

PART - II

(To be filled by concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of the Proposal:

7. Location of the Project/Scheme:

(i) State/Union Territory	Bihar
(ii) District	Gaya
(iii) Forest Division	Gaya Forest Division, Gaya
(iv) Area of Forest Land Proposed for Diversion (in ha.)	0.985 Hectare. The user agency applied for diversion of 0.985 Hectare area of protected forest land for construction of Optical Fiber Cable along segments of Atari-Jethian Road's RoW .
(v) Legal Status of Forest	The Proposed project area is passing through Atari range and has been notified as Protected Forest for management purpose by Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Bihar vide S.O. No. 400 dated 31.12.1996. (Notification annexed as Annexure I)
(vi) Density of Vegetation	Zero
(vii) Species-wise (Scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL-1, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	Trees were found along the proposed alignment. However, NO Trees need to be felled for the purpose of the project implementation. This has been given by the user agency in writing. (Annexed as Annexure II)
(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	Generally, the project area is vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the substrate during rainy season.
(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	The proposed project area is passing through protected forest land for construction of Optical Fiber Cable along segments of Atari-Jethian Road's RoW .
(x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed.	No. 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.
(xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If so, the details thereof.	Nilgai is found naturally and free distributed across the Gaya district in the farmlands. Animals like jackal, hair, Common Langur etc are found in the nearest forest areas. The undersigned is of the opinion that the proposed project will not affect the distribution or movement of any wild animals found in the area. So far, no case of wildlife death has been reported on the proposed site. Nevertheless, the crop raiding Nilgai is present in the adjoining areas of the forest boundary.
(xii) Whether any protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent	As per my knowledge, the enquiry report of the Forest officials and the information provided by the user agency, there is no record of any protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument

authority, if required.	located in the area of the proposed project.
8. Whether the requirement of forest lands as proposed by the user agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum of the Project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. No. 2 of Part – I is unavoidable and bare minimum of the project. Actual area involved in the project is 0.985 Hectares .
9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same, including period of work done and action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Act till the date of inspection.
10. Details of compensatory afforestation Scheme :	The area identified for Greening lies on Atari-Jethian Road's RoW .
(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensation.	
(ii) Map showing Non-Forest/degraded Forest area identified for compensation.	Not Applicable.
(iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency. Time schedule, cost structure etc.	Model scheme Attached- Annexure-III . The species to be planted will be guided by the local soil factor. The proposed Linear Plantation will be implemented by Gaya Forest Division. The time schedule depends on the final approval (stage II) of this project.
(iv) Total Financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Rs.7,52,635 (Rs. Seven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five only).
(v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	The area is suitable for Compensatory Afforestation and free from any encumbrances.
11. Site Inspection report of DCF specifically highlighting facts asked in Col. Nos. 7 (xi, xii), 8 & 9 above.	Attached as Annexure-IV
12. <u>Division/District Profile</u> :	
(i) Geographical area of the district.	4976 Sq. km.
(ii) Forest area of the district	816.66 Sq.km.
(iii) Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases	423.57 Hectare in 26 proposals.
(iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on:	-
(a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation.	
(b) Non-Forest land	-
(v) Progress of afforestation as on (01.10.2019)	603.44 Hectares of Plantation has been done under CA and funds from NPV.
(a) Forest land	
(b) Non-Forest land	24 km linear plantations have been done.

A. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

This is the bare minimum forest land required for the project. The amount realized from the user agency in the form of NPV shall be utilized for conservation, protection, and management of forest in this division. The green belt will be created through the amount realized from the user agency as Compensatory afforestation work and it will help in the increasing green cover.

The proposed area involves diversion of **0.985 Hectares** in Gaya Forest Division, Gaya. This is the bare minimum of forest land required for the project and has no other alternative to bye-pass. Diversion of this forest land area for the project (Non-Forestry activity) may not much affect the local flora of the area. The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Act till the date of inspection.

In light of the above mentioned facts and keeping the cognizance that Gaya District falls under the Naxal Affected area and as per the prescribed provisions, I recommend positively for the approval of this proposal. Therefore this proposal for diversion of forest land may be approved with necessary conditions and directions.

Date:
Place: Gaya
Gaya Forest Division, Gaya

Signature 

Name: Abhishek Kumar, IFS
Deputy Conservator of Forest