

SITE INSPECTION REPORT w.r.t. FCA connectivity

S. No.	Items	Observation and Remarks			
Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Diversion of 0.6642 ha. of forest land for non forestry purposes under FCA, 1980 in Jasrota Range of Kathua Forest Division in respect of proposed Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway by National Highway Authority of India				
	Name of User Agency	National Highway Authority of India			
Date of Site Inspection	27-07-2021				
Extent (ha) and legal status of Forest land proposed for diversion	0.6642 hac.				
a) Details of Forest land proposed for diversion and activity wise breakup of forest land.	The Forest Land proposed for diversion falls in the category of "Reserved Forest"				
	Name of Range	Items of work/purpose	Forest Land Required		
Compartiment No.	Area Ha.				
Jasrota	Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway by National Highway Authority of India	Bein Closure	0.6642		
b) Density and Eco- value class	Density - 0.4 to 0.7 and Eco-Class - III.				
Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col. 2 of part - I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item - wise details of alternative examined.	Yes				
Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes details thereof.	No				
a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.	Not very important in absence of records of rare, endangered, threatened species.				
b) Detail of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	NA				
c) Aerial distance from nearest boundary of any protected Area (Km)	13.47 km from Jasrota Wild Life Sanctuary				
d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	Moderately sensitive				
e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required ? If yes, reasons thereof.	Pertains to Wildlife Division				
Details of vegetation:	Proposed Forest Area identified for diversion falls under Forest Types - Group 5 "Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests" as per Champion & Seth's Classification of India's Forests				
a) Total number of trees to be felled	792				
b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60cm	788				
c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60cm	4				

10	Back ground note on the proposal (Short Summary)	The project for Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway by National Highway Authority of India has been sanctioned under N/01004/01019/Jk. The projects starts at Km. 468.100 at Village Gurha Baildaran of Hiranagar Tehsil in Kathua District and end at Km 503.250 at Village Bagla of Vijaypur Tehsil in Samba District. The proposed project will improve connectivity from Delhi to Katra. The development will also improve the connectivity between U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir with the major cities of Punjab State, Haryana State and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980? If yes, a details report of violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	No
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabiltitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
13	Details of catchment and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	NA
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent silation of reservior (if applicable)	NA
14	Utility of the Project	The project for Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway by National Highway Authority of India has been sanctioned under N/01004/01019/Jk. The projects starts at Km. 468.100 at Village Gurha Baildaran of Hiranagar Tehsil in Kathua District and end at Km 503.250 at Village Bagla of Vijaypur Tehsil in Samba District. The proposed project will improve connectivity from Delhi to Katra. The development will also improve the connectivity between U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir with the major cities of Punjab State, Haryana State and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio- cultural / religious values? Whether any scared groves or very old growth trees / forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion.	No
16	Any other important information related to project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	No
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Attached
18	Recommendation of the Inspecting officer (DCF)	Recommended for grant of Stage-I or In-Principle Approval


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