


**Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer, Burdwan Division in respect of revised proposal for diversion of 9.32 ha. of Forest Land in favour of M/s. ESSAR Oil Ltd. , Durgapur**

The undersigned inspected the forest land in different areas in the mouzas of Akandara, Arrah, Bamunara, Bandra, Bhagabanpur, Bistupur, Chuamudafa, Domra, Geradaha, Gopalpur, Hariki, Ijjatganj, Jambon, Jamdoba, Jatgaria, Keshabpur, Kuldiha, Molandighi, Rajkusum, Rupganj, Sadhumara, Shibpur, Saraswatiganj, Sundiara, Trilokchandrapur & Raghunathpur mouzas under Durgapur Range of this Division involved in the proposal submitted by ESSAR Oil Ltd., Durgapur for diversion of forest land of 9.32 ha. in connection with laying of pipeline and access road to well sites for their CBM Gas Project and examined the factual details and feasibility of the proposals, verified the maps etc. and found that –

- (i) This proposal involves surface use of minimum forest land for laying of pipelines & cables underneath along the existing inspection path and approach road in forest land for transportation of CBM gas and water and access to CBM well sites.
- (ii) This does not require felling of any trees in forest.
- (iii) As the Well Sites are located outside forest land, the access to the well sites through forest approach roads/paths is unavoidable.
- (iv) The agency submitted this proposal proposes these access roads to be strengthened to accommodate the passage of heavy vehicles containing heavy machinery. This does not involve major alteration of the existing inspection paths inside forest areas and felling of trees. Only minor lopping may be required.
- (v) During inspection it was also observed that no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is found in the forest areas under this diversion proposal.
- (vi) No protected archaeological/heritage site, Defence Establishment or any other important monument is located in these areas.

The undersigned also examined all alternatives in the field and found that there is hardly any scope for laying pipelines through private land and accordingly the user agency has no alternative but to apply for diversion of forest land for their project activities and the forest land proposed for diversion for such Project finally is feasible.

Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance at this stage subject to review at higher level.

  
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