

Office of the Divisional forest officer Forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

Site inspection Note

I, Brijendra Srivastava, have been working as deputy conservator of forest and posted as divisional forest officer, forest division Gwalior.

National Highway Authority of India Gwalior Wide letter no.NHAI/PIU-GWL/20019/01/2018-Western Bypass/5295 dated 27.12.2021 have submitted demand letter for 'Diversion of Protected/General forest area under forest land for non-forestry use' under Wildlife (conservation) act. 1972 and Forest conservation Act, 1980 for construction Four laning of National Highway for construction of Bypass on Western side of Gwalior City design length 27.800 km in district Gwalior as detailed below -

S.No.	District	Division	Range	compt. no.	Forest area proposed for diversion in hect.	Legal Status
1	Gwalior	Gwalior	Game Range Tighra (Wildlife Sanctuary)	MGB Raipur, 335, 341 Forest land	38.025	Reserved forest
2			Gwalior	RF 13, RF 19	4.80	Reserved forest
Total					42.83	

I, have inspected the above site on **dated 09-03-22** for mentioning facts as submitted by the user agency, National Highway Authority Of India and for concluding departments recommendation in proposed diversion of forest land as mentioned above, for non-forestry purpose under Wildlife (conservation) Act, 1972 and Forest conservation act, 1980.

I, am submitting my site inspection report on prescribed format as below-

Si. No.	Particular	Inspection Report By CCF/DFO (T)
1	Extent is hectares.	42.83 hectares.
2	Location (lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.	KML file has been uploaded in part-1 of the said application.
3	Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land)	Reserved forest land
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary claims etc.	Yes
5	Any signs of encroachment.	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the user Agency in case of violation of the FC Act. and guidelines there under.	Nil
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	The proposed area for diversion is scrub forest of density 0.2 and Eco class 3. Species are Khair-321 and miscellaneous-419 total 740 trees.
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	Yes, wildlife activity exists in this forest land proposed for diversion. Generally Leopard, Cheetal, Sambhar, Chusingha, Nilgai, Chinkara, Wild dog, Wolf, Wild pig, hyena, jackal, hara and monkey etc. are found in this area.
9	Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.	Yes
10	Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working plan and, if not, why?	Yes, this area is being managed as per the Management Plan and M. Kalidurai Working Plan.

11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.	No
12	Any dependent persons/families on this land.	No
13	Any displacement of persons proposed.	No
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced ?	No
15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than to kms.	Compensatory afforestation is proposed on double degraded forest land area 86.00 hectare. 50.00 ha. in Compartment PF-272 and 36.00 ha. in compartment RF 354.
16	Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 kms.	Proposed area is a part of Protected area (Son chiriya Wildlife Sanctuary Ghatigaon) and General Forest area.
17	Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals have been recognized in this area.	No
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.	This project will provide better connectivity. This stretch of the road primarily runs in N-S direction and connects Morena, Gwalior, Shivpuri & other important Blocks.
19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	NA
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.	No
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Certificate is not attached within the file.
22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	No.
23	Any other issue of significance.	None.
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.	Above Proposal of Western Bypass is recommended as the project is of utmost public importance to provide connectivity among various district of Madhya Pradesh. However the project area proposed lies in protected area of Ghatigaon Hukna Bird (Great Indian Bustard) Sanctuary therefore mitigation measures have been recommended in Wildlife passage Plan.

Place: Gwalior

Date : 09-03-2022

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