SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, UNAKOTI DISTRICT (INSPECTED ON 27.07.2021 and 28.05.21) diversion 41.010207 ha of forest land [Proposal No.FP/TR/ROAD/143781/2021] of Lalchhara-Kanchanpur Section (Package-2) of NH-44(A) for improvement /widening of two laning with paved shoulder.

(1) Whether any rare/ endangered unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so details thereof:

No RET reported officially from the area.

(2) Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from Competent authority:

No

(3) Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project if no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined:

Yes.

(4) Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). if yes, details of the same including period of work did, action taken carrying officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress:

No.

(5) The proposed diverted land is near to the road Manu- Kanchanpur which is existing and included under the new project. And due to the diversion there is fragmentation in the landscape under DEO RF and wildlife habitat and the remaining patch of forest land urges proper protection through Chain link fencing of 6 km and as per departmental SOR 2019, the required fund is Rs.6730962 /- [Sixty seven lakh thirty thousand and nine hundred and Sixty Two] Only ie,Rs. [1121827/- per km].

The diverted land includes building of VTC HALL uner Gunamanipara JFMC-JICA 1 Project which need to be demolished and constructed in alternative location which involves Rs.700000/-. Hence fund shall be placed by user agency to reconstruct the said structure .And in addition request the user agency to provide fund for a Patrolling vehicle [15.0 lakhs] due to more vulnerability in the exposed area due to traversing new road by crossing of diverted locations which made Unakoti Deo Reserve forest more vulnerable. Also place here demand for another 10.0 lakhs for upgradation of the central nursery nearby[Rs. 1000000/-] and one number Forest Guard Barrack for protection [Rs.900000/-].

So the Total fund requirement pertaining to the above items is Rs. 10830962/-[Rs. One crore Eight lakhs and thirty Nine Hundred and Sixty two only].

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