

Sl. No.11. Annexure-XIII
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Saharsa Forest Division
Saharsa, Bihar.

Site inspection report of DCF

Inspection Date : 12.09.2020 and 16.09.2020

For the purpose of laying 8" & 6" Dia City Gas Distribution (CNG & PNG) Pipeline along with (CGD) from Madhepura to Saharsa district is passing through various notified Road and Canals side under Forest Division, Saharsa (List of site is attached), a proposal for diversion of 1.2098 Hectare of forest land has been submitted by Indian Oil Corporation Limited under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The site was inspected & after verification actual diversion of 1.22603Ha forest land is found. As per the proposal, the proposed site for laying building, operating or expanding CGD 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. Hence for execution of the project, 1.22603 Hectare of forest land will be required to be diverted, the calculation of which is attached along with the proposal. In executing this project is coming in the project area. 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 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. 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 the areas where it is found.

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 noted that at the time of pipeline laying temporary working period, will use 0.5mt both side extra land from pipeline area. As per above dimension the extra area Calculation will be $57.192\text{km} \times 1\text{ Mtr} = 5.7192\text{ha}$. area. Total area- $(1.22603 + 5.7192 = 6.94523\text{Ha})$. (5.7192Ha for temporary use and 1.22603Ha. 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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