

Site Inspection Report Divisional Forest Officer

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA 1980)

A Proposal has been received by this office from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. It is a City Gas Distribution Project from Ara-Patna (Natural gas to domestic, commercial, industrial customers in form of CNG and PNG) for diversion (Under FCA-1980) of 0.59006 ha of forest land for non forestry purpose by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 04-02-2020 and 13-02-2020. After site inspection it was found that the proposed project requires diversion of forest land of only about 0.58766 ha.

During inspection of the site, it was found that the area of notified protected forest land in the district of Patna required for this project comes to only 0.58766 ha. The area calculation is enclosed separately. This requirement of Forest land is unavoidable and is bare minimum required for the project. The land is almost flat and this land is not vulnerable to soil erosion. This land is not part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary Biosphere Reserve, and Elephant Corridor etc. No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna are reported to be found in the area. No archeological/heritage site/important monument or defence establishment was seen during the visit of the proposed site. Further, the user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been carried out by the user agency.

The project is for creating network of PNG and CNG connections in the State of Bihar, contributing to prosperity of the state and the forest land required for the project is less and is necessary for development of the state; therefore, the required land is recommended for diversion.

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