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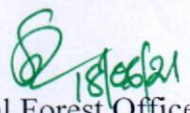
**FIELD INSPECTION NOTES OF SRI S. RAVI SHANKAR, SFS., DIVISIONAL  
FOREST OFFICER, CHITTOOR WEST DIVISION, CHITTOOR FOR  
PIPELINE AREA APPLIED BY HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
LIMITED, KUPPAM ON 18.06.2021.**

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Inspected the proposed re-diversion area for "Laying of 16" petroleum pipeline along with OFC from V.Kota-Dharmapuri pipeline section (Phase-II)" applied by Chief Manager (Projects), HPCL, VDPL, Madanapalle Compt.No.333, Nadimur & Kurmanipalle RF, Nadimur Beat of Kuppam Range on 18.06.2021 along with Forest Range Officer, Kuppam, Deputy Range Officer, Kuppam & Beat staff and User agency. This is the work proposed by the agency in the area already diverted in favour of Roads and Buildings Department N.H. Division, Chittoor Stage-I approval area vide MoEF&CC, RO, Chennai F.No.4- APB048/2017-CHN/1601 dt.05.10.2017 (Stage-I) for Road from Palamaner – Krishnagiri Border Road NH.4 (old NH-219) via V.Kota, Santhipuram, Kuppam from Km 58/600 to 140/680 in Chittoor District of State of Andhra Pradesh. The user agency stated that the total length of the pipe line is 3.26144 Kms in Nadimur-Kurmanipalle RF. During the inspection no violation is noticed in the applied area.

As per section.15 notification of Nadimur-Kurmanipalle RF vide G.O.Ms.No.764, Food & Agri. (For-III) Department dt.22.05.1972, the Highways road from Kuppam to Krishnagiri within the block is admitted right of way with width of 66 feet or 20 M which enters the block between stations 37 & 38 runs in south-west direction for a distance of about 2 mile (3.219 Kms). Copy of the notification is enclosed. The user agency has demarcated applied road area of 0.33 Ha (3.261 kms) on both sides of existing road, criss-crossing here and there. Hence the length of demarcation slightly increased. The terrain consists of gentle slope foothills having small stream on the other side to some length. It is noticed that there are no historial, religious, archeological or recreational sits etc., in or close to the proposed area. The area does not fall in any wildlife sanctuary and national park. There will be no impact of proposed project on the flora & fauna in the adjoining forests and also ecology, especially soil erosion in and around the proposed area.

The area is already having BT road and having devoid of vegetation in the line of proposed pipeline. There is no tree growth but with shrubs here and these abutting line of digging and there is no wild fauna seen. The density of vegetation is below 0.1 (ocular).

  
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