

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

1.	Name of the Project	:-	Proposal for diversion of 13.077 ha. of forest land for construction of approach road from Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. to existing Koira-Belkudar Patamunda Road in Sundargarh District, Odisha. Proposal No.FP/OR/ROAD/154639/2022 (State Sl. No.OR-035/2022 dt.7.5.2022)	
2.	Name of the District / Division	:-	Sundargarh District / Bonai Division.	
3.	Date of Inspection	:-	13.05.2023	
4.	Name and designation of Inspecting Officer	:-	Sri Lalit Kumar Patra, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Division.	
5.	Name and Designation of other officers who attended the inspection including representative of User Agency.	:-	1. Mrs. Kajal Kumari Nayak, Range Officer, Koira Range. 2. Sri Nabin Chandra Pradha, Range Officer, Barsuan Range. 3. Sri Bhubaneswar Ray, Forester, Koira Section. 4. Sri Kailash Kishan, Forester, Dengula Section. 5. Sri Niranjana Pradhan, Forest Guard, Jaldihi Beat. 6. Sri Rajendra Mahanta, Forest Guard, Ranisal Beat 7. Sri Hirak Mazumder, Director, Rungta Mines Ltd. 8. Sri S.N. Upadhyay, GM, Corporate Affair (CA).	
6.	Legal Status of forest land with area proposed for diversion	:-	PRF :- 9.876 Ha. Revenue Forest :- 0.910 Ha. DLC Forest :- 2.291 Ha. Total :- 13.077 Ha.	
7.	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground	:-	Yes.	
8.	Item-wise break-up of forest land proposed for diversion.			
	The item-wise break-up of forest land proposed for diversion is as follows;			
	Construction of approach road / culverts and bridges.	:-	13.077	Ha.
9.	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area	:-	The density of vegetation is 0.65 (Zero point six five) (Eco value class-I). The applied area Sal (<i>Shorea robusta</i>), Bija (<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>), Gambhari (<i>Gmelina arborea</i>), Kasi (<i>Bridelia retusa</i>), Sidha (<i>Lagerstroemia parviflora</i>), Asan (<i>Terminalia tomentosa</i>), Bahada (<i>Terminalia belerica</i>), Kurum (<i>Adina cordifolia</i>), Karanja (<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>), Mahul (<i>Madhuca indica</i>), Char (<i>Buchanania lanzan</i>), Amba (<i>Mangifera indica</i>), Dhaura (<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>), Harida (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>) etc. are major species among flora available in the applied area. The type of forest is of Moist Peninsular High level Sal (3C/C2e).	
10.	Position of Wildlife in general	:-	Fauna such as Elephant, Sloth bear, Hanuman Langur, Indian giant squirrel, Jungle cat, Mongoose, Indian Hare, Fox, Rat, Wild pig, Jackal, Indian pangolin, Porcupine, Hyaena, Peacock and different kinds of snakes and birds are noticed in the applied area.	

11.	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco-sensitive zone / National Park / Sanctuary.	:-	<p>The applied area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve or Elephant Corridor.</p> <p>The distance of project site from the nearest Protected area (Similipal Wildlife Sanctuary) is 83 Kms. The project site is 13 Kms away from the nearest Elephant Corridor (Karo-Karampada).</p>
12.	Number of trees to be felled and its impact on the eco-system	:-	<p>The total tree enumeration has been taken up over the total project area of 13.245 ha. (Forest-13.077 ha. + Non-Forest-0.168 ha.) comes to 3017 nos. (Forest-3009 Nos. + Non-Forest-8 Nos.), which are above 30 cm girth and 676 nos. (Forest-660 Nos. + Non-Forest-16 Nos.) of trees below 30 cm girth. The tree enumeration list and abstract has been furnished at (50-134/DP).</p> <p>Hence, 3017 nos. of trees above 30 cm girth and 676 nos. below 30 cm girth may be required to be felled / removed in applied project area during construction of approach road, which will have some little impact on the eco-system.</p>
13.	Details of broken-up area and reclamation done, if any. (Mining cases)	:-	Not applicable
14.	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any	:-	As reported by the User Agency, the project does not involve displacement of people. Hence, Resettlement & Rehabilitation Plan is not required.
15.	Position of rare and endangered species available or importance of area from eco-social point of view.	:-	Elephant movement is observed frequently in the applied area. Importance of area from eco-social point of view is negligible.
16.	Non-forest land used in the project, and non-forest land selected for Comp. Affn. is included in the D.L.C. report or not.	:-	<p>Non-forest land measuring 0.168 ha. involved in the project.</p> <p>An area of 13.319 ha. of Govt. non-forest land identified in village Talabarda under Banspal Tehsil, BJP Range of Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation. The said land has not been included in the DLC report.</p>
17.	Suitability of the identified non-forest land / degraded forest land for Comp. Affn.	:-	The suitability certificate of the Compensatory Afforestation area has been enclosed with the Diversion Proposal vide (Page-192/DP) .
18.	Violation of F.C. Act., if any,	:-	No violation has been reported under the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980.


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 Bonai Division.