

INSPECTION REPORT

The land in question is North – South strip of 23m width and 130m length lying on the Common boundary of the Survey No.14 and Survey no. 15 of Terekhol village. It raises from the south from northern bank of river Terekhol upto the end of the strip where it meets the east-west public tar road. The land in Survey Nos. 14 and 15, together admeasuring 7.20 ha, has been identified as Private forest by North Goa Private Forest Identification Committee. Most of the said 7.20 Ha land is full of naturally grown indigenous trees of forest species with hardly a small gap here or there. Southern half of the strip of land in question is having very steep slope with thick growth of small trees whereas northern half of the said strip of land is mostly a patch of small bushes and grass.

Since the proposed bridge is planned to be constructed well above the tree canopy, the bridge construction activity is not likely to disturb the trees in the strip directly except for the damage which may cause to the trees due to the movement of the machinery for erecting the piers (02nos , size of one pier is 11.10m X 6.30m and other 5.10m X 5.10m) and due to laying pre-fab slabs between them. However it is otherwise supposed to cause very few feeble damage to the trees owing to the technology which is going to be employed.

Since the land in the strip is not going to be hit directly by the rains owing to the bridge and since the vegetation in it is not going to be disturbed on the major part, the present position and soil erosion in the land is not likely to be affected adversely.

As it is, there is no forest land available for Compensatory Afforestation, however the Forest Department is regularly carrying out enrichment planting by filling gaps in the existing forest lands, which process is continuing every year subject to availability of Campa funds.


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