

# **SITE INSPECTION REPORT**

**Date of Inspection :- 30.11.2022**

**Officials present during inspection :-**

1. Shri Bimal Lakra, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Bokaro.
2. Shri A. K. Manjul, ACF, Dhanbad Forest Division, Dhanbad.
3. Shri Jagdish Soren, Forest Guard.
4. Shri Sanjay Duskdh, Forest Guard.

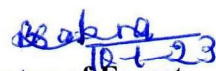
**BCCL Officials :-**

1. Shri Harihar Das, A.G.M., BCCL.
2. Shri Ashok Kumar, Project Officer, Muraidih Colliery, BCCL.
3. Shri Chandan Kumar, Surveyor.
4. Shri Himanshu Jaiswal, Assistant Manager, Environment, BCCL.

The proposed forest area for diversion in Baramasia and Barora Mouja of Topchanchi was visited on 30.11.2022 along with BCCL Officials and Forest Officials. The proposed land of 133.69 ha includes 46.17 ha of protected forest and 87.52 ha of Jungle-Jhari land. Trees of Sisam, Gamhar, Chankundi, Siris, Subabul etc. of old plantation can be seen on the forest. Tree enumeration list has 9335 trees of different species having girth mostly in 0-30cm, 31-60cm and 61-90cm girth class. The area is having gentle to moderate slop. Divisional Forest Officer, Dhanbad has assessed the crop density as 0.50 in eco class-III category. I agree with the assessment of DFO, Dhanbad. No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna are found in these forest. The proposed forest area are not the part of any National Park Sanctuary or protected area. The area do not have any archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment, etc.

During the inspection it was found that earlier over burden of mining was dumped over the forest land. The User Agency has shown this in the submitted maps. According to the report submitted by the User Agency OB Dumping was done over 34.38 ha. forest land and 74.72 ha Jungle-Jhari land. After 1980 OB Dumping has been done over 11.27 ha. forest land and after 1996 OB Dumping was done over 31.35 ha. of Jungle-Jhari land. User Agency has agreed to pay for the Penal Compensatory Afforestation.

The proposed 133.69 ha. forest land diversion proposal is for underground mining of coal in the lease hold of Muraidih Colliery. As the location of coal reserve is site specific, hence BCCL has no other alternative. The proposed forest land for diversion is unavoidable and bare minimum. In this purview the proposed forest land is recommended for diversion.

  
Conservator of Forest,  
Territorial Circle, Bokaro