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SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The present proposed land for diversion is located in location mentioned below:

| Division | Range | Village | Survey No. | Land applied for diversion (ha) |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Bankura (North) | Saltora | Jahurbana | 1 | 0.269 |
| | | | 126 | 0.376 |
| Total | | | | 0.645 |

I visited the site with DFO, Bankura (N) and representative of GAIL on 21st May, 2020.

The proposed land for diversion is part of protected forest. There is scrub forest kind of vegetation in the sites interspersed with some trees. In the proposed forest land diversion area plantation was raised in the year 2018 and now it is one year old. The seedlings planted though have not attained DBH height. The trees falling in the proposed land is enumerated and list is provided. The fauna found in the proposed patch are some local snakes like, Russel viper, Cobra, Common green snake etc. Apart from this area is used by fauna like Jackal, Indian common Hare, wild boar, Hyena and Indian Fox in the adjoining forest area. Since it is linear project with minimum area it is unlikely to cause any damage to wild life. The Forest land at Jahurbana mouza survey no 1 and 126 involving an area of 0.645ha falls within the Alignment of Jagdsihpur-Haldia-Bokaro&mdash Dhamra Pipeline. It is informed that the said project is site specific and is the best available route for laying pipeline involving minimum forest land. It was part of original alignment of pipeline for which land diversion is already submitted and recommended.

The other alternatives were scrutinized and were found to be involving more forest area. And the present alignment is found to be involving barest minimum forest area.

I believe that this is the minimum land required and is justified as the user agency have taken the edge of forest land and have avoided cutting through the large forest patch.

Since the project is long distance pipeline the above mentioned minimum forest area is unavoidable.

Therefore, I recommend the said project subject to fulfillment of conditions laid out by DFO Bankura (North) in his site inspection report.


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