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SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF

Name of Project: BATTISA NALLAH MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECT

Proposal No.: FP/RJ/IRRIG/22443/2016

A proposal has been received by this office from WATER RESOURCES DIVISION Sirohi for diversion (under FCA-1980) of 91.202 ha of forest land for non forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for constructing water storage system for Irrigation and Drinking water facilities to various villages and towns of Sirohi district.

The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal was done by me on dated 25th November 2016. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required (including submergence) by the user agency is a forest measuring 91.202 ha.

The requirement of the forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable for the project.

The forest area involved in the project has rich vegetative density and rich wildlife presence. Animals like Panther, Sloth Bears, Porcupine, Hyena, Peafowl, foxes, hares and Grey Langur etc are found in the area.

There is **not any** protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area.

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

The project area falls in Reserved Forest Blocks of Deldar and Bhakhar Tankia in Aburoad range of Sirohi Forest Division. The area is part of southern Aravalis and marked with highly hilly rugged and rocky terrain that has good vegetative density and wildlife presence. The area is also characterized by pockets of traditional tribal hamlets. Few such families are likely to be affected from the project. Project proponents have already initiated the process of rehabilitation and resettlement of affected people. A proper rehabilitation plan that includes "Land against Land" would be pivotal both from social and forest protection point of view. It has been witnessed traditionally that affected people out of such projects have a tendency to relocate themselves in the nearby forest areas in absence of a holistic resettlement plan. Therefore in addition to such a plan, one watch-tower in nearby forest area at a strategic location and one Chowkidaar/ Forest-Guard Chowki is proposed from the project to monitor and keep watch on the nearby forest areas in post project period. Such a facility would also be augmentative for rich wildlife that would be attracted to the perennial water source once the project is complete.

Therefore, considering the large benefits likely to accrue from this project, the project is proposed for acceptance subject to condition that the project work execution must be done in consultation with the local forest officers and the user agency must abide by the directions of Forest officers while implementing the project so as to ensure minimal damage to the local ecosystem.

Place: Sirohi

Date: 25/11/2016



(Shashi Shankar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Sirohi