

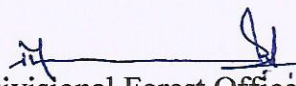
Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer, Durgapur Division in respect of proposal for diversion of 4.22 ha. of Forest Land in favour of M/s. ESSAR Oil Ltd. , Durgapur

The undersigned inspected the forest land in different areas in the mouzas of Parulia, Pratappur, Dhabani, Kamalpur, GoalaraGopdanga, Haribazar , paranganj, Jemua and Chakgopaldevpurmouzas under Ukhra Range of this Division involved in the proposal submitted by ESSAR Oil Ltd., Durgapur for diversion of forest land of 4.22 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 does not involve much forest land as the 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 also does not require felling of any trees in forest.
- (iii) Though 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. However, if the diversion proposal is accepted in favour of the user agency, the Forest Department will have the right to use the diverted inspection path/forest roads for inspection of forestry works as well as the local people to use these paths/roads for their movement.
- (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 the forest land proposed for diversion for such Project finally is unavoidable and barest minimum of the requirement.

Hence, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.


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