

#### Government of West Bengal Directorate of Forests Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division Rabindranagar, P.O. Rabindra Sarani, Siliguri - 734006

2479 /8 - 2No.

Dated, Siliguri, the 14.11.2017.

From: The Divisional Forest Officer

Baikunthapur Division

To:

The Manager, Mine Management Cell,

West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.

Kolkata - 700 098

Sub: Suitability Report of Land for Compensatory Afforestation for diversion of Forest (101.77 Ha). Ref: WBPDCL/GM (MMC)/398 dated 08.11.2017. This Office Memo No. 1375/8-2 dated 23.05.2017.

In reference to your above noted letter this is to state that a Joint Inspection was undertaken on 13.04.2017 at Purba Totgaon, JL No.2 for the entire 1156.96 Acres by the Committee constituted by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, West Bengal. The report submitted by the concerned Committee clearly endorses suitability for compensatory afforestation. The Land in question i.e. 106.795 Hectares or say 263.88 Acres of your concern falls within the 1156.96 Acres or say 468.405 Hectares. The specification of the area (263.88 Acres) is given herein below: -

Plot No.	Area (Acre)	Plot No.	Area (Acre)
1	4.101	21	166.992
2	28.248	22	0.51
18	0.823	23	30.122
19	0.12	63	27.144
20	5.859		
	TOTAL		263.88

Accordingly a separate suitability report is not required. A copy of the Suitability Report is attached herewith for doing the needful from your end.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division

Enclosure: As stated

No: 2479 /8-2

Dated, Siliguri, the 14.11.2017

Copy forwarded for information to: -

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, West Bengal.

Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division



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No. 1375/8-2

Dated, Siliguri, the 23 105/2017.

From: The Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division

To: The Chief Conservator of Forests Northern Circle, West Bengal

Sub: Joint Inspection & Suitability Report regarding Compensatory Afforestation at Purba Totgaon, J.L. No.02 under P.S. Mal, Dist. Jalpaiguri.

Ref: Your Memo No. 220/2M – 84, dated 31.03.2017.

The Joint inspection as specified in the above referred communication was undertaken on 13.04.2017 in presence of all the members of the committee constituted through your office order conveyed by the memo referred to herein above. The observations and inferences are given below: -

- > The land is in riverian area along Tista River Bed, and is conducive for riverian species like Khair etc. However, the plantation can only be done on the Northern side. The western side is suitable for only grassland. Hence the western part can be developed into a habitat for herbivorous species.
- > The access is very difficult owing to the tributaries; therefore the regeneration cost will be very high.
- > As such the area is a major part of Elephant corridor from Apalchand to Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary.
- There exist some sign of encroachment, which is to be taken care of.

  In accordance with the aforementioned facts, the matters associated with the land, afforestation may be taken up there with some additional input and protection measure.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division Divisional Forest Officer Coochbehar Division ADFO Baikunthapur Division Range Officer Targhera Range



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POWER SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL LAND AND LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT GE(M)/LRA-III BRANCH, NABANNA, 325, SARAT CHATTERJEE ROAD, P.O. SHIBPUR, HOWRAH-711 102

Date: 16.02 .2017

Memo No.548-GE(M)/2L-188/16

From: The OSD & EO Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To: The District Magistrate & Collector, Jalpaiguri, P. O. & Dist. -Jalpaiguri.

Subject :

Proposal for inter-departmental transfer of Govt. land of **1156.96** acres in Jalpaiguri district in favour of the Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal for compensatory afforestation towards the implementation of (1)1000 MW Turga Pump Storage Power Project in Ajodhya Hill in Purulia, a priority project of Govt. of West Bengal to be implemented by WBSEDCL and (2) Barjora (North) Coal mine to be implemented by WBPDCL both under the Department of Power and Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Govt. of West Bengal.

Ref. :

Memo No.14/D/E/001/218//LMS-I/DLLRO/JAL/2016 dated 3101/2017.

With reference to above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to say that sanction is hereby accorded to the inter-departmental transfer 1156.96 acres of Govt. land in Jalpaiguri district in favour of the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal, for compensatory afforestation towards the implementation of (1)1000 MW Turga Pump Storage Power Project in Ajodhya Hill in Purulia, a priority project of Govt. of West Bengal to be implemented by WBSEDCL and (2) Barjora (North) Coal mine to be implemented by WBPDCL both under the Department of Power and Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Govt. of West Bengal, as per schedule below:

#### Schedule

District	P.S./Block	Mouza	J.L. No.	Plot No.	Area (in acre)
g   et		Purba Totagaon	02	24 (P) & 25 to 38	392.65
Jalpaiguri	Mal	Purba Totagaon	02	1,2,14,15, 17 to 24, 51 to 54, 56 to 68 & 70	764.31

Total= 1156.96 acres

- 2. The Forest Department, Government of West Bengal will hold the land as sanctioned on the following terms and conditions:
- (i) The land will be reverted to the Land and Land Reforms Department when no longer required by the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (ii) If it is found that the land has not been utilized for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of taking over possession, the Land & Land Reforms Department may resume such quantum of land from the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal.
  - (iii) The Forest Department, Government of West Bengal will not alienate the land.

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- (iv) The Forest Department, Government of West Bengal will not lease out or let out or transfer any portion or whole of the land at all.
- (v) In each case, if any portion of the land so sanctioned above is found surplus to the requirements at any stage for the purpose afore mentioned, the said portion of land shall be reverted to the Land and Land Reforms Department.
- (vi) If it is subsequently found that the subject land is involved in any Court Case in any Hon'ble Court of Law including WBLRTT, then all concerned shall abide by the orders as may be passed by such Hon'ble Court or WBLRTT.
  - (vii) The Forest Department, Government of West Bengal will not utilize the land for commercial purpose.
- (viii) If it is detected subsequently that land is being used for commercial purpose then the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal will be liable to pay full market value of the land as to be assessed on the date of such detection.
- 3. It is accordingly requested to hand over possessions of land so sanctioned to the authorized representative of the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal immediately and report compliance thereof to this Department early. A copy of the possession certificate should also have to be furnished to this Department.

OSD & EO Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

Date: 16,02,2017

#### Memo. No.548/1(7)-GE (M)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, Block- LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700098.
- Power & Non Conventional Energy Sources Department,
  Biddyut Unnayan Bhawan, 5th Floor,
  Block LA, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700098
  - The Finance Department of this Govt., Nabanna, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Howrah-711102.
  - 4. The DM & Collector, Purulia/Bankura/Burdwan/Birbhum, Dist.- Purulia/Bankura/Burdwan/Birbhum.
  - The Director of Land Records & Survey, WB 35, Gopalnagar Road, Alipore, Kol-700027.
  - The ADM & DL & LRO, Jalpaiguri,
     P. O. & Dist.- Jalpaiguri.
  - 7. Guard file of GE(M) Branch.

OSD & EO Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal



# Government of West Bengal Directorate of Forests Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division Rabindranagar, P.O. Rabindra Sarani, Siliguri - 734006

No. 2337 /8-2

Dated, Siliguri, the 30.10.2017.

From: The Divisional Forest Officer

Baikunthapur Division

To: The Director (Mining)

WBPDCL, Kolkata - 98

Sub: Authentication of DGPS survey maps of Purbatotgaon for compensatory afforestation.

Ref: Your Memo No. WBPDCL/GM (MMC)/376 dated 09.10.2017.

In consonance with your letter referred to herein above, the maps have been duly authenticated for doing the needful from your end.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer Baikunthapur Division

Enclosure: Authenticated Maps

# WBPDCL

## THE WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)

Corporate Identity No.: U40104WB1985SGC039154 :Registered & Corporate Office:

"Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban", Plot No. 3/C, LA-Block, Sector-III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 098
• Phone: No. (033) 2335-0571/2339-3100 • Fax:: (033) 2339 3186 / 2339 3286 /2339 3197

• Website: www.wbpdcl.co.in • email: wbpdclmine2015@gmail.com, a.kumar@wbpdcl.co.in, ambarroy@wbpdcl.co.in

Ref: WBPDCL/GM(MMC)/395

Date: 31.10.2017

To
The Nodal Officer , Forest conservation Act 1980
Directorate of Forest
Arranya Bhavan
Kolkata - 700098

Sub: Intimation for using 263.88 acre of land of Mouza purbatotagaon towards Compensatory Afforestation for diversion of forest of Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak- Bhadulia Coal Mine.

- Ref : 1. Online forest clearance proposal no FP/WB/MIN/17602/2016 [ Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak Bahdulia Coal Mine ]
  - 2. Our earlier letter no WBPDCL/GM(MMC)/388 dated 16.10.2017
  - 3. Letter of OSD & EO Assistant Secretary , GOWB no 548-GE(M)/2L-188/16 dt. 16.02.17

Sir,

WBPDCL has uploaded forest clearance proposal on MOEF&CC portal for Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak - Bahdulia Coal Mine as per online proposal no FP/WB/MIN/17602/2016.

In reference to that , it is requested to refer letter of OSD & EO Assistant Secretary , GOWB [ no 548-GE(M)/2L-188/16 dt. 16.02.17 ] addressing to DM-Jalpsiguri , mentioning for inter-departmental transfer of 764.31 acre of land [ Purba totagaon area ] in favour of Forest dept. GoWB, for Compensatory Afforestation towards implementation of Barjora(North) Coal Mine by WBPDCL .

In reference to the above you are intimated that , 263.88 acre of the land out of 764.31 acre (earmarked for compensatory afforestation of Barjora(N) coal mine ) will be used towards Compensatery Afforestation for diversion of Forest of Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak-Bhadulia Coal Mine.

Separate land for compensatory afforestation in respect of Barjora(N) coal mine will be provided shortly.

The details of the land for Compensatory Afforestation purpose of Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak-Bhadulia Coal Mine is mentioned below:

Bandel Thermal Power Station, GM-(033) 2684 6369 E-mail: gmbtps@wbpdcl.co.in FAX: 2684 6151

Santaldih Thermal Power Station GM-(03251) 260 227/250 E-mail: gmstps@wbpdcl.co.in FAX: 260 217, PBX: 260 197 Kolaghat Thermal Power Station GM-(03228) 231 110 E-mail: gmktps@wbpdcl.co.in FAX: 231 280

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• Website: www.wbpdcl.co.in • email: wbpdclmine2015@gmail.com, a.kumar@wbpdcl.co.in, ambarroy@wbpdcl.co.in

District	Mouza	Jl No	Plot No	Area (acre)	Area(Ha)
Jalpaiguri	purbatotagaon	02	1 2 18 19 20 21 22 23 63	4.101 28.248 0.823 0.12 5.859 166.992 0.51 30.122 27.144	1.66 11.432 0.333 0.049 2.371 67.581 0.206 12.19 10.973
Total				263.88	106.795

However, all terms & conditions mentioned in the letter of OSD & EO Assistant secretary to Govt of WB (as mentioned above) will remain same for inter-departmental transfer of land in favour of Forest department for Compensatory Afforestation.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

31/10/17

Director(Mining)

CC: The Divisional Forest Officer

Baikunthapur Division

Rabindranagar

PO - Rabindra Sarani

Siliguri - 734006



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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL LAND AND LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT GE(M)/LRA-III BRANCH, NABANNA, 325, SARAT CHATTERJEE ROAD, P.O. SHIBPUR, HOWRAH-711 102

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OSD & EO Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

Date: 16,02,2017

#### Memo. No.548/1(7)-GE (M)

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- Power & Non Conventional Energy Sources Department,
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  Block LA, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700098
  - The Finance Department of this Govt., Nabanna, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Howrah-711102.
  - 4. The DM & Collector, Purulia/Bankura/Burdwan/Birbhum, Dist.- Purulia/Bankura/Burdwan/Birbhum.
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OSD & EO Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal





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Government of West Bengal Department of Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources

Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban [5th Floor] Plot No. 3/C, LA Block,

Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 098

Dated: 09.02.2017

To

Shri Manoj Pant, IAS

Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal, and

Principal Secretary,

Land & Land Reforms Department

No. 24-PO/O/C-V/8L-1248/14

'NABANNA' [6th Floor]. 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road. Howrah - 711102

Transfer of non-forest Government vested land to the Forest Department free of cost for the purpose of Sub: compensatory afforestation, required in connection with implementation of Turga Pumped Storage Project by WBSEDCL and Barjora (North) Coal Mine Project of WBPDCL.

Sir. I would inform the following facts:

- WBSEDCL, a State Power Utility under this Department, is at present at the advanced stage of 2.0 implementing the 1000 MW Turga Pumped Storage Project at Ajodhya Hills in Purulia District. 578.22 acres of forest land falls within the project area and accordingly, the same quantum of non-forest land is to be transferred to the Forest Department for compensatory afforestation.
- Now, out of the total 578.22 acres of non-forest land required for compensatory afforestation, already 3.0 185.57 acres of verified land in Purulia District have been transferred by your Department to the Forest Department vide memo no. 556-GE(M)/21.-13/16 dated 12.02.2016. Accordingly, the balance quantum, i.e., 392.65 acres is still required for compensatory afforestation.
- On the other hand, WBPDCL, another State Power Utility under this Department, is in the process of 4.0 starting mining works from its captive mines and since some portion of the mining lease area comprise forest land, equivalent quantum of non-forest land is required for compensatory afforestation. At present 871.91 acres of non-forest land is further required for compensatory afforestation in connection with operationalising Barjora (North) mine .
- In all, 392.65 + 871.91 = 1264.56 acres of land is required for compensatory afforestation in connection 5.0 with implementation of the aforesaid projects by WBSEDCL and WBPDCL.
- On receipt of information vide letter no. 3800-LP/3T-24/16 dated 03.01.2017 from your end about 6.0 availability of 1156.96 acres of Government vested land in mouza- Purba Totgaon, JL no. 2 within P.S. Mal in Jalpaiguri District for compensatory afforestation, the Forest Department was requested by this Department to arrange for verification of the said land for suitability for compensatory afforestation.
- Upon physical verification of the subject land, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baikunthapur Division 7.0 vide his letter no. 169/8-2 dated 20.01.2017 issued confirmation as to suitability thereof for afforestation.[Copy of the joint inspection and suitability report is enclosed]

PDCL/CVO/443 Date 17/2/17

- 8.0 Subsequently, the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri vide memo no. 14/D/E/001/218//LMS-I/DLLRO/JAL/2016 dated 31.01.2017 sent a proposal for interdepartmental transfer of the aforesaid land of 1156.96 acres in favour of Forest Department for compensatory afforestation. [Copy enclosed]
- 9.0 Now, out of the above verified land, 392.65 acres and the rest quantum of 764.31 acres as detailed in Annexure A and B are to be transferred in favour of the Forest Department for their undertaking compensatory afforestation so that the stated projects of WBSEDCL and WBPDCL can be taken up for implementation without any delay.
- In the above backdrop, I am directed to request you to kindly arrange for transfer of the above mentioned 1156.96 acres of Government vested land in mouza- Purba Totgaon, JL no. 2 within P.S. Mal in Jalpaiguri District in favour of the Forest Department free of cost at the earliest for the purpose of the stated compensatory afforestation.
- In this connection, it may be noted that the CMD, WBSEDCL had sent to L&LR Department a proposal for transfer of 35.71 acres land located in Purulia district in favour of Forest Department vide his no. CMD/Dir/Gen/8A/475 dated 16.08.2016. In the circumstances as stated above, the 35.71 acres land may now be considered as a part of compensatory afforestation of Barjora (North) Coal Mine Project and order for transfer of this land in favour of Forest Department may kindly be made accordingly.
- 12.0 This is submitted with the approval of the Principal Secretary of this Department.

Enclo: As stated.

Yours faithfully, Sd/-[ Dr. A N Biswas] Special Secretary

Dated: 09.02.2017

#### No. 24/1(3)-PO/O/C-V/8L-1248/14

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to:

- The Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Forest, Aranya Bhavan, Block -LA-10A, Sector - III, Saltlake City, Kolkata - 700098.
- The Chairman and Managing Director, WBSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan, Block DJ, Sector II, Saltlake City, Kolkata - 700091.
- 3. The Chairman and Managing Director, WBPDCL, Bidyut Unnayan Bhavan, Plot No. 3/C, LA Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 098.

[ D. A N Biswas] Special Secretary

# ANNEXURE - A

# SCHEDULE OF LAND FOR WBSEDCL MOUZA - PURBA TOTGAON, J. L. NO. - 02, P.S. - MAL, DISTRICT - JALPAIGURI

SL. NO.	PLOT NO.	FULL/ PART	AREA (IN ACRES)
1	24	Part	
2	25	Full	25.83
3	26		1.17
4	27	Full	10.78
5	28	Full	74.58
6		Full	77.12
7	29	Full	6.22
	30	Full	32.60
8	31	Full	13.52
9	32	Full	9.52
10	33	Full	
11	34	Full	22.89
12	35	Full	14.56
13	36	Full	16.07
14	37	Full	87.50
15	38	Full	0.14
	TOTAL	1 411	0.15
			392.65

# ANNEXURE - B

SL. NO.	PLOT NO.	77.5.	R WBPDCL - MAL, DISTRICT - JALPAIGU
1		FULL/ PART	AREA (IN ACRES)
2	2	Full	4.06
3	The state of the s	Full	27.86
4	14	Full	2.70
5	15	Full	7.62
6	17	Full	0.28
7	18	Full	0.87
8	19	Full	
	20	Full	0.09
9	21	Full	5.81
10	22	Full	182.20
11	23	Full Full	0.49
12	24	Dort	29.10
13	51	Full	20.10
14	52	Full	3.98
15	53	Full	1.90
16	54	Full	8.71
17	56	Full	9.83
18	57	Full	8.90
19	58	Full	1.62
20	59	Full	205.50
21	60	Full	2.50
22	61	Full	34.20
23	62	Full	20.40
24	63	Full 1	19.08
25	64	Full	27.19
26	65	Full	0.24
27	66		0.25
28	67	Full	1.35
29	68	Full	1.30
30	70	Full	135.20
	TOTAL	Full	0.98
	TOTAL		764.31

#### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LAND & LAND REFORMS OFFICER JALPAIGURI

/D/E/001/218//LMS-I/DLLRO/JAL/2016

The Principal Secretary to the Govt, of West Bengal And Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal Land & Land Reforms and R.R. & R Department 'NABANNA', 325- Sarnt Chatterjee Road, P.O. | Shibpur, Dist.; Howrah,

Pin.: 711102.

Memo. No

Sub.:

Inter-departmental Transfer proposal for 1156,96 acres of land in Mouza: Purba Totgaon, J.L. No.-02, Khatian No.- 01 under Mai Block in favour of Forest Department, Government of West Bengal for Compensatory Afforestation.

Ref.:-

1) MDTC/pm-5/144/03 dated 2.1.17 of Managing Director, West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Ltd..

2) No. 05-PO/O/C-V/8L-1248/4 dated 03.01.2017 of Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Dapartment of Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources. 3) Memo. No. CMD/07/51

27/01/2017 of the Chairman & Managing Director, WBSEDCL.

This is an Inter-departmental Transfer proposal for 1156,96 acres of land in Mouza: Purba Totgaon, J.L. No.-02, Khatian No.- 01 under Mal Block in favour of Forest Department , Government of West Bengal for Compensatory Afforestation...

The land in question is vested to State and lying vacant. The proposed land is free from all encumbrances and court case also.

The necessary papers / documents are sent herewith for favour of kind information and taking necessary action.

Enclo.:

Copy of Availability report. .... 1 Copy. 1)

Yours faithfully

2) Check List .... 2 copies.

Copy of Suitability report of D.F.O., Baikunthapur Div. 1 copy. 3)

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Sketch Map .... I copy. 4) Copy of R-O-R ..... 1 copy. 5)

District Magistrate Jalpaiguri

Copy of Joint inspection report dated 08/01/17.

Date: 3//01/2017

Memo. No. /4//1(4)/D/E/001/218//LMS-I/DLLRO/JAL/2016

Copy to:

1) The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Forest Department" Aranya Bhawan", Block LA-10A, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700098 for favour of his kind information.

2) The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Dapartment of Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban(5th Floor). Plot No. 3/C, LA Block Sector-JH, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700098 for favour of his kind information.

(3) The Commissioner, Jalpaiguri Division, Jalpaiguri for favour of his kind

information.

4) The Managing Director, West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limite, 13 Nellie Sengupta Sarani, Lindsey Street, 2nd Floor, Kolkata 700087 for his information.

PDCL/CVO/336 Date 7/2/17

District Magistrate

Report on joint inspection of Land for COMPENSATORY AFORESTATION due to Electrification deforestation at PURBA TOTGAON Mouza under PS: MAL, District TALPAIGURI

A) Joint inspection of Land for compensatory a-forestation at Purba Torgaon was done on 8th January 2017 in presence of Sri Ashok Kr Saha, Joint Secretary & OSD to WBSEDCL, SDO Mal, representatives of Forest Department, Land Department and WBSEDCL under Malbazar Division.

#### B) The Land details:

Mouja: Purba Totgaon

JL No: 2

Plot Nos.: 1, 2, 14-15, 17-38, 51-54; 56-68 & 70 = Total 44 Plots of Land

Area of Land: 1165.96 Acres

Khatian: I owned by West Bengal Govt, by the Collector of Jalpaiguti

PS: Mal. Block: Mal Development Block, Sub Division: Mal. District: Jalpaiguri

C) Boundary:

North: Mongpong Forest and Ellenbarrie TE

East: Ellenbarrie TE Labour Line and Sundari Basti

West: Sevoke Forest (10th Range Mile)

South: part of Kalagaity and Saogaon villages and the confluence of Rivers Leesh and Teesta

Elevation: 412 ft.

D) Situation: Wide stretch of Mouza Purba Totgaon is laid by the side of Teesta River in the close vicinity of Baikunthapur Forest - opposite to the forest villages of Laltong and Chumukdangi under Rajganj Block.

- F) Habitation: Purba Totgaon Mouza is basically uninhabitated with a ir rige settlement of migrated people at its North-East side, called as Sundari Bustee. It is a common pasture land for the nearby inhabitated Mouzas and wild animals like elephant, peacock, leopard, etc.
- 1) Nature of soil: The soil structure is basically barron with major deposition of sands & boulders due to Leesta's contribution long back. Major area of the Table is bereft of plant cover or green turf. As seen in the mid-western stretch of the fields, Khair, Kool, Shishu, Amlaki, Jarul, Chhatim and few other trees are common to the ground. Western side of the Mouza is inclined to Teesta River which has adequate natural vegetative greenery due to high moist content and river sedimentations in soil.
- G) Plantation viability: Experts' opinion suggest the land may be viable for the common plants like (i) Acacia Catechu (Khair), Phyllanthus Emblica (Amlaki), Lagerstroemia Speciosa (Jarul), Ziziphus Mauritania Kulli Shores Robusta (Shisoo), Alstonia Scholaris (Chhatim) etc; as those plants are there visible there. It may require a major plantation, vis a vis, land reclamation interventions over the years for covering the entire landmass by green plants.
- II) Accessibility: The land being in the vicinity of wilderness, entrance to the land table is hindered by rivulets named Rungdungkhola & Sukhakhola and NF Rly. Monsoon makes the areas tougher to access.
- I) Beauty: The area has an extraordinarily clear 360° open view in the lap of very rich nature making the place scenically attractive due to Tea blocks, steep hills, wild river, dense forest, vast panerama of free land and awesome nature.
- I) Recommendation: That particular vista of huge tree lands is fit to a pajor plantation work in order to extend the forest cover to the lower ridges of Baikunthapur Forest in the Fast beyond Teesta River.

The Project of Compensatory Aforestation taken up, will make the place contribute dearly to the climate resilient development.

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