Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer, Dhanbad

Date of Inspection-20.05.2022

Presence- Forest Officials

- (1) Sri Bimal Lakra, DFO, Dhanbad
- (2) Sri Ajay Kumar Manjul, Range Officer, Topchanchi
- (3) Sri Deepak Kumar, Forest Guard
- (4) Sri Sanjay Kumar Dusadh, Forest Guard

BCCL Officials

- (1) Sri Jitendra Mallick, GM, Barora Area
- (2) Sri Harihar Das, Addl. GM, Barora Area
- (3) Sri Kajal Sarkar, Mine Manager, Muraidih Colliery

On the aforesaid date, the area proposed for diversion of 133.69 Ha of Muraidih Colliery, BCCL was visited. The Proposed land for diversion are notified protected forests and Jungle Jhari of Barmassia and Barora Mouza. The main species of Flora present in the forest are Sheesham, Gamhar, Chakundi, Siris, Subabul, etc. Almost entire area has gentle to moderate slope. The area has tree cover of older plantation and hence not much affected by erosion. Ground flora, bushes and some climbers can also be seen. The joint Enumeration list of the tree of land proposed for diversion isprepared. A few trees were measured at DBH and it was checked with marking list.

No rare/ endangered/ unique species of Flora and Fauna are found in the forest proposed for diversion. The Forest area also did not have any archaeological/heritage site/ Defense establishment etc. The Forest land proposed for diversion are not part of any National Park, Sanctuary or Protected Area.

Barora Area, BCCL has underground and opencast mining in the leasehold of Muraidih Colliery. The Company has plan to extend its mine towards south direction to excavate the Coal Reserve. The Coal reserve is underneath the Forest Land of Barmassia and Barora Mouza in leasehold area of Muraidih Colliery and hence they have submitted the proposal for diversion of Forest Land. 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 proposal is recommended for diversion.

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