SITE INSPECTION REPORT Diversion of forest land under FC Act.

A proposal has been received by this office from the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, JICA assisted GWSP, Guwahati-5 for diversion (under FC Act' 1980) of 0.96 ha of forest land for non forestry purpose. The applicant proposes to use the forest land for construction of Geetanagar –I Reservoir, Transmission main Pipelines and Access Roads inside Hengrabari Reserve Forest of Compartment No.-1, I have been inspected the site on 21/03/2022.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency falls in Hengrabari Reserve Forest measuring 0.96 ha in total area. The requirement of the forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col-II Part A1, Form-A is unavoidable and is barest minimum required by the user agency in order to supply drinking water for the Guwahati city.

- The proposed diversion area has natural vegetation.
- The area consists of shrubs & herbs with no trees.
- The forest area to be diverted is mostly hilly undulating land.
- The density of the forest area to be diverted for the project is 0.01%

The construction of Geetanagar –I Reservoir, Transmission main Pipelines and Access Roads through Hengrabari Reserve Forest would benefit the public of Guwahati city in getting clean drinking water.

The proposed site is not part of any protected area and does not include any archaeological heritage site or defense establishments. Also, no rare/endangered/unique species of flora & fauna is reported or sighted in the area, as on date.

The proposed erection of Geetanagar-I Reservoir, Transmission main Pipelines and Access Roads in the site will not adversely affect human habitation.

Therefore, the diversion proposal is recommended for acceptance.

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