COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR FOREST LAND DIVERSION

TABLE-A: CASES UNDER WHICH A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSISFOR FOREST DIVERSION ARE REQIUIRED

Sr. No.	Nature of proposal	Applicable/ Not applicable	Remarks
1.	All categories of proposals involving forest land upto 20 hectares in plains and upto 5 hectares in hills.	Not applicable.	
2.	Proposal for defence installation purposes and oil prospecting (prospecting only)	Not applicable.	
3.	Habitation, establishment of industrial units, tourist lodges complex and other building constructions.	Not applicable.	
4.	All other proposals involving forest land more than 20 hectares in plains and more than 5 hectares in bills including roads, transmission lines, minor medium and major irrigation projects, hydro projects, mining activity, railway lines, location specific installations like microwave station, auto repeater centres, TV towers etc.	Applicable.	The proposal is for diversion of forest land to an extent of 35.1655 ha. For construction of 132 KV Transmission line from 220/132/33 KV Sub Station, Kangoo to proposed 132/33kv,2X31.5 MVA GIS Sub Station at Kothipura(AIIMS) Bilaspur out of total 51.01 Ha.

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Table B: Estimation of cost of forest diversion

	Parameters	Remarks.	
Sr.No.	Ecosystem services losses due to proposed forest diversion.	Rs.3,53,48,712 as per NPV	
2.	Loss of animal husbandry productivity , including loss of fodder.	Rs.35,34,871 as 10% of NPV	
2	Loss of human resettlement.	NIL substantia	
3.	Loss of public facilities and administrative (Roads, buildings, schools, dispensaries, electrical lines, railways etc.) on forest land, which would require forest land if these facilities were diverted due to the	No such public interest facilities are involved in the proposed area of the project.	
	project. Possession value of forest land diverted.	Rs.1,06,04,614 as 30% of NPV	
5.		NIL Rs.1,76,74,356 as 50% of NPV Rs.1,85,33,747+36,89,000(SMC)=Rs.2,22,22,747	
6.	Cost of suffering to oustees		
7.	Habitat Fragmentation Cost.		
8.	Compensatory afforestation and soil & moisture conservation cost.		
	Grand Total	Rs.8,93,85,300	
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Table-C: Existing guidelines for estimating benefit for forest diversion in CBA

Sr.No.	Parameters	Remarks.	
1.	Increase in productively attributed to the specific project.	The project is of national importance and directly linked with public health facilities. Thus increase in productivity cannot be measured in monetary term.	
2	Benefit to economy due to the specific project.	Rs.5046 lakhs per annum	
3	Number of population benefited due to the specific project.	This project is specifically proposed for AIIMS Kothipura, Distt. Bilaspur which will provide health facilities to the public of Himachal Pradesh as well as to the public of adjoining States thus it would not be possible to count the population to be benefited in number.	
4.	Economic benefit due to the direct and indirect employment due to the project.	Direct employment for 27 persions(17 permanent and 10 temporary) after functioning of this project whiereas indirect employment will be for more than 1000 persons thus assuming total economic benefit can be estimate to the tune of Rs.128 lakhs per annum.	
5.	Total financial benefit of the project;	5046+128=5028 lakhs per annum	
5	Assuming 50 years of total life of the projects the total benefit will be	5028X50= 251400 lakhs .	
	Total cost(In lakhs) 1.Project construction cost=7872 2.Repair & Maintenance = 900 2.Environmental loss = 894 Total = 9666	Rs.9666 Lakhs.	
7.	Benefit/cost ratio(241400/9666)	26:1	

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