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## Justification for locating the project in Forest area.

The MS/HSD retail outlet has been proposed to be constructed based on policy decision of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The particular site has been selected based on the selection process of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bhubaneswar, Odisha due to its locational advantages which has been approved and awarded to M/s Pradeep Mining & Constructions Pvt. Ltd. The proposed site is totally private land as per Hal records but as per the status of land as on 25.10.1980, two nos of plots are coming in sabik forest category. The total land over 0.534 Ha is owned by the owner of M/s Pradeep Mining & Constructions Pvt. Ltd.

As the MS/HSD retail outlet is a facility to be provided to public users it needs to be constructed by the side of the road. To accommodate different components of the project a patch of land over 0.534 Ha is selected. Out of the total land over 0.534 Ha, the total forest area coming within the project is 0.433 Ha. The particular site being located near 03 Km from Sukinda Chhak towards Duburi Chhak on LHS of NH53 in Jajpur district would be most suitable for the said project.

The particular site although categorized as Sabik Jungle, the ownership of land is private and the area and plantation is not possible due to its swampy nature. Therefore, use of this forest land for this purpose is justified.

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