

Full Title of the project:-

Proposal for Diversion of **0.6274** Hectare of Forest Land (0.1899 He in Begusarai Forest Division, 0.1275 He in Saharsa Forest Division, 0.2170 He in Purnia Forest Division and **0.0930** he in Araria Forest Division) for laying 24" dia natural gas pipeline along with OFC from Barauni in Begusarai District of Bihar State to Guwahati in Assam State via West Bengal.

File No.:**CHECKLIST SR. No. 10****JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

The criteria for route selection are:

- a) The route was formally approved by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
- b) Optimum distance between source of supply and consumer location (demand points).
- c) Avoidance of Wild Life Sanctuaries, maintaining educate distance through Reserved Forest, Mining area and Defense establishment to the best possible.
- d) Avoidance of sensitive and highly populated area.
- e) Safety of people and environment
- f) Easy access to route during construction and operation period.

The selected route is optimized considering the above factors and connectivity between supply source and consumer location.

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