Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Vaishali Forest Division, Hajipur.

For the construction of four lane Inter corridor from Kalyanpur (Ch. Km - 0+000) to Tal Dashraha section (Ch. Km - 47+500) Package- IV in the state of Bihar under Bharatmala Pariyojna (Lot-5, Pkg-7) NH- 119 D, in district vaishali a proposal for diversion of 0.748 ha forest land has been submitted by Project Director, NHAI PIU-Chhapra (Bihar) under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. As per the proposal, the construction of four lane with paved shoulder of Kalyanpur to Tal Dashraha section, design chainage from km 0.000 to km 47.500 out of which design Chainage from km 0.000 to km 32.230 falls in district-Vaishali under Bharatmala Pariyojna, (Lot-5, Pkg-7) NH- 119 D, and for this work 0.748 ha. of road/river side protected Forest land will be diverted in Vaishali district. A joint site inspection was done on 19/03/2022 by the DFO, Range officer of Forest, Hajipur and NHAI officials and during the inspection a total no. of 141 trees found to be affected in the proposed project. The species wise details of trees/plants enumeration list as submitted by range officer hajipur has been attached with this report. The site has also been visited by me on 21st july 2022 for inspection. During inspection no endangered/unique species of flora and fauna has been found, also no protected archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment is located near the site.

It should be noted that out of 141 trees, NHAI-Chhapra has proposed for translocation of 52 trees in L.H.S and 19 trees in R.H.S with a total of 71 trees (up to 60 cm girth) within PROW after in-principal approval and felling of 57 trees in L.H.S and 13 trees in R.H.S with a total of 70 trees (> 60 cm girth) in Mahua-Tajpur path as the minimum requirement for the said purpose. The above proposal can be supported with the previous decision made during the project "Construction of new four lane bridge Mahatma Gandhi Setu on river ganga near Patna (copies of official proceedings of RCCF office, Muzzafarpur dated 09.03.2021 and PCCF office, Patna dated 14.09.2021 has been attached for reference).

Kalyanpur to Tal Dashraha section is an important road; the forest area for diversion is barest minimum & no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 has been observed at the site. The diversion of forest land may be recommended for the proposed site.

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