

Sl.No. II Annexure-III to part II

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Banka Forest Division, Banka, Bihar

Site Inspection report of DCF

Inspection Date :-20.12.2018

The Proposed project area is passing through protected Forest area of Baunsi range. SH-19 Bhaglpur-Hansdiha road has been notified as Protected Forest for management purpose by Environment and Forest Department, Government of Bihar through vide notification No. 921E dated 28.08.1997 in which the present proposal for total about 0.1239 ha is submitted for diversion. Actual area involved in the project is 0.1239 ha has been visited by the undersigned along with survey team and verified the facts in proposed site. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project. The diversion of 0.1239 ha of protected forest land is proposed for the construction of main entrance, Emergency exit-1 & Emergency exit-2 for New LPG Bottling plant of IOCL on SH-19. During the inspection on 20.12.2018 as per the instruction of APCCF (CAMPA)-cum-nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Letter No.-FC 1288 dated 05.12.2018, it was found that for main entrance 777 sqm and for Emergency exit 1-231 sqm, and for Emergency exit-2 231 sqm hence total 1239 sqm area falls under the ROW of the SH-19 which is actually notified as Protected Forest.

The area of diversion as required by user agency is 0.1239 ha. The proposed P.F land have no tree species found. No endangered and rare species found in the proposed area. Density of Vegetation is approximately 0.1 for the purpose of NPV calculation. In few places, the weeds and grass are also present. This part of the protected forest is the minimum area proposed for diversion to complete of the project. This is bare minimum forest area required along with Existing ROW of SH-19 for LPG Bottling plant approach. 0.1239 Ha land is mainly required by the user agency to complete the project. No other alternative is possible to the user agency to avoid this bare minimum land. Generally the project area is vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the substrate during rainy season. The proposed project area is only notified Protected and not forms part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. Animals like jackal, hair, Common Langur etc found in the nearest forest areas. Apart from those local birds are abundant in the areas. The undersigned is of opinion that the instant proposed project will no way affect the distribution or movement of any wild animal found in the areas where it is found. So far no such any cases of wildlife death reported in the proposed road. As per field inspection and information provided user agency there is no record of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area of the proposed project.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project and only viable option. This project will increase the availability of cleaner LPG Gas hence it will reduce the pressure on natural forest. The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Forest conservation Act and Indian Forest Act at the time of inspection.



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