

Site Inspection Report

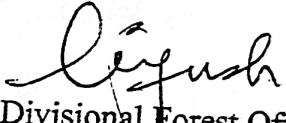
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- 1). The site for this project is a national highway, which is to be widened and strengthened under this project. The road is notified as "Protected", with current width of 7 meters. This project seeks to increase this width to 12 meters in totality with 1 meter of flank included on either side in this 12 meter.
- 2). The total length of the road proposed for strengthening and widening is 117.2 km in Jamui Forest Division, starting from Barbigaha (Sheikhpura District) to Tarhari-Sikandara-Pirhinda-Nariyana-Simultalla (Jamui District). This strengthening and widening of the road is leading to diversion of total of 89.6878 Ha.
- 3). The strengthening and widening of the road has to be done by 2 User Agencies, namely NH Division, Lakhisarai and NH Division, Bihar Sharif. While NH Division, Bihar Sharif will undertake the project from Chainage Number 0+000- to Chainage Number-72+000, NH Division, Lakhisarai will undertake the project from Chainage Number- 72+000 to Chainage Number- 117+ 200 in Jamui Forest Division.
- 4). Although the current width of the existing road is 7 meters, and the aforesaid proposal seeks to widen the road by an extent of 5 meters (2.5 meters on either side), in which *kaccha flank* is included, the RoW (Right of Way) sought by NH Division, Bihar Sharif is ranging from 18 to 30 meters, which is far too high than required, resulting into proposed felling of 14939 trees, with an average felling of 207 (14939/72) trees per kilometer. While the NH Division, Lakhisarai is seeking Right of Way, resulting into felling of 1265 trees, with an average felling of 28 (1265/45) trees per kilometer. Thus efforts can be made by the NH Division, Bihar Sharif to reduce this number. (A meeting under the Chairmanship of APPCF-cum-CEO, CAMPA, Bihar was also organized to address this issue, which included

representatives of NH Divisions, but no amendments were made by the NH Division, Bihar Sharif in this regard).

5). Consequently, total area of Protected Forest, sought to be diverted by the NH Division Lakhisarai is 14.58 ha and that by the NH Division, Bihar Sharif is 75.102 ha.

6). It would be pertinent that the User Agencies perform the act of translocation of trees during pre-Monsoon period, so that maximum survival of the trees can be ensured.


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