Site inspection report

For the purpose of widening & strengthening of existing National Highway (NH319AMohaniya-Ramgarh-Chausa-Buxar Road from KM 30.660 to KM 65.909 in Buxar District, a proposal for diversion of 9.6184 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been submitted by the Executive Engineer, NH Division Aurangabad. I have inspected the site on 02.07.22 and 19.07.22 with Range Officer of Forest, Buxar and the concerned Executive Engineer, NH Division, Aurangabad. As per the proposal, the forest land to be diverted is situated alongside the Mohaniya-Ramgarh Road and Ramgarh-Chausa Road along Buxar District. During the site inspection carried out in 02.07.22, it was found that the widening of existing road is restricted from KM30.660 to KM45.750 as far as Buxar district. With respect to the remaining sections of the road from KM45.750 to KM 65.909, it was informed by the user agency that the Greenfield project would be proposed, for which separate proposal would be submitted to the competent authority in future. Further, it was found that the Typical Cross Section of the various sections of the road had not been submitted by the user agency. Further, the forest area to be diverted has been wrongly calculated as 9.6184 ha, for which the user agency had been directed to submit the revised area calculation. In reference to the above above said directions, vide Office of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Aurangabad Letter No.700 dated 11/07/22, the TCS and the Area Calculation sheet have been submitted to the office of the undersigned. Photocopy of which, has been attached herewith. As per site inspection on 19/07/22, the revised area of the proposed forest land to be diverted has been calculated on different sections taking into consideration the length & width of the road required for the purpose. For this project **only 10.6038 hectare** of forest in Buxar district land will be diverted, the calculation of which is attached as annexure-A of the proposal. For this project, 877 trees are required to be felled and 205 trees are required to be translocated. The species wise enumeration list is attached with the proposal.

During inspection no endangered/unique species of flora and fauna has been found. There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment is located near the site and also no National Park/wildlife sanctuary is situated in this area.

This project is of national importance and will contribute to development of transport section in the state of Bihar in particular and in the country in general. The requirement of proposed forest land is the barest minimum. On the date of inspection, it was found that no work in violation of the Act has been carried out. For the development of the area, the proposal in required to be cleared.

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