

Joint verification report on diversion of forest land for  
construction of Khairibhandan Barrage project at Ramatirtha.

A joint verification was conducted today i.e. on dt. 01.12.2019 by the authorities of Similipal North Wild Life Division (under which Ramatirtha area comes) & the authorities of Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala & the findings are as follows.

1. There is overlapping area found in the Ramatirtha area as per the site plan prepared for the aforesaid project.
2. In the overlapping area, there exists good number of trees having enormous ecological value.
3. In the overlapping area there are some spots of worship, which are important from religious point of view.
4. In the overlapping area there exists some infrastructures, the loss of which will affect breeding pool, pump house etc of the ongoing crocodile project.

Keeping the above facts into consideration, a view was taken not to include such overlapping areas in the prepared project plan, otherwise it will affect not only the eco-tourism activities, but also other aspects as mentioned above. Further, construction of Barrage at the middle point of Crocodile Project is most likely to disturb the very functioning of the project by facilitating peoples' movement unabatedly from the other end of the Barrage. Therefore location of the Barrage should be aptly decided.

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