

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the site on 20/09/2019 in respect to proposed diversion of 0.596 ha forest land in favour of GAIL for laying the underground Jagdishpur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dharma (JHBDPL) Pipeline, a project of GAIL. The proposed forest area is under Tiluri Beat of Saltora Range of Bankura (North) Division.

The details of proposed forest land for diversion as follows:

Division	Range	Beat	Survey Number	Forest Land (ha)
Bankura (North)	Saltora	Tiluri	1230	0.0170
			146	0.146
			630	0.3760
			634	0.0570
Total				0.596

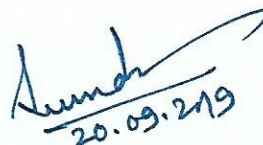
The DFO, Bankura (North) Division, ADFOs, Bankura (North) Division, Staff of Saltora Forest Range and Officials of GAIL were present during the inspection.

The proposed land for diversion is part of protected forest. There is scrub forest kind of vegetation in the sites interspersed with some trees. It was learnt that animals like Russel Viper, Cobra, Common Green Snake, Jackal, Indian Common Hare, Wild Boar, Hyena and Indian Fox *etc.* are found in the forest area of proposed forest land for the diversion. It is expected that the proposed linear project of underground laying of pipeline is unlikely to cause any problem to the wild life.

The proposed land for diversion is as per the guidelines of Ministry of Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. Therefore, considering the importance of transfer of bulk natural

gas to many states, including the state of West Bengal, which in turn will help in Socio-Economic Development of the State, the 0.596 ha forest land may be diverted in favor of GAIL for laying the underground Jagdishpur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dharma (JHBDPL) Pipeline.

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