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INSPECTION REPORT OF QUTUB METRO FOB PROJECT

The inspection of the project site for Qutub Metro FOB was held on the 08.06.2017 along with the field officials of the South Forest Division. The project site for diversion as per the provision of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is 380.87 Sq.mtr.

The project site is located on both the sides of the Mehrauli-Badarpur road. An area of 195.56 Sq.mtr is located at the side of metro station and the balance area of 173.52 Sq.mtr falls inside the South-Central Ridge.

The flora of the area is mainly dominated by *Prosopis juliflora* (Kikkar) interspersed with Amaltus and bushy trees. There is no endangered species of flora and fauna in the site.

There is no protected archaeological /heritage site/Defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. But Qutub Minar is located at a distance of about 1Km from the project site.

The compensatory plantation of 170 trees will be taken up by PWD (User Agency) at the site earmarked for the purpose. The CP site is located along the road from Qutub Golf Course gate to PNB Gitanjali bus stop in between the boundary wall of the Golf Course and the footpath. It is a rectangular patch of land about 580m x14m which already has about 38 grown up shade trees apart from bushes and champa. The CP will be taken up by User Agency in gaps in between the standing trees.


The area is already fenced but the fencing would be required to be strengthened to accord protection from grazing and encroachment. Since there are already 38 grown up trees with bushes and champa plants in the earmarked CP area so the area would be required to be opened up by crown thinning once the compensatory plantation seedlings grow up.

The earmarked CP area of about 6,300 sq mt will be required to be declared as PF. The User Agency has submitted and undertaking that they have no objection for declaration of such 4,000 sq mt area as Protected Forest in due course.

The species to be planted will mainly be Neem, Shahtoot, Jamun, Amaltas etc. The planting will be done during the monsoon in July – Aug, 2017. The user agency shall deposit @ Rs 57000 per tree against 17 trees to be felled amounting to Rs 9,67,000 as security deposit for CP.

The Qutub Metro Foot Over Bridge is a site specific project. The area proposed for diversion is 380.87 Sq.mtr. which has been reduced from 901.33 Sq.mtr. Thus, the bare minimum area is to be diverted. Being a site specific project, the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. 2 of the Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum of the project.

There is no act of violation of the Forest Conservation act, 1980 observed during the inspection carried out.


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