

Inspection note of Dr. Wangdup Bhutia, IFS, Conservator of Forest on 04/04/2022 under Gomati district in connection with the resettlement of Bru Migrants at mouja Paschim Kalajhari RF in favour of SDM, Karbook.

I, Dr. Wangdup Bhutia, Conservator of Forests, visited the forest land proposed for diversion for settling Bru migrants at Mouja Paschim Kalajhari RF in favour of SDM, Karbook under District Forest Officer, Gomati on dated, 04/04/2022 at 1:30 PM. The following official were present during this said visit,

1. Shri Pranajit Bhowmik, SDFO Karbook
2. Shri Kartik Reang, Tehsildar
3. Shri Gouranga Reang, LDC of Tehsildar office
4. Shri Padip Chetri, Fr, BO Tirthamukh
5. Shri Rati Ranjan Debbarma, Fr
6. Shri Baudev Shil Fr, in-charge FPU Jatanbari

Observation made during the visit are as follows,

- I. This forest land proposed for diversion is the part of Paschim Kalajhari RF under Gomati Forest District.
- II. The said proposed land is the part of good patch of teak dominated mixed deciduous forest and some portion was observed as degraded due to past shifting cultivation.
- III. The peculiar observation made was that only over the whole proposed forest land for this instant project, fire has been set off and in some places pillars are being erected. On inquiry to the forest staffs present there, it is known that people from nearby villages are ~~being~~ doing so to make their claim over the land in the name of RoFR. It is also observed that few teak trees are being girdled and made them dried standing within the proposed area.
- IV. There is likelihood of destroying this undisturbed forest available in Paschim Kalajhari RF implementation of this project unless these Bru settlers restrict from practicing shifting cultivation.
- V. This forest area is being served as the source of water for Gomati river through various perennial and ephemeral streams formed from residual type of relief of this forest area.

Considering the above facts, the present proposal can be recommended only if the forest department gets written assurance from the user agency that under any circumstances Bru settlers will not involved in shifting cultivation.

Submitted

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