## SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (T), CENTRAL ASSAM CIRCLE OF THE PROPOSED GOPESWAR STONE QUARRY UNDER NORTH KAMRUP DIVISION.

A proposal (FP/AS/QRY/37021/2018) for diversion of **5.4** hectares of forest land for operation of **Gopeswar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone** has been received under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed area for diversion of 5.4 hectares of forest land for operation of Gopeswar Stone Quarry falls under Sila Range of North Kamrup Division, Rangia. The proposed site was inspected by the undersigned on **06.03.2023** along with the Divisional Forests Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangia accompanied by Range Forest officer, Sila Range.

The proposed area identified for stone mahal is totally barren and degraded land having no tree growth except some shrubs. The identified area is located just on the periphery of the reserved forest area having good stock of minor minerals and in the past extraction had been done.

The proposed site is not part of any protected area and not included in archaeological/heritage site. During my inspection, I found no rare or endangered, or unique species of flora and fauna in the proposed area.

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