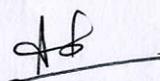


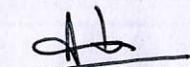
KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT PHASE-1

Check list for Site inspection by the Field Director Panna Tiger Reserve, Panna

Sl.No.	Particular	Inspection Report
1	Extent in hectares.	5578.93
2	Location (lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.	79°50'-30" E 24°36'-51" N
3	Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land)	Reserved Forest area - 821.07 sq. km Protected Forest area - 4757.86 sq. Km
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc.	Demarcation at FRL has been done by NWDA.
5	Any signs of encroachment.	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the User Agency in case of violation of the FC Act and guidelines there under.	No
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	Density varies from 0.2 to 0.7, Eco class 3, dry mixed deciduous forests consisting of species like teak, Shisham, Bija, Saja, Haldu, Tinsa, Dhaora, Khair, Arjun, Kardhai etc.
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	The proposed area falls in the SW portion of the Panna Tiger Reserve. Carnivores Tiger, Leopard, Hyena, Wild dog, Jackal, Wild cat etc. Herbivores Chinkara, Chousingha, Sambhar, Chital, Blue bull etc. Scheduled wild animals are found in the area. Reptiles Magar and Gharial and others, Birds endangered species of Vultures and others are present.
9	Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.	No
10	Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working Plan and, if not, why?	area is being managed under Management Plan, Tiger Conservation Plan is being prepared.
11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view	No
12	Any dependent persons/families on this land.	No dependent families are in this forest area but 1556 families of 4 villages Dhodhan, Palkohan, Mainari and Khariyani reside on the revenue land within the critical tiger habitat of PTR.
13	Any displacement of persons proposed.	Yes.
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced?	Yes. R & R plan for the persons to be affected.



15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than to kms.	Yes. In forest area is proposed. degraded forest land area of Chhatarpur, Shivpuri, Khandwa, Gwalior and Sagar forest circle is proposed for Compensatory afforestation.
16	Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 kms.	As point no. 15.
17	Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals have been recognized in this area.	No dependence of tribals in the area. FRA certificate has been issued by the Collector Panna and Chhatarpur for forest land proposed to be submerged.
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.	The project proponents aims to irrigate 5.75 lakh ha. Area in Bundelkhand region and provide drinking water to 13.42 lakh people after implementation of the Project.
19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	Not applicable.
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.	Yes
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Attached with Part I.
22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	No
23	Any other issue of significance.	Wildlife clearance proposal of this project.
24	Specific recommendations of the Field Director with reasons for approval of the project.	It is true that, under the project, 5578.93 ha forest land of Panna Tiger Reserve including about 4206 ha of critical Tiger habitat will be submerged. The project proponent has proposed various mitigative measures, irrigation of 5.75 lakh ha land and provision of drinking water to 13.42 lakh people of Bundelkhand region. In the 13th meeting of the state wildlife Board, held on 22.09.2015, after considering the effect of the project on habitat of wildlife of Panna Tiger Reserve, the project was recommended to National Board for wildlife with 07 conditions. Hence looking to the decision of the state wildlife board, the proposal is recommended.


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