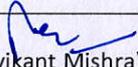


KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT PHASE-1

Site inspection report by the Joint Director Panna Tiger Reserve, Panna
(dated 09.04.2016 & 25.06.2016)

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, Jakcal, Wild cat etc. Harvibores 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. latest census of wildlife is attached.
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 within the critical tiger habitat of PTR, are dependent in the proposed area.
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.

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.	Proposed area is part of Panna National Park.
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.
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.	As mentioned by FD PTR in Part III of wildlife clearance proposal is attached.
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.	<p>Out of 5578.93 ha. area proposed for diversion under the project, 4206.50 ha. area comes under Critical Tiger Habitat of Panna Tiger Reserve and about 17.16 lacs trees of various species covers the proposed submergence area.</p> <p>On the other hand, the project proponents aim to irrigate 5.75 lakh ha. area in Bundelkhand region and provide drinking water to 13.42 lakh people after implementation of the project. They have also listed a number of measures to mitigate some of the losses.</p> <p>After discussion on direct loss of tiger habitat, vulture nesting sites and disturbances in the 39th meeting, the standing committee of NBWL agreed to recommend the proposal and same has been communicated to the Govt. of M.P. vide letter no. F.No.6-109/2016 WL (39 meeting) dated 21.09.2016.</p> <p>In the light of above development and looking to the decision of the standing committee of National Board for wildlife the proposal is recommended.</p>


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