SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A Proposal has been received by this office from the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (F.D. & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar online and hard copy from the user agency Executive Engineer, NH Division, Sambalpur on 09.07.2018 for diversion (under FCA- 1980) of 27.343 hectares of forest land for non-forestry purpose. Out of the applied area of 27.343 ha. of Forest Land, 19. 621 ha of Forest Land comes within the jurisdiction of Ganjam District Ghumsur North Forest Division, Bhanjanagar. The Project envisage the use of forest land. "Widening of existing 2-lane to 2- lane with 1.5m Wide paved shoulder from Km 93/0 to 119/00 in Ghumsur North Division of NH – 157 on EPC mode. (0/0 to 81/0 of N.H. – 157 comes under Phulbani Division). The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 07.03.2019. On inspection of the site and records, it is found that

- 1. 19.621 ha. of forest land is required by the user agency, which is coming within Darapangia, RF Patch-I, Rambha Jungle, Gallery RF Patch 1 to 10 and Bhejiput Jungle.
- 2. The RCC pillars posted for demarcation of forest land to be diverted have been serially numbered as per index map found correct.
 It is seen that the user agency has started execution of widening of the road in non-forest land of the project. But the user agency submitted under taking as per guidelines.
 The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Check list Sl.No. 7 of Part –I for an area of 19.621 is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the Project.

Whether any rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If so, the details thereof: - The area partly coming under Darpangia RF, Rambha Jungle, Gallery RF and Bhejiput Jungle, Ghumsur North Division, Bhanjanagar. Elephant are every time seen in this part of Forest. Other animals seen are Wild boar, Spotted Deer, Mouse Deer, Porcupines, Wolf, Jungle Cat, Sloth bear, Rattles, Python, Leopard(Rarely seen), Jackel, Mangoose. Lizards, Peafowl etc. This road is an existing one and part of N.H. 157 and this is an up-gradation to accommodate the increased traffic. This Road is passing through Left Wing Extremists (LWE) Affected district/ Area.

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 authority, If required: - NO.

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(a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction:

Signature

Place: Bhonjanagore Date: 07.03.2019.

Name: Sri Arun Kumar Swain, IFS.

Designation: Divisional Forest Officer,

Ghumsur North Division,

Bhanjanagar.

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