

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANGE OF DCF
(for the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**

The forest land in the name & style Bhairab Hill Stone Quarry is proposed for diversion under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The project envisages the use of forest land for operation and extraction of stones. The proposed site has been inspected by me on 04/12/2018.

The nearest Eco-sensitive Zone from the proposed forest land is Chakrasila Wildlife Sanctuary, the aerial distance is more than 45.0 Kms.

It is found that the proposed land is situated within the Bhairab Hill Proposed Reserved Forests (PRF) measuring 5 (five) ha. area. The requirement of forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the stone quarry. All alternative options were examined and no suitable land was found.

Salient features of the proposed diversion area

- The proposed land is barren without any tall trees, but the ground is covered by herb and shrubs.
- The diversion site does not have any wildlife/Archaeological importance/Heritage site/Defence establishment or any other Monuments in and around the area and also free from wildlife habitation and wildlife corridor.
- The forest area to be diverted is moderately sloped with lateritic soil. The rocks of the hill are covered by lateritic soil hence vulnerability in regards to erosion will be minimum.
- The quarry will meet the huge demand of stone materials required for the various developmental works of Govt., Semi Govt. and also private requirement of neighboring areas in addition to this district.
- Will augment revenue to the state exchequer substantially.
- Will prevent pilferage of materials from the quarry.
- Suitable for quarrying and no other forestry activities can be taken up.

The operation of the proposed quarry will enable to meet the huge demand of stone materials required for the development works of Govt., Semi Govt. and also the private requirement. The project will also generate greater employment opportunities and thereby will boost the income of the economically backward unskilled labours. Considering the above facts, it is recommended for acceptance.

Date :- 06/12/2018

Signature :-



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