

Check list Sl No.6

6.2 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL/PROJECT ALONGWITH JUSTIFICATION TO BE GIVEN BY THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, GHUMSUR NORTH DIVISION.

The proposal for diversion of 2.562 Ha. of Forest land under FC Act'1980 for "Improvement of Existing Road by Black topping PWD Road to Siuli Via Kadaliguda under PMGSY Scheme Package No.OR-11-267/B-II (2016-17) in Ganjam District" vide proposal No .FP/OR/ROAD/500071/2020 (State Sl. No.OR-066/2020 dtd.02.12.2020) was received from the Addl. Pr.C.C.F, (FD & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act) O/o Pr. C.C.F, Odisha, Bhubaneswar online and hard copy from the User Agency i.e Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bhanjanagar on dtd.16.12.2022 vide his office letter No.5281 dtd.13.12.2022. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 20.09.2022 & 29.09.2022 & 09.01.2023. On inspection of the site and records, it is found that :-

1. 2.562 ha. of forest land is required by the user agency, which is coming within Ambazora Reserved Forest Compartment No.14 under Tarasing Range of this Division.
2. The RCC pillars posted for demarcation of forest land to be diverted have been serially numbered as per the DGPS survey map.

It is seen that the user agency has not yet been started execution of construction of the road in non-forest land of the project.

PART-II (Item No.-xi)

Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna in the area. If so, the details thereof: - The area proposed area coming under Ambazora Reserved Forest Compartment No.14 under Tarasing Range of Ghumsur North Division, Bhanjanagar. There is frequent movement of wild Elephants are found in that proposed area of diversion and Wild Elephants are staying for the whole year. Further, other wild lives are Wild boar, Spotted Deer, Mouse, Deer, Sambar, Porcupines, Wolf, Civet, Jungle fowl, Giant Squirrel, Monkeys, Jungle Cat, Sloth bear, Python, Leopard, Jackal, Fox Mongoose, Lizards, Peafowl, King Cobra, Hyena etc. & the endangered Species Pangolin is also found. Except that different types of snakes and birds are also seen in the said forest. The rare flora like *Pterpcarpas marsupium* (Piasal), *Anogeissus laifolia* (Dhaura) & *Dalbergia latifolia* (Pahadi Sisoo) are found in this area which is very important from eco-social point of view.

PART-II (Item No.-xii)

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.

PART-II (Item No.-8)

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 with details of alternatives examined.

The proposed area of diversion seems to be unavoidable and barest minimum.

PART-II (Item No.-9)

Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.

The User Agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) act, 1980 and no work has been started in the area proposed for diversion.


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COMMENTS ON PROJECT

The User Agency i.e. the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bhanjanagar has applied for diversion of 2.562 Ha. of Forest Land in Ambazora Reserve Forest Compartment No.14 under Tarasingi Range of Ghumsur North Division for "Improvement of Existing Road by Black topping PWD Road to Siuli Via Kadaliguda under PMGSY Scheme Package No.OR-11-267/B-II (2016-17) in the District of Ganjam" vide proposal No.FP/OR/ROAD/500071/2020 (State Sl. No.OR-066/2020 dtd.02.12.2020).

The total forest land proposed from diversion is 2.562 Ha. which is comes under Tarasingi Range of Ghumsur North Division. The compensatory afforestation scheme for twice of the area of the proposed diversion of forest land has been identified over 13.050 Ac. or 5.281 Ha. of degraded revenue forest land as details as follows:-

LAND SCHEDULE FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION.

Name of Tahasil	Mouza	Khata No.	Area (in Ac.)	Kissam	RT
Jagannathprasad	702	1446/A	6.875	Gramya Jungle	Rakhita
	699	1427	6.175	Jungle	Abadya Jogya Anabadi
Total:-			13.050 Ac. or 5.281 Ha,		

Environment and Ecology:

The project does not affect the environment adversely and also this project does not pass-through National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary. Other historic or cultural sites of significance are not present. Due to diversion of the forest land and consequent felling of trees in forest area, the Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been enclosed separately.

Necessity:

Improvement of Existing Road by Black topping PWD Road to Siuli Via Kadaliguda under PMGSY Scheme Package No.OR-11-267/B-II (2016-17) in Ganjam District in the State of Odisha aims to improve the socio-economic development and transportation of goods and services of localities. Since, the project is initiated with a larger interest of the general public of the locality & facilitation day to day communication, marketing, education & health services of the locality, the proposal may be recommended for diversion of 2.562 Ha. of Forest land. The stretch of this road passes in hilly and mountainous region. Due to construction of this road the employment in the locality would be generated.


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