



Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Forests
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
South West Circle
West Bengal

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Site Inspection Report

Proposal No. : FP/WB/Others/40606/2019

| Sl No | Item | Observation and Remarks |
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| 1 | Name of Project and Location (Range, Beat etc.) | Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) underground Project of GAIL Range: Raghunathpur Beat: Raghunathpur-I and Santuri |
| 2 | Name of the User Agency | GAIL (India) Limited |
| 3 | Date of Site Inspection | 20/09/2019 |
| 4 | Extent (Ha) and Legal Status of the forest land proposed for land diversion | 0.5019 Ha of Protected Forest |
| 5 | a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity wise break up of forest land b) Density and eco-value class | a) Raghunathpur I beat, Mouza Hurrah: 0.0554 Ha Santuri Beat, Mouza Lalgah: 0.0030 Ha Santuri Beat, Mouza Dhanesdi: 0.2772 Ha Santuri Beat, Mouza Berakural: 0.1663 Ha b) 0.4, Eco Class -III |
| 6 | Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in column 2 of Para -I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project? If not, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined. | Yes, barest minimum area proposed. |
| 7 | Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof. | No |

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| 8 | <p>a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not?</p> <p>b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed forest land. If so, details thereof.</p> <p>c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area(Km)</p> <p>d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.</p> <p>e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefor.</p> | <p>a) No</p> <p>b) Rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna is not present.</p> <p>c) Aerial Distance From Garpanchakot Conservation Reserve. : Hurrah – 8.25 Km. Lalgarh – 3.5 Km. Dhanesdi – 10.5 Km. Berakural – 6.25</p> <p>d) Not sensitive.</p> <p>e) Not required.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Details of vegetation:</p> <p>a) Total number of trees to be felled</p> <p>b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm</p> <p>c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm</p> <p>d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area</p> | <p>a) Two</p> <p>b) Nil</p> <p>c) Two</p> <p>d) Effect is minimum on ecosystem.</p> |
| 10 | Background note on the proposal (short summary) | This underground project of GAIL is a part of Prime Minister's Urja Ganga Project. This underground pipeline project passes through State of Eastern UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal. In Purulia district of West Bengal, it passes through Kangsabati North Division. The project will be beneficial for a large number of people, including employment generation and other aspects. |
| 11 | Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached. | No |
| 12 | Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether the rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government? | No. N.A. |
| 13 | <p>Details of catchment and culturable command area under this project (if applicable)</p> <p>Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)</p> | N.A. |

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| 14 | Utility of the project | Natural gas is considered environmentally advantageous over other conventional fuel sources. The underground distribution of it as proposed through this project is, further, a safe method to achieve the improved energy infrastructure of the Nation. |
| 15 | Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any sacred groves or very old trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion? | No No |
| 16 | Any other important information related to the project (separate note may be attached, if required) | Nil |
| 17 | Details of documents and photographs enclosed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photos of Site inspection. 2. Georeferenced Survey of India topo-sheet in 1:50000 scale. 3. Kml file of the proposed lands for diversion. 4. Proposed diversion sites depicted in Mouza Maps. |
| 18 | Recommendation of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF) | Since the project aims to achieve energy efficiency with negligible environmental damage and minimal requirement of forest land, the diversion of 0.5019 Ha of Forest Land under Kangsabati North Division is hereby recommended. |


(Signature)

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Place - Asansol
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