Site Inspection Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Col 11, Part II, Form A of the FCA, 1980)

The forest land of an area of 4.8 Ha that is proposed to be diverted for Quarrying of stone/road metal at New Wangparal, Chandel was inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandel Forest Division on 24th April, 2019. The area proposed for the quarry lies on the North-western side of New Wangparal Village at a distance of about 6 km with no human habitation. The nearest distance of the proposed site from Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary is about 28 km.

The day of the site inspection it was found that the user agency had already cleared vegetation in about 3 ha area out of the 4.8 Ha area proposed for diversion. An offence report was already submitted by Beat Officer, Komlathabi Beat Office on 4th February, 2019. The user agency was then contacted and then informed to cease the violation immediately and to apply for Forest Clearance under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Subsequently the case was compounded on 5th March, 2019 vide TR5 No. W 414851.

Most of the forest areas are covered with growths of coppices shoots and other shrubs. Trees attaining exploitable sizes for timber are very less with sizeable number of plants belonging to the girth class of 0-30 cm. The forest under consideration for diversion belongs to the tropical Forests. The proposed quarry is not likely to displace any village settlement and since the forest is Unclassed open/degraded forest cutting of plants might be minimal.

No Protected archaeological/ heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were not found in the area to be diverted.

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