

Sl. No.11. Annexure-XIII  
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Saharsa Forest Division Saharsa.  
Site inspection report of DCF

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Indian Oil corporation Ltd., a Govt. Of India undertaking Agency has been authorized for the implementation of City Gas distribution project in Madhepura city area. In this project the Natural gas pipeline network will connect major demand centre in city for Domestic, Commercial and Industrial connections and to CNG retail Outlets. Natural Gas Pipelines has to be laid along the roads in the city. For this MDPE pipelines up to 125mm diameter and 4 inch diameter Natural Gas steel pipeline will be laid by the side of the road from BP Mandal Chowk to Madhepura Western bypass end point along old NH-107 and from College Chowk Madhepura to Jananayak Karpoori Thakur Medical College and Hospital, Madhepura along NH-106 to cater domestic, commercial and industrial demand of (CNG & PNG) in Madhepura city. Pipeline along with (CNG & PNG) from Madhepura district is passing through various notified Protected Forest road under Forest Division, Saharsa (List of site is attached). A proposal for diversion of 0.1725 Hectare of forest land has been submitted by Indian Oil Corporation Limited under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. As per the proposal, the proposed site for laying building, operating or expanding CNG & PNG network is crossing along the various Canal side and Road side area which is notified as Protected Forest by Govt. Notification vide 1441E/16.11.1994 for Canal side and Notification Vide 190E dated 16.02.1994 for Road side P.F. The site was inspected with R.O.F. Madhepura and representative of Project Director & after verification actual diversion of 0.1725Ha forest land was found. Hence for execution of the project, 0.1725 Hectare of forest land will be required to be diverted, the calculation of which is attached along with the proposal. Density of Vegetation is approximately 0.4 for the purpose of NPV calculation. This part of the protected forest is bare minimum area proposed for diversion to complete this project. The proposed project area is vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the soil 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. Animals like jackal, here, common langur etc. found in the area apart from the local birds which are abundant 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 this area.

As per field inspection and information provided by user agency, there is no record of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment of any other important monument located in the area of proposed project. User Agency has also described that at the time of pipeline laying temporary working period, we will use 0.1mt both side extra land from pipeline area. As per above dimension the extra area Calculation will be  $6.410\text{km} \times 0.1 \text{ Mtr} = 0.641\text{ha}$ . area. Total area-  $(0.1725 + 0.641 = 0.8135\text{Ha})$ . (0.641Ha for temporary use and 0.1725Ha. for pipeline, which is proposed by User Agency.)

No violation of prescribed provisions of the Forest Conservation Act and Indian Forest Act by User Agency has been found at the time of inspection.

  
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