

Site Inspection Report

Date of Inspection - 07.01.2017

Presence - Forest officials

- (1) Sri Sourav Chandra, DFO, Dhanbad.
- (2) Sri Sashi Bhusan Pd. Gupta, RFO, Tundi Range.
- (3) Sri Rajendra Prasad, Forester, Maharajganj Beat, Tundi.

Power Grid Officials

- (1) Sri B. B. Subbarao, DGM, PGCIL.
- (2) Sri P. K. Bara, JE, PGCIL.

On the aforesaid date, the area was visited. The total forest land proposed for diversion is 0.3889 ha. It consists of 0.3419 ha. notified forest land in Barayatanr PF and 0.047 ha. of Fatehpur PF.

On inspection, it was found that altogether 13 trees mostly Palash & Date palm has to be felled. But, the transmission line has already been laid on the entire proposed forest land (0.3889 ha). Evidently, it is a clear cut case of violation of FCA, 1980. Accordingly, the concerned RFO was directed to find out the name & the designation of erring officials and to proceed with necessary legal action.


The proposed land of 0.3419 ha. of Barayatanr PF doesn't have any trees. It was partly covered with shrubs like Cassia sp. & wild tulsi with few intermittent bushy palash trees.

The Fatehpur mouza has an area of 0.047 ha. of notified PF proposed for diversion. This area was also interspersed with few palash trees while being covered by Cassia sp. & Lantana camara.

The almost entire area was gently sloping with some portion being moderately affected by erosion. As such the crop density of this proposed forest area for this linear forest diversion proposal was 0.1. In addition to it, no rare/endangered/unique sp. of flora & fauna was noticed. The forest area also did not have any archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment etc.

Additionally, it was found that if any, alternative transmission line would have encompassed more forest area. While in the present scenario, no tree is proposed to be cut.

The proposal is mainly concerned with improving power infrastructure in the state. As such, these activities require laying of transmission lines and hence, the need for corresponding forest area. Also, the transmission lines are at least 10 mt. above the ground level. So, planting of dwarf tree sp. along the track of transmission will be beneficial for the structure of forest. As also mentioned earlier, some of the forest area is prone to erosion so, the scheme having soil conservation activities should be proposed for the aforesaid area. In the end note considering all the above details, it was found that the forest area proposed for diversion is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project.


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