

PART - II

(To be filled by concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of the Proposal: **-89/2018****7. Location of the Project/Scheme:**

(i) State/Union Territory	Bihar
(ii) District	Nalanda
(iii) Forest Division	Nalanda Forest Division, Biharsharif
(iv) Area of Forest Land Proposed for Diversion (in ha.)	0.404148 ha
(v) Legal Status of Forest	The Proposed project (Vindhya Telelinks Optical Fibre Cable laying) area is passing through protected Forest area in Biharsharif - Bakhitiyarpur Road - Part of NH-31 (Ramchandrapur bus stand more to Devisarai more) and Biharsharif - Ekangarsarai- Telhara Road - (Biharsharif Devisarai more to Ekangarsarai Town) in Biharsharif and Part of Hilsa Range 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 0.404148 ha (as per field verification) is submitted for diversion. (Notification annexed in Annexure 1 of Part II).
(vi) Density of Vegetation	0.1
(vii) Species-wise (Scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL-1, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	No trees are proposed for felling. Since the user agency proposed for underground cable net working, does not require any tree felling or pruning etc.
(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	Generally the project area vulnerable to medium soil erosion due to intrinsic geological features of the substrate during rainy season.
(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	The proposed area is notified protected forest areas of road side. The nearest natural forest boundary is situated approximately 25 km.
(x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed.	No. 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.
(xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If so, the details thereof.	Nilgai is found naturally and free distributed across the Nalanda district in the forest as well as farm lands. Animals like jackal, hair, Common Langur 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.
(xii) Whether any protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent	As per my knowledge, the enquiry report of the Forest official and information provided user agency there is no record of any protected archeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area of the proposed project

authority, if required.	site.
8. Whether the requirement of forest lands as proposed by the user agency in Col. No. 2 of Part-1 is unavoidable and barest minimum of the Project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	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. Actual area involved in the project is 0.404148 ha.
9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	<p>The User Agency has violated the prescribed provisions of the Act. Before applying for the proposal they have started erecting of Optical fiber which is non forestry activity. After detection of violation immediately necessary legal action has been initiated against the violation. The violation is not under progress now. The responsible persons for the Violation of Biharsharif-Ekangarsarai Road is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri. Rajiv Ranjan, Project Manager, 2. Sri. Manoj Kumar, ROW Manager, 3. Sri. Amit Kumar Mishra, Asst. ROW Manager, all belongs to Vindhya Telelinks Ltd. EPC, Division, Plot No. 101, Yogendra Parwat Appartment, Patna, Bihar 800001. 4. Sri. Girish Kumar Contractor, Nalanda 5. Sailesh Kumar, S/o Musafir Prasad, Gosaibigha, PS: Noorsarai, Nalanda. 6. Sri. Umesh Bind, S/o Late Vanarash Bind, Gagobigha, PS: Bind, Nalanda. 7. Sri. Bhola Bind, S/o Devchand Bind, Gagobigha, PS: Bind, Nalanda.
10. Details of compensatory afforestation Scheme :	The area of diversion is 0.404148 ha. in the Nalanda Forest Division. The area of diversion is below one ha. So, compensatory work actually will be carried out in the Biharsharif - Ekangarsarai Road - 50 Iron Gabion plantation proposed in the 0.5 Km. both side of the road. The details Scheme along with GPS Reading attached with proposal.
(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensation.	
(ii) Map showing Non-Forest/degraded Forest area identified for compensation.	Map for the CA along with GPS is attached with scheme.
(iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency. Time schedule, cost structure etc.	Model scheme for compensatory afforestation along with map Attached- Annexure-II & III respectively. The species to be planted will be guided by the local soil factor. The proposed afforesattion will be implemented by Nalanda Forest Division. The time schedule depends on the final approval (stage II) of this project.
(iv) Total Financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA) : Rs 969020/- (Rs. Nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Twenty only)
(v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	The Land Suitability Certificate Annexed as Annexure-IV
11. Site Inspection report of DCF	Attached- annexure-V

Specifically highlighting facts asked in Col. Nos. 7 (xi, xii), 8 & 9 above.	
12. Division/District Profile :	2367 Sq.K.m.
(i) Geographical area of the district.	
(ii) Forest area of the district	46.30 Sq.km
(iii) Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases	272.0156 Ha in 29 proposals
(iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on:	
(a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation.	

Year	Status of land	Area of plantation (Ha/KM)	No. of Plants
2011-12	PF- Block plantation	10 Ha.	10000
2013-14	PF- Road side linear plantation	39.5 Km.	8000
2016-17	PF- Block plantation	1 Ha.	1250
2018-19	PF- Block plantation	1 Ha.	2500
2018-19	PF- Road side linear plantation	6 KM	1900

(b) Non-Forest land	Linear Plantation - 342 Iron Gabion
(v) Progress of afforestation as on (01.6.2017)	Compensatory afforestation works were completed and maintenance work for 1 Ha. Block plantation, completion work in 2500 plants in block plantation and 1900 in linear plantation is going on.
(a) Forest land	
(b) Non-Forest land	Compensatory afforestation works were completed and maintenance works for 342 Iron Gabion plantations is going on.

13. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

This is the bare minimum forest land required for the project. The amount realized from the user agency in the form of NPV shall be utilized for conservation, protection, and management of forest in this division. The green belt will be created through the amount realized from the user agency as Compensatory afforestation work and it will help in the increasing green cover.

The proposed area involves diversion of 0.404148 ha in Nalanda Forest Division, Biharsharif. This is the barest minimum of forest land required for the instant project and has no other alternative to bye-pass. Diversion of these forest land areas for this project (non forestry activity) may not much affect the local flora of the area. The User Agency has violated the prescribed provisions of the Act. During the time of the inspection the cable line was found erected some portion at the proposed site in the month of July-18 at Biharsharif - Ekangarsarai Road. The work has been stopped immediately after taking legal action. Further violations were not reported. The necessary penal provisions have to be imposed against the violations.

In the light of the above mentioned facts and keeping the fact that Nalanda District is fall under the rural area and as per the prescribed provisions I recommend positively for the approval of this instant proposal with Penal provisions of the Act. Therefore this instant proposal for diversion of forest land may be approved with necessary conditions and directions.

Date: 23.10.2018
Place: Biharsharif

Signature *U. N. K.*
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