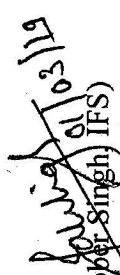


Site Inspection Report

The Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has submitted a proposal for seeking prior approval of forest land u/s-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to lay natural gas pipe line passing through Seraikela forest division of Jamshedpur Territorial Circle. The Proposal is for diversion of 7.5425 ha forest land out of which 7.2410 ha is protected forest land and remaining 0.30115 ha consists of Jangal-Jhari.

The proposed forest land located under the jurisdiction of Seraikela Territorial Range and Chandil Territorial Range spread over 16 villages. The project route is in the linear form for laying natural gas pipe line and the total proposed length located in various villages and 03 blocks.

Since the average area in a particular village is much less than 1 ha, the proposed site was inspected by me on 01.03.2019 with the Divisional Forest Officer, Seraikela and the concerning Range Forest Officers. The Project proponent has demarcated the proposed strip of the land with pillars and the trees inside the forest/plantation have been enumerated. In the proposed area species like Shorea robusta (Sakhua), Acacia arabica (Akasiya), Terminalia arjuna (Arjuna), Butea monosperma (Palash) etc. are present. It is to be noted that the proposed forest area forms the part of Singhbhum Elephant Reserve. There is seasonal movement of elephants in this area but the project involves laying gas pipe line in the linear form and it will be positioned under ground so seemingly it should not affect the smooth movement of elephants and other wild animals in this area.


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