

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DEPUTY
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS**

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A Proposal has been received by this office from the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (F.D & Nodal Officer, F.C Act), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha , Bhubaneswar online and hard copy from the user agency Executive Engineer, NH Division, Sambalpur on 12.07.2018 for diversion (under FCA -1980) of 27.371 hectares of forest land for non-forestry purpose. Out of the applied area of 27.371ha of Forest land, 7.716ha of Forest land comes within the jurisdiction of Kandhamal District Phulbani Forest Division. The project envisage the use of forest land* Widening of existing 2-lane to 2-lane with 1.5m. Wide paved shoulder from Km 0/0 to 81/00 in Phulbani Division of NH-157 on EPC Mode. (93/0 to 119/0 of N.H-157 comes under Ghumsur North Division). The Site Inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 27.07.2018. On inspection of the site and records , it is found that

1) 7.722 ha of forest land is required by the user agency, which is coming within Ranipathar Reserved forest: 5.211 ha, Phulbani Proposed Reserved Forest (PRF): 0.823ha and Revenue Forest land 1.688ha).

2)The RCC pillars posted for demarcation of forest land to be diverted have not been serially numbered as per index map.

Then the User Agency revised Forest Area to be diverted from 7.716 ha to 7.722 ha. Again site inspection was made by me on 12.09.18 pillar positions were matched with index map and found correct.

It is seen that the user agency has started execution of widening of the road in non forest land of the project. But the user agency submitted under taking as per guide lines

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.

Whether any rare/endangered /unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If so, the details thereof:---The area is partly coming under Ranipathar RF and Partly under Phulbani PRF. Elephant is occasionally seen in this part of Forest. Other animals seen are Wild boar, Spotted Deer, Mouse Deer, Porcupines, Wolf, Jungle cat, Sloth Bear, Rattles, Python, Leopard (Rarely Seen), Jackal, Mongoose, Lizards, Peafowl etc. This road is an existing one and this is an up-gradation to accommodate the increased traffic and a part of Ranchi- Vijayawada corridor. This Road is passing through Left Wing Affected district/ Area.

Whether any protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, If required : --- NO

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- (a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction:

Signature

Place: Phulbani
Date:-30.12.2018

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