

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

S. No.	Items	Observation and Remarks				
1	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Road from Riar to Baggan Part-II, Range Billawar, Beats: Bajoi & Billawar				
2	Name of User Agency	Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division, Billawar				
3	Date(s) of Site Inspection	11.02.2021				
4	Extent (ha) and legal status of Forest land proposed for diversion	0.855 Ha. The Forest Land proposed for diversion falls in the category of "Reserved Forest"				
5	a) Details of Forest land proposed for diversion and activity wise breakup of forest land.	Name of Range	Items of work/purpose	Forest Land Required		
				Compartment No.	Area	
					Sq. m.	Ha.
			Billawar Range	Construction of Road from RD 2/525 to 2/775	22/Blr	0.0015 0.15
				Construction of Road from RD 3/375 to 3/650		0.00165 0.165
				Construction of Road from RD 4/300 to 4/450		0.0009 0.09
				Construction of Road from RD 4/825 to 5/075		0.0015 0.15
				Dumping site at RD 2/775		0.001 0.1
				Dumping site at RD 3/650		0.001 0.1
			Dumping site at RD 5/000		0.001 0.1	
		Total area required for the project		0.00855	0.855	
	b) Density and Eco- value class	Density - 0.5 and Eco-Class -V				
6	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col. 2 of part - I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item - wise details of alternative examined.	Yes				
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes details thereof.	No				
8	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view of not.	No				

	b) Detail of any rare or endangered or unique speices of flora and fauna in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	No rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna noticed in the area proposed to be diverted
	c) Aerial distance from nearest boundary of any portected Area (Km)	34.5 Km from the boundarty of Jastota Wildlife Sanctuary, Kathua.
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	Proposed forest area is not very sensitive as it is a climax seral stage in ecological succession i.e., Chir woodland which has stabilized over the years. Moreover, pure Chir forests tend to have limited biodiversity due to allelochemy via chir pine needles.
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required ? If yes, reasons thereof.	No
9	Details of vegetation:	Proposed Forest Area identified for diversion is bears the vegetation in the nature of Forest Type ' Siwalik Chir Pine Forests 9/C1a ' (Champion & Seth's Classification of India's Forests, 1964)
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	175
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm	54
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm	121
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area.	The removal of trees from forest area proposed for diversion is sure to have minor effects on the micro-climate of the area but since the area proposed for diversion is far from habitation and is under lesser biotic pressure thereof, therefore, the diverted area is likely to recuperate naturally over the years as there is already an abundance of rootstock in the form of advanced growth.
10	Back ground note on the proposal (Short Summary)	The PMGSY Road Riar to Baggan Part-II sanctioned in Phase-X under the PMGSY is likely connect the remote villages of Riar with Baggan and as per the proposed road alignment, intervening villages viz., Froll, Makhonda, Pakhondi & Sihara shall also be connected, thereby directly benefitting 957 souls and indirectly benefitting 290 souls. The road is likely to uplift the local rural economy and enhanced connectivity resulting in ease of services delivery in the area.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980? If yes, a details report of violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	No
12	Whehter the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabitiltation plan has been approved by the State Government?	Not Applicable

13	Details of catchment and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	Not Applicable
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent silation of reserrior (if applicable)	Not Applicable
14	Utility of the Project	The project is likely connect the remote village of Marila Rajundi with GarhSamnabanj and as per the proposed road alignment, intervening villages viz., Surara, Tunal & Cheru shall also be connected, benefitting 314 souls. The road is likely to uplift the local rural economy and enhanced connectivity resulting in ease of services delivery in the area.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio- cultural / religious values? Whether any scared groves or very old growth trees / forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion.	No
16	Any other important information related to project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	No
17	Details of doucments and photographs enclosed:	A brief tour note of the site inspection along with photographs is enclosed herewith
18	Recommendation of the Inspecting officer (DCF)	In view of the fact that the project is likely to provide enhanced connectivity to the remote villages mentioned above, thereby uplifting the local rural economy benefitting 314 souls and given the fact that the likely damage to be caused by the road construction shall be mitigated by the corresponding CA Plan, the present FCA Case is recommended for the grant of approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

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Tour Note of Site Inspection Report in respect of the PMGSY Road from Riar to Baggan Part-II

Today on 11.02.2021, the undersigned along with Range Officer, Billawar Range; Block Officer, Billawar Block and Beat Guard, Bajoi Beat visited the road alignment of Riar to Baggan Road part-II. The undersigned with the forest team walked along the road alignment at intervening stretches. The undersigned checked the Permanent Bench Marks (PBMs) placed at different RDs by the User Agency and the corresponding Tree Enumeration details were also tallied with the RDs. The RD details as well as the enumeration details matched with each other.

The undersigned then made a small detour along the road alignment on both the sides to get a fair idea about the nature of ground vegetation in order to ascertain whether there are any endangered or rare flora in the area. The vegetation on ground was typical of the Forest Type **'Siwalik Chir Pine Forests 9/C1a'** (Champion & Seth's Classification of India's Forests, 1964). No endangered/rare/unique flora was noticed in the area under observation.

It was also found on enquiry from the field staff that the area proposed for diversion does not form the habitat of any critically endangered wildlife species. Moreover, the aerial distance of the nearest wildlife sanctuary viz., Jasrota wildlife sanctuary is also about 34.5 km from the project area. As such, there is no apprehension of any kind of fragmentation of habitat of any wildlife species.

The slope of the area proposed for diversion, in general, is gentle to moderate. The User Agency, though, has proposed for sufficient muck dumping sites at three intervening stretches of the road. However, the user agency shall have to take strict soil conservation measures during execution of cutting in steep stretches to avoid the likely damage that may be inflicted upon the forest crop in the area. Necessary directions in this regard have been issued to the concerned field staff to remain vigilant during the execution phase and to promptly report any violation, if noticed.

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Site Inspection Photographs

