

Office of the Divisional forest officer Forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

Site inspection Note

I, Priyanshi Singh Rathore, have been working as deputy conservator of forest and posted as divisional forest officer, forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

E.E. PWD div.-1 Gwalior Wide letter no.1482/forest/2020 dated 06-02-2021 have submitted demand letter for 'Diversion of forest land for non-forestry use' under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Sikrawali to Dhowani Road Project in district Gwalior and Morena. District Gwalior details are below-

S.No.	District	Division	Range	compt. no.	Forest area proposed for diversion in hect.	Legal Status
1	Gwalior	Gwalior	Ghatigaon south	RF-315	0.240	Reserved
2	"	"	"	RF-316	1.820	Reserved
3	"	"	"	RF-317	0.920	Reserved
Total					2.980	

I have inspected the above site on dated 26/04/2021 for mentioning facts as submitted by the user agency, E.E. PWD div.-1 Gwalior and for concluding department recommendation in proposed diversion of forest land as mentioned above, for non-forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980.

I am submitting my site inspection report on prescribed format as below-

Si. No.	Particular	Inspection Report By CCF/DFO (T)
1	Extent is hectares.	2.980 hectare.
2	Location (lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.	KML file has been uploaded in part-1 of the said application.
3	Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land)	Reserve forest land- 2.980 hect.
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary claims etc.	Yes
5	Any signs of encroachment.	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the user Agency in case of violation of the FC Act. and guidelines there under.	No
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	The proposed area for diversion is scrub forest of 0.2 density, Eco class 3 and Effectuated trees is 18.
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	Wildlife activity exists in this forest land proposed for diversion. Generally chinkara, Hyena, nilgai, Jackal etc. are found in this area.
9	Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.	No
10	Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working plan and, if not, why?	The area is being managed as per the working plan provisions.
11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.	No
12	Any dependent persons/families on this land.	No
13	Any displacement of persons proposed.	No
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced?	No

15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than to kms.	Compensatory afforestation is proposed in Village Aron survey No 653 area 2.980 hectare in Gwalior district.
16	Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 kms.	Proposed area is at the distance of 15 Kms. from Sanctuary Ghatigaon.
17	Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals have been recognized in this area.	No
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.	It is a very important road for Gwalior district. It connects several villages and Sikrawali to Dhowani area of district Morena.
19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	No
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.	Yes
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Yes
22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	No
23	Any other issue of significance.	None.
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.	Diversion of forest land for Sikrawali to Dhowani road is benefit to good transport and the people living around the road will also get benefit. So, project is recommended.

Place: Gwalior

Date : 26/4/2023

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