

Site Inspection Report

Date of Inspection: 24-12-2025

Officers present at the time of inspection:-

1. Shri Amit Kumar, DIGF (C), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Lucknow.
2. Shri Rakesh Chandra Yadav, Divisional Forest Officer, Hathras
3. Shri Amit Kumar Gaur, Range Forest Officer, Hathras.
4. Shri Amit Pandey, Area Manager, IOCL, Hathras.

Title of the Project:		Proposal for the diversion of road side protected forest land for the construction of approach access to proposed IOCL retail outlet on Nagla Ummed-Nagla Bhus Road (O.D.R) old Hathras-Agra road, LHS, km stone no-3, ch. 2.243, at khasra no.- 10, Village- Meetai, Tehsil- Hathras, District- Hathras. (Online Proposal No. FP/UP/Approach/44699/2020)																							
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3.	Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including Residential) or not. If yes, details thereof:	No															
4.	Total cost of the Project:	Rs.60 Lakh estimated.															
5.	Wildlife:	No specific impact on wildlife.															
6.	Vegetation:	No tree felling involved.															
7.	Background note on the proposal:	<p>The project envisages the use of forest land for the construction of approach road to (i.e. Entry-Exit & Buffer zone) to Indian Oil Corporation Limited new Retail Outlet for diversion (under VSESA, 1980) of 0.069777 hectare of protected forest land for non-forestry purpose. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable due to non-availability of any alternate land and is barest minimum required for the project.</p> <p>The User Agency (IOCL) constructed an approach road on forest land without prior approval under VSESA, 1980. This proposal is submitted for Ex-post Facto forest clearance.</p>															
8.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA):	Compensatory Afforestation is proposed in the area of 0.14 ha.															
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9.	Whether proposal involves violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action Taken against the concerned officials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Area involved in Violation- 0.069777 ha. • Period of violation- June 2022 (reported date). • Person responsible for violation- Shri Vinay Kumar Varshney, LOI holder. • H2 case detail- Case No. 22/Hathras/2022-23, dated 25.07.2022. • Action taken for violation : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIR No. 0032 dated 22.02.2024 registered. 2. Accused convicted by Hon'ble Court in Case No. 18407/2024. 3. Compensation of Rs.60,000 recovered. 4. Non-forestry use stopped via letter dated 03.07.2023. • Action against officials: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shri Shobharam Ojha (RFO): Severe warning issued and recorded in personal file. 2. Shri Alihasan (Beat Incharge): Removed from beat charge on 25.11.2022 and severe warning issued and recorded in personal file. 															

10.	Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not:	NA
11.	Reclamation Plan: (If applicable, submit details and	NA
12.	Details on catchment and command area under the project:	NA
13.	Cost benefit ratio:	NA
14.	Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ State Government:	Recommended by State Secretary
15.	Utility of the Project:	Public utility (Fuel supply)
16.	Whether land being diverted has any socio Cultural/ religious value:	NA
17.	Situation w.r.t. Any P.A.	Not inside any National Park/Sanctuary.
18.	Any other information relating to the Project:	-
19.	Specific comments/observation of inspecting officer: Upon inspection of the proposed diversion site, it was found that the construction of the petrol pump had been completed and it was operational prior to the reporting of the violation. At present, the outlet is non-operational and is not using the approach access to the retail outlet. Action against the officials responsible for the violation has been taken under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The project may be accepted in public interest with penal provisions under Adhiniyam, 1980.	
20.	Recommendations Of the Deputy Director General of Forests (C) along with detailed reasons:	Recommended
21.	Regional Head shall give detailed comments on whether there are any alternatives routes/ alignments for locating the project on the non-forest land:	NIL


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Photographs of the Area Proposed for Diversion.

