

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Gaya Forest Division, Gaya, Bihar

Site Inspection report of DCF

Inspection Date : 4/05/2022

Gaya-Khijarsarai-Islampur-Abgila-Murali Hill- Madanpur-Bodhgaya road 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. The proposed area of **2.1109 Hectares** is submitted for diversion for laying new pipeline along these roads. Actual area involved in the project is **2.1109 Hectares** and has been visited by the undersigned along with survey team and verified the facts in proposed site. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum of the project.

- The diversion of **2.1109 Hectares** of protected forest land is proposed for the laying new pipeline to carry pure water from water treatment plant to existing water structures.
- During the inspection on **4.05.2022** as per the instructions of APPCF (CAMPA)-cum-Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) letter No. **FC/15/2022-110 dated 9.2.2022**, the actual area was found to **2.1109 Hectares** which is notified as Protected Forest.
- The area for diversion is **2.1109 Hectares** and the user agency requires protected forest land containing **21 trees**. The Tree protection plan of these trees has already been submitted. No endangered and rare tree/species was found in the proposed area. Density of Vegetation is **approximately zero** for the purpose of NPV calculation.
- This is bare minimum forest area required for completion of **laying new pipeline to carry pure water from water treatment plant to existing water structures**.
- No other alternative exists to the user agency to avoid this bare minimum forest land.
- Generally the project area is vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the substrate during rainy season.
- The proposed project area is a **Notified Protected Forest** and does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The proposed project area is at a distance of 40 Km from Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **Nilgai** is found naturally and freely distributed across the Gaya district in the farm lands. Animals like jackal, hair, Common Langur etc. are also found in the nearest forest areas. Apart from these, local birds are abundant in these 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 areas. So far, no cases of wildlife deaths have been reported in the proposed road. Nevertheless, the crop raiding by Blue Bull is present in the adjoining areas of the forest boundary.



- As per my knowledge, the enquiry report of the Forest officials and the information provided by user agency, there is no record of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area of the proposed project.
- The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Forest conservation Act and Indian Forest Act.
- The area identified for compensatory afforestation falls on the **Dungeshwari Protected Forest**.


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