

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

A proposal has been received by this office from Shri. KB Gandhi, Executive Engineer, PWD-III (District Panchayat) for diversion (under FCA-1980) of 0.713 Ha Protected Forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for the Integrated Water Management Plan III for Surangi, Apti and Velugam villages in the Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on dated 28/11/2017 along with the representatives of the User Agency and the Range Forest Officer, Central Range/Southern Range, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a forest measuring 0.713 Ha. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of part-I is unavoidable and is the barest minimum required for the project.

The status of the land is Protected Forest of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and partly (240 metres) passing through the **Dadra and Nagar Haveli Wildlife Sanctuary**. The proposal is to provide drinking water to the tribal villages of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. There is no tree to be felled during this process. During the inspection, there was no endangered/endemic flora and fauna found in the forest proposed for diversion.

Also, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.

Hence, this proposal for Diversion of 0.713 Ha Protected Forest land for the Integrated Water Management Plan III for Surangi, Apti and Velugam villages in the Dadra and Nagar Haveli is **hereby recommended** under FCA, 1980 only and the User Agency has to obtain clearance under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 separately.

Place : Silvassa.

Date : 10/08/2018.

 

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