

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I have visited all the places falling under the jurisdiction of Saltora range, Bankura North division several times in the past. The site was visited by me on 24/06/2019, 02/07/2019 and on 10/01/2020 specifically for inspecting the site from Forest Conservation Act and forest land diversion point of view. The present proposed land for diversion is located in below mentioned plots.

Range	Village	Survey No	Land applied for diversion (ha)
Saltora	Jahurbana	1	0.269
		126	0.376
		Total	0.645

While inspecting the site, the project authorities and Range officer Saltora Range, and Beat officer of the concerned beat were present. Besides, our local staffs were also present.

The proposed land for diversion is part of protected forest. There is scrub forest kind of vegetation in the sites interspersed with some trees. In the proposed forest land diversion area plantation was raised in the year 2018 and now it is one year old. The seedlings planted though have not attained DBH height. The trees falling in the proposed land is enumerated and list is provided. The fauna found in the proposed patch are some local snakes like, Russel viper, Cobra, Common green snake etc. Apart from this area is used by fauna like Jackal, Indian common Hare, wild boar, Hyena and Indian Fox in the adjoining forest area. Since it is linear project with minimum area it is unlikely to cause any damage to wild life.

The site was inspected from the point of view of minimum requirement of land for the purpose proposed.

The Forest land at Jahurbana mouza survey no 1 and 126 involving an area of 0.645ha falls within the Alignment of Jagdsihpur-Haldia-Bokaro—Dhamra Pipeline. It is informed that the said project is site specific and is the best available route for laying pipeline involving minimum forest land. It was part of original alignment of pipeline for which land diversion is already

submitted and recommended. The present proposal was not included in the original proposal since the agency was not able to obtain Clearance under FRA owing to some clarification regarding ownership status of land from District Magistrate office. Since then it was clarified from this division that the said land is notified forest land and the agency then got no objection under FRA from District Magistrate. The other alternatives were scrutinized and were found to be involving more forest area. And the present alignment is found to be involving barest minimum forest area. In my opinion this the barest minimum land required and is justified as they have taken the edge of forest land and avoided cutting through the large forest patch there by possible minimum area has been proposed.

Till now, no work has been started in the proposed location and as such no violation of Forest Conservation Act was reported as on date.

The vegetation details have been provided; agency shall not cut any tree if the land is allowed under Forest Conservation act and such operation has to be done by Forest department or its agency only or as the authorities decide.

Since the project is long distance pipeline and is unavoidable as it has to cut rough forest at some point invariably.

Since the proposed site is full of rocky area, the debris arising out of the project shall not be thrown into forest area so that no disturbance occurs and all care should be taken to ensure least disturbance to adjoining forest land.

Hence the following mitigation measures to be put in place by executing agency as precautions

- The area may be reverted to its original position after laying of pipeline
- All the debris, rock etc s should not be dumped in nearby forest area.
- Work should be carried out only during day time to avoid any disturbance to existing Fauna.
- Vehicular movement in any other part of Forest is prohibited.
- All precautions should be taken to avoid any kind of fire incidents

- No firewood shall be collected from forest by any laborers working in the proposed site.
- All labour camp, vehicle depot should be established outside the forest area.

Date:10/01/2020

Place: Bankura

Signature:



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