

**Sl.No.11. Annexure-XIII**

**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Purnea Forest Division,  
Purnea, Bihar.**

**Site inspection report of DCF**

**Inspection Date : 19.06.2020.**

For the purpose of laying 8" Dia with OFC Natural Gas Pipeline is being laid as part of Government's initiative to provide fuel-CNG and PNG in Purnea GA authorized by PNGRB for City Gas Distribution project is passing through various notified Road side Katihar to Jalalgarh (Gehua) along NH-131A & NH-57 via Belauri Chowk, Zeromile-Purnea, Kasba including 3 Km of Katihar-Manihari Road of Purnea Forest Division (List of site is attached), a proposal for diversion of 0.938 Hectare of forest land has been submitted by Indian Oil Corporation Limited under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The site was inspected by undersigned on 19.06.2020 along with Range Officer of Forest, Purnea & Katihar respectively. As per the proposal, the proposed site for laying out of operating and maintaining of Natural Gas Pipeline in Purnea GA along with OFC is crossing along the Road side area which is notified as Protected Forest by Govt. Notification vide 190E dated 16.02.1994 for Road side P.F. Hence for execution of the project, 0.938 Hectare of forest land will be required to be diverted, the calculation of which is attached along with the proposal. In executing this project, No tree is to be felled is coming in the project area. Density of vegetation is approximately 0.3 for the purpose of NPV calculation. This part of the protected forest is bare minimum area proposed for diversion to complete the project. Generally the project area is vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the moderate during rainy season. The proposed area is only notified protected forest and not forms part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary,



Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. some local birds and monkeys might be seen some times in the area. The undersigned is of opinion that the instant proposed project will no way affect the distribution or movement of any wild animal found in the areas if any found.

As per my knowledge, the enquiry report of the Forest officials and information provided by user agency there is no record of any protected archeological/heritage site or any other important monument located in the area of the proposed project. However defence establishment of Indian Army Military Camp, Sirsa lies beside the proposed site of land area to be diverted along NH 131A in Katihar district. The user agency has informed of applying of NOC from defence establishment through their letter No.PJ-CGD/Purnea/Forest/11 dated 27.07.2020.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by user agency 0.938 hectare is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project and only viable option.

The user agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Forest Conservation Act and Indian Forest Act at the time of inspection.



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