Recommendation for Diversion

The proposed land for diversion is a notified protected forest of Bera Mouza, The area is adjacent to BCCL mining area of Kuya Colliery. The other P.F. near to it are Aamtal and Jarma P.F. The main species of flora present are Chakundi, Chhatwan, Dhela, Palas etc. The proposed land is demarcated by pillars.

The almost entire area has gentle slope. The area has tree cover of older plantation and hence not much affected by erosion. Ground flora, bushes and some climbers can also be seen.

No rare/endangered/unique sp. of flora & fauna was noticed in the area or reported. The forest area also did not have any archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment etc and does not form part of any national park/ wildlife sanctuary or eco-sensitive zone.

The total area of Bera P.F. is 80.51 ha. out of which 64.02 ha. is already transferred to BCCL in the past. Rest 16.49 ha. remaning area of Bera P.F. forms the part of the proposal.

The proposed area is adjacent to Kuya Colliery and is part of the coal block of BCCL. BCCL needs this forest land to expand it's mining and increase production of coal for the energy requirements of the country. The proposed land for diversion is unavoidable and bare minimum of the project. As the coal mining is important to meet the energy needs of the country, hence this proposal of forest land diversion is recommended.

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