

SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF
(for the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from **Deputy Chief Engineer, NF Railway, Jogigopha** for diversion (under FCA-1980) of **0.71 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The project envisages the use of forest land for **Construction of New BG Railway Line from Gauripur to Abhyapuri of New Maynaguri – Jogigopha**. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 25.12.2014.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a **Proposed Reserved Forest** measuring **0.71 ha**. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.

Salient features of the proposed diversion area:

- There is no plantation raised by this division in the proposed area.
- The area is having valuable trees like *Sal*, *Neem*, *Acacia*, *Sisoo* etc., and felling will be necessary. The ground vegetation includes grasses, *Eupatorium* sp, *Clerodendron infortunatum* etc.
- The nesting site of endangered Vultures is present at about 100 metres away from the proposed diversion site. However, the proposed site does not fall within a wildlife area or corridor.
- The forest area to be diverted is completely plain with gentle slope; hence the vulnerability to erosion will be minimum.

The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without prior sanction.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:

The construction of Railway line would benefit the public and is in the national interest. Therefore, the diversion proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 26.12.2014

Signature:

Place: Suparighat

Name:

Designation:

(Dr. Ramesh, C)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Parbatjhora Division,
Suparighat



LAND SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE BY DFO CONCERNED

This is to certify that **1.42 ha** land bearing Survey No. / Compartment No. NIL of **Mahamaya RF** under **Panbari Beat** of **Khoraghat Range** under **Parbatjhora Division**, Suparighat in **Kokrajhar** district is identified for Compensatory Afforestation.

1. Details of degraded forest land

District: **Kokrajhar** Name of Division: **Parbatjhora Division**
Range: **Khoraghat** RF: **Mahamaya** Compartment No. **Nil**
Area to be afforested: **1.42 ha (twice the area proposed to be diverted)**

2. Description of Area


- i. **Topography:**
 - a. Plain land
 - b. Slope: Gentle
- ii. **Vegetation:** Barren land without any tall trees but ground cover includes grasses and *Eupatorium sp.* bushes
- iii. **Vulnerability to erosion:** As slope is gentle, chances of erosion will be minimum.
- iv. **Soil structure & texture:** Lateritic (red) soil formed by disintegration of metamorphic rocks without boulders or rocks.
- v. **Accessibility of the site:** The site is within the Reserved Forest Area and is only 300 m from NH-31 A
- vi. **Feasibility for monitoring & supervision:** The proposed site is within 3 km from beat office, 10 km from Range Office and 5 km from Divisional Office
- vii. **Wildlife Importance:** The area does not have any major wildlife and do not fall within wild animal corridor

It is certified that proposed site is suitable for plantation from management point of view and is free from all sorts of encumbrances/ encroachment.

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