SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Date of Inspection :- 07.01.2023

Officials present during inspection :-

- 1. Shri Bimal Lakra, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Bokaro.
- 2. Shri Ved Prakash Kamboj, Ramgarh Forest Division, Ramgarh.
- 3. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Project Director NHAI, Dhanbad.
- 4. Shri Arun Kumar, Range Forest Officer, Petarwar Range, Bokaro Forest Division.

The site inspection was done on 07.01.2023 in the presence of the above mentioned officers. The site of Chargi Village in Bokaro Forest Division and the site at Chopadaru village in Ramgarh Forest Division was inspected. The Project Director NHAI, Dhanbad informed that the proposed 4 lane highway from Jainamore of Bokaro to Ormanjhi of Ranchi District will shorten the distance from Bokaro to Ranchi, which will save the travelling time.

At Chargi and Chopadaru village the proposed highway will cross the existing Bokaro-Ramgarh highway and Bokaro-Rajrappa more via fly over bridge. The forest area proposed for diversion in Bokaro Division in Bokaro Division is mostly of Jungle-Jhari nature. The forest area proposed for diversion in Ramgarh Forest Division has good forest. The proposed highway will hinder the movement of the wild animals from one part of the forest to the other part. DFO, Ramgarh has recommended for the construction of under pass for the wild animals at eight (8) selected sites. I agree with the recommendation of DFO, Ramgarh. DFO, Ramgarh has also recommended for the comprehensive wildlife Management Plan. I agree with him. I also agree with the estimation of the density of the forests proposed to be diverted by DFO, Ramgarh and DFO, Bokaro.

The proposed forest for diversion in both the diversions do not from part of any protected area/wildlife sanctuary or National Park/archeological/heritage site/defense establishment is located in the area.

These proposals of forest lands diversions are for the Bharatmala Project of NHAI, Govt. of India. Its objective is to enhance the road connectivity between the cities of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Hence the proposals are recommended for diversion.

Conservator of Forest, Territorial Circle, Bokaro

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