

Sl.No. 11. Annexure- IV to part II

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

Site Inspection report of DCF

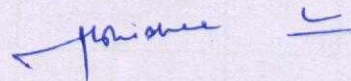
Inspection Date :-21.04.2021

Atari-Jethian Road's RoW has been notified as Protected Forest for management purpose by Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Bihar through S.O. No. 400 dated 31.12.1996 in which the present proposal for **0.985 Hectares** is submitted for diversion. Actual area involved in the project is **0.985 Hectares** and 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 **0.985 Hectares** of protected forest land is proposed for the construction of Optical Fiber Cable along segments of **Atari-Jethian Road's RoW**.
- During the inspection on **21.04.2021** as per the instruction of APPCF (CAMPA) - cum - nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Letter No. **FC/16/2021-81 Dated 25.01.2021**, the actual area was found to **0.985 Hectares** which is notified as Protected Forest.
- The area for diversion is **0.985 Hectares** and the user agency requires forest land devoid of any tree species. No endangered and rare tree/ species were found in the proposed area. Density of Vegetation is **approximately zero** for the purpose of NPV calculation. In few places the weeds and grasses are 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 for the construction of Optical Fiber Cable along segments of **Atari-Jethian Road's RoW**.
- **0.985 Hectares** land is mainly required by the user agency to complete the project. No other alternative exists 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 Forest** and does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- **Nilgai** is found naturally and freely distributed across the Gaya district in the farm lands. Animals like jackal, hair, Common Langur etc are also found in the nearest forest areas. Apart from these, local birds are abundant in these areas. The undersigned is of the opinion that the proposed project will in no way affect the distribution or movement of any wild animal found in the areas where it is found. So far no cases of wildlife deaths

have been reported in the proposed road. The crop raiding Nilgai is also present in the adjoining areas of the forest boundary.

- As per my knowledge, the enquiry report of the Forest official and information provided by 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 in Col. No. 2 of Part – I, is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project and only viable option.
- The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Forest conservation Act and Indian Forest Act at the time of inspection.
- The area identified for compensatory afforestation falls on the **Notified Protected Forest along Atari-Jethian Road's RoW of Atari Range where 100 plants in the form of linear plantation will be done with Iron-Gabion Protection.**



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