

Site Inspection Report

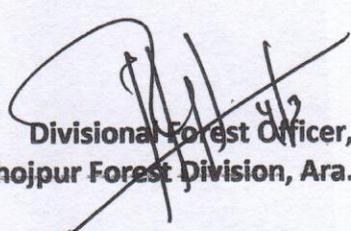
For the purpose of construction of 4/6 laning of Ara-Sasaram-Patna Road section of NH-119A from KM 40+450 to KM 84+300 (Ring Road) under Bharatmala Pariyojana (Lot 7/Package-2) in the district of Bhojpur in Bihar (Package-II), a proposal for diversion of 22.716 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has been submitted by Executing Agency, National Highway Authority of India, Project Implementation unit, Patna. As per the proposal, **diversion of 22.716 ha forest land falls in the district of Bhojpur.**

This project involves construction of new road as well as widening of existing road. The proposed greenfield segment starting from design chainage 40+450 to 74+300 cuts across seven existing roads/ canals which are declared as Protected Forest under state government notification no. 189E dated 16-02-1994. Forest Area proposed to be diverted for this greenfield segment is **2.0760 ha**. The proposed widening segment starting from design chainage 74+300 to 84+300 falls on the Ara Sasaram Road which is declared as Protected Forest. Forest Area proposed to be diverted ^{for the segment} is **20.64 ha**. Details of Protected Forests falling within the proposed project and the corresponding area statement has been attached herewith. During the site inspection dated 04-03-2023, it was found that the proposed forest area to be diverted falls across the above-mentioned roads/ canals. As per user agency, utilization of 22.716 ha of forest land is bare minimum and unavoidable. On the date of inspection, it was found that no work in violation of the Act has been carried out. For the development of the area, the proposal is required to be cleared.

Total of 4177 trees falls within the proposed forest area to be diverted. Trees are enumerated and jointly verified. Tree Protection Plan has been submitted by the user agency whereby it is proposed that 3500 trees would be translocated and 677 trees would be felled. The species wise details of enumeration list and tree protection plan is attached.

As per the user agency, no endangered species of flora and fauna has been found. There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment located on the site and there is no National Park/wildlife sanctuary located in and around the site.

This project is of national importance and will contribute to the improvement of transport sector in general. For the development of the economy of the state in general and the district in particular, the proposal may be given clearance.


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