

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Date of Inspection :- 07.02.2022

Officials present during inspection:

1. Shri Ved Prakash Kamboj, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Ramgarh Forest Division
2. Shri Niraj Kumar Sinha, General Manager, Hazaribagh Area, CCL
3. Shri Kedar Ram, Range Forest Officer, Mandu Range
4. Shri A.C.Dey, Project Officer, Parej East O.C.P.
5. Shri Fazail Ahmed, Deputy Manager, Environment,
6. Shri Nilesh Kumar Sharma, Surveyor, Parej

M/s Central Coalfields Limited, Hazaribagh Area has applied for diversion of 101.00 ha of forest land in Ramgarh Forest Division for Parej East Open Cast Coal Mining Project under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. The proposed forest area falls under the villages Durukasmar, Parej and Baroguttu villages of Ramgarh District. The village-wise break up of Notified Forest land and GM Jungle-Jhari land is as under:

Name of Division	Name of Forest Range	Name of Village	Area of Protected Forest (ha.)	Area of GM JJ (ha)	Total Forest Area (ha)
Ramgarh Forest Division	Mandu	Durukasmar	2.71	31.59	34.30
		Parej	0.00	56.04	56.04
		Baroguttu	0.00	10.66	10.66
		Total:	2.71	98.29	101.00

The type of forest in Durukasmar, Parej and Baroguttu villages is Open Forest. The tree species consists mostly of Chakundi, Mahua, Sal, Palas, Shisham, Sidha, Putri, Ficus, Asan, etc. DFO, Ramgarh has assessed the density of forest as 0.3 and the site quality as Eco class III. I agree with the assessment of DFO, Ramgarh.

The area is having gentle to steep slope and is prone to soil erosion. The forest area proposed for diversion does not form a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and Biosphere/Reserve. The project area does not form part of eco-sensitive zone. However, DFO, Ramgarh has recommended for preparation of comprehensive wildlife management plan due to regular movement of elephant herds in the villages within 10 km of the area proposed. .

Out of 2.71 ha forest land in Durukasmar, 1.57 ha is already broken up before 1980. This land was transferred to CCL by DFO, Hazaribagh East Division prior to the year 1980. Out of 98.29 ha GM,J.J. land 55.20 ha land was broken prior to the year 1996. CCL has deposited the amount of NPV Rs. 3,53,00,140.00 (Rs. Three crore fifty three lakh one hundred forty) only in compliance to the Demand of DFO, Ramgarh vide his letter no. 1046 dated 14.05.2016. At present 1.14 ha notified forest and 43.09 ha GM JJ land is unbroken. During the inspection GM, CCL informed that earlier broken up area will be filled up with the OB of new area.

As the forest area required for Parej East Open Cast Project has a good reserve of economic coal which is site specific, the proposed 101.00 ha forest land diversion for coal mining is recommended under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 Rules/Guidelines.


**Conservator of Forest,
Territorial Circle, Bokaro**