute significantly to the country's economy, industrial supply chain, and employment. Moreover, it is Worth noting that our petrochemical plant is a continuous process plant which produces different type of solid and liquid petrochemicals round the clock on a 24*7 basis. Thus, constant evacuation must be guaranteed. There are many products which are transported in specialized vehicles under pressure and / or refrigeration condition. Thus, trucks and vehicles cannot be made to wait as it endangers the population and environment alike. In a situation where movement is impacted due to a situation described above, it's important that an alternative route is made available on an urgent basis. Any disruption of OPaL's vehicle/ material / men movement, would result in a significant financial loss to the company/ exchequer and may also delay important aid in case of any emergency situation which could further lead to a potential disastrous incident.

Hence we requested the DSL authorities including august office of Hon DC of SEZ to permit movement of our material vehicles and personnel vehicle movement as a special case during ongoing emergency situation until the district administration resolves the issue at the GIDC road, the only route avail be to us at the moment”.

This office had earlier restricted the firm (on account of being a DTA unit) to access the SEZ premises for movement of vehicles, because the SEZ premises are specifically meant for use by the SEZ units only.

The SO, Dahej SEZ vide email dated 27.08.2025 has reported that “the vehicles of M/s OPAL (DTA unit) have been moving through SEZ premises since yesterday midnight.

Further, for continuance of this arrangement, specific directions, as deemed fit, may be issued to avoid legal complexities in future”. Further, the SO, Dahej SEZ has requested for issuance of specific directions on the matter.

The SO, Dahej SEZ vide email dated 28.08.2025 has submitted the details of vehicle movement of M/s OPAL (DTA unit) recorded in register maintained at GATE, for perusal.

Subsequently, the Collector and District Magistrate, Bharuch vide letter dated 28.08.2025 has requested this office to permit OPaL to use the SEZ road network as an interim measure until the dispute is resolved. The contents of the letter are placed below: -

“This is with reference to the request from the Managing Director, ONGC Petro additions Ltd. (OPaL), regarding the difficulties being faced by the company in vehicular and manpower movement to and from its plant at Dahej.

At present, OPaL has been utilizing the GIDC road for its regular operations. However, it has been brought to our notice that a small stretch of this road near Village Suva remains incomplete, as the matter is currently sub judice due to a dispute between Suva Gram Panchayat and GIDC.

In view of this dispute, OPaL is unable to use the said stretch of road and has informed that there is no other viable alternative route for its vehicular movement.

The company has further explained that its plant operates on a continuous 24x7 basis, producing a wide range of solid and liquid petrochemical products, many of which require specialized vehicles under pressurized or refrigerated conditions for safe transportation. Any delay in evacuation not only disrupts operations but also poses potential safety and environmental risks.

Considering the above, it is imperative that an alternate passage be provided to ensure uninterrupted plant operations. Therefore, it is requested that OPaL may kindly be permitted, as an interim measure, to use the SEZ road network until the dispute is resolved”.

The case is placed before the Approval Committee for consideration and suitable decision in this matter.

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