## SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF

## (For the Forest land to be diverted under FCA-1980)

The proposed site requiring forest clearance of Protected Forest Land for Entry/ Exit Approach to Proposed IOCL Retail Outlet on Belrayan-Panwari Road (SH-21) in Km. 24 (Ch 23.410 to 23.445) at Gata No. 407, Village: Barotha, Tehsil: Nighasan, District: Lakhimpur Kheri in North Kheri Forest Division Lakhimpur Kheri, was inspected by the undersigned on 07.01.2021 along with Sri Ram milan, Range forest officer, South Nighasan Range, Sri Shiv Babu Saroj, forester and other forest staffs.

The area proposed for diversion of protected forest is 0.086211 ha.

Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- The protected forest is not part of notified buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, where the proposed site is situated. Notified buffer includes only reserve forest of Tiger Reserve where tiger, the flagship species is found and movement of tigers along with other wild animals is rare in the proposed area as proposed site is on the road side near Jhandi town.

In the proposed project there is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. So there is no need of alternatives to be examined.

The user agency has not carried out any work in violation of the Act.

**Recommendation.** Since the requirement of Protected Forest land for Entry/ Exit Approach to Proposed IOCL Retail Outlet on Belrayan-Panwari Road (SH-21) in Km. 24 (Ch 23.410 to 23.445) at Gata No. 407, Village: Barotha, Tehsil: Nighasan, District: Lakhimpur Kheri is minimum, no tree is to cut and no alternative is available hence the project is recommended for the benefit/interest of local people.

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