

Sl.No . 11. Annexure V to part II

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Nalanda Forest Division, Biharsharif, Bihar

Site Inspection report of DCF

Inspection Date :-16.12.2017

The Proposed project area is passing through protected Forest area of Noorsarai - Tharthari - Hilsa Road (MDR) at Hilsa Range in which the proposal falls between Tharthari - Hilsa part is notified as Protected Forest by Environment and Forest Department, Government of Bihar through vide S.O. No. 1647 E, dated 20.12.1994 in which the present proposal for total about 0.06 ha is submitted for diversion. Actual area submitted by the user agency for diversion in the project is 0.06 ha has been visited by the undersigned along with survey team and user agency verified the facts in proposed site.

- The diversion of 0.06 ha of protected forest land is proposed to for the construction of optical fiber line in the above mentioned road. The user agency proposed that to provide Exchanges Connectivity and Gram Panchayat Connectivity, the Optical fiber cable has to be erected through pit and drilling the duct in the underground.
- The area of diversion of 0.06 is, user agency requires forest land does not proposed for felling of any tree species present at the site. Since the user agency proposed for underground cable net working, does not require any tree felling or pruning etc. No endangered and rare tree/ species found in the proposed area. Density of Vegetation is approximately 0.2 for the purpose of NPV calculation. Sisam, Babul, Chakundi etc. are the main species. At the proposed site Road side plantation year 2016 has been maintained under CAMPA. In few places the weeds and grass of grazing height only present.
- The user agency is going to lay underground OFC cable my drill machine without digging of the complete pit. Only 1Mx1M pit/@ average of 5 pit/Km totally 60 pit will be will be dug out for underground drilling. This part of the protected forest is the minimum area proposed for diversion to complete of the project.
- This is bare minimum forest area required along with Existing ROW for Laying OFC line.

The detail of forest land involved is as follows:

| Sl. No. | Road Name | Starting Point | End Point | Distance (In K.M.) | Area of Pits (In Ha.) | Area of Ducts (In Ha.) | Total Area (In Ha.) (6+7) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Hilsa-Tharthari-Noorsarai Road | Hilsa Telephone Exchange (Road corner) | Tharthari Telephone exchange Road Corner | 12 KM | 1m x 1m = 1m ² x 60 Nos = 60m ² = 0.006 ha. | 40mm (0.04m x 1000 x 12 = 480m ² = 0.048 ha. | 0.054 ha. or 0.06 ha. |

- 0.06 Ha land is mainly required by the user agency to complete the project. No other alternative to the user agency to avoid this bare minimum land.

- Generally the project area vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the substrate during rainy season.
- The proposed project area is only notified Protected and not forms part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- Nilgai is found naturally and free distributed across the Nalanda district in the forest as well as farm lands. Animals like jackal, Common hair etc found in the nearest areas. 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 where it is found. So far no such any cases of wildlife death reported in the in the proposed road. The crop raiding Nilgai is also present adjoining areas of the proposed road.
- As per field inspection and information provided user agency there is no record of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area of the proposed project.
- The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. No. 2 of Part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project and only viable option.
- The area of diversion is below one ha. So, compensatory work actually will be carried out in the Noorsarai - Tharthari - Hilsa (MDR) Road (PF), Near Tharthari, Range- Hilsa, District Nalanda - 50 Iron Gabion plantation proposed in the both side of the road.
- The User Agency has not violated the prescribed provisions of the Forest conservation Act and Indian Forest Act at the time of inspection.
- The user agency must provide the Internet connectivity to the Forest Department establishment.
- This instant proposal for diversion of forest land may be approved with necessary conditions and directions.

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