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Memo No. 469 / 8

Dated, Bankura, the 25 / 01 / 2024

**From** :: The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bankura (North) Division.

**To** :: The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act.

**Sub** :: Submission site suitability report for 7.3572 hectares in Mouza – Anandapur, JL No. 19 and Bankadaha, JL No. 27 under block Gangajalghati, Bankura in favour of Barjora (North) Coal Mine under (Proposal No. FP-WB-MIN-43000-2019) of Bankura (North) Division.


**Ref** :: Your Office Memo No. 9092/L&LT/2L-1(2)/2005 Dated 11/01/2024

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, please find the report of suitability/unsuitability for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) of the Plots as per field verification by Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division.

This is for your kind perusal and taking necessary action.

**Enclosed:** Details of report.


  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
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District	DFO	Mouza	LR Plot No.	Area (in acre)	Remarks as per field visit of DFO
Bankura	Bankura (North)	Anandapur JL No. 19	1511,1514,1522 &1488	8.98	<p>The proposed land is contiguous to existing forest. The land has growth of a few shrubs, but it is mostly blank. Soil condition is suitable for plantation.</p> <p>Hence, the site is suitable for CA.</p>
Bankura	Bankura (North)	Bankadaha JL No. 27	789	9.20	<p>The proposed land is contiguous to existing forest. The area has growth of bushes and Eucalyptus trees. Soil quality is laterite. However, plantation may be taken up after necessary soil work and care.</p> <p>Hence, the site is suitable for CA.</p>

Field visit report of Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division.



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Memo No. \_\_\_\_782\_\_\_\_ / 8-

Dated: 17/03/2022

From :: The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bankura (North) Division.

To :: The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Central Circle, West Bengal.

Sub :: Submission Site Suitability report for 63.492 hectares (156.89) acres of land identified and offered for compensatory afforestation in Mouza-Saharjora, Shitla, Deucha, Chakrabad, Belashola & Paharbera, JL No. 26,31,42,27, 29 & 23 in favour of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited for Proposal No. **FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019.**

Ref :: The CCF,FCA, WB's Memo No. 11666/L&LT/2M-63/2022 Dated, 13.02.2023 & 9549/L&LT/2L-1(2)/2006 Dated 21.12.2022

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, please find the report of suitability/unsuitability for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) of the Plots as per field verification by Division Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

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Dated: 17/03/2022

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**Sd/- UMAR IMAM, I.F.S.**

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bankura (North) Division.

District	DFO	Mouza	LR Plot No.	Area ( inHa)	Remarks as per field visit of DFO on 19.02.2023
Bankura	Bankura North	Saharjora-26	38	1.45	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation and land leveling is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Saharjora-26	45	1.13	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. The land is also undulating with potential to develop water bodies for elephants. Soil moisture conservation and land leveling is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Saharjora-26	65	0.83	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation and land leveling is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.



		Saharjora-26	150	7.20	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. The land is also undulating with potential to develop water bodies for elephants. Soil moisture conservation and some leveling of land is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Saharjora-26	3117	3.79	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. During site inspection, seedlings of Akashmoni were observed in the field. These seedlings need to be removed safely by the User Agency before handing over the land in order to raise seedlings suited to Elephant habitat. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA if the Akashmoni seedlings are removed by the U/A and the land is properly demarcated and fenced.
		Saharjora-26	3119	0.67	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. During site inspection, seedlings of Akashmoni were observed in the field. These seedlings need to be removed safely by the User Agency before handing over the land in order to raise seedlings suited to Elephant habitat. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is



					also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA if the Akashmoni seedlings are removed by the U/A and the land is properly demarcated and fenced.
		Saharjora-26	3125	2.43	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. During site inspection, Eucalyptus trees were observed in the field. These trees need to be removed by the U/A through proper procedure under Tree Protection Act and revenue submitted before handing over the land in order to raise seedlings suited to Elephant habitat. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA if Eucalyptus trees are removed by the U/A and the land is properly demarcated and fenced.
		Saharjora-26	3138	6.61	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. The land is also undulating with potential to develop water bodies for elephants. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Saharjora-26	3142	1.35	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest and road. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is



					required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required .The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Saharjora-26	3144	0.99	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Shitla-31	591	13.17	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. Elephant presence is regularly reported in this parcel of land due to the presence of miscellaneous species and Taal trees. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Deucha-42	261	0.36	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Chakrabad-27	424	0.54	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species



					suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
		Beloshola-29	777	0.51	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species suitable for elephant habitat, the land can be developed as a potential elephant habitat. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from Elephant depredation during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
Bankura	Bankura North	Paharbera-23	118	22.46	Soil condition is suitable and the site is adjacent to forest. With proper pit digging of size 0.6*0.6*1m and tall seedlings of species , the land can be developed as a habitat for wildlife. Soil moisture conservation is also required in the given parcel of land. Energized fencing is required in the land to protect the plantation from grazing during initial years. Fire prevention measure is required during the initial years. Proper boundary demarcation is also required. The land parcel may be considered suitable for CA.
Total=				63.49	

Field visit report of Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division on 19.02.2023



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No- 3062 /L&LT/2L-1(2)/2006

Dated: 28.06.2022

To The Director (Mining),  
West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited,  
Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban, 3/C, Block-LA, Sector-III,  
Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 106.

Sub.: Diversion of forest land (338.74 ha) for Barjora (North) Coal Mine of WBPDC.

Ref.: Director (Mining), WBPDC letter no. WBPDC/Director(Mining)/1211 dt. 31.05.2022

Sir,

In the context of subject and reference mentioned above, out of 896.83 Acres of non-forest land offered for CA ( for compensatory afforestation scheme in connection with diversion of Barjora (North) Coal Mine project of WBPDC), a total of 245.66 Acres (99.41 ha) of non-forest land is verified suitable as per field reports from respective DFOs (copies enclosed).

The status as per DFO reports is tabulated, and is the current report during June 2022.

Encroached land or land only fit for grassland or flooded land cannot be accepted for CA. CA land cannot be accepted in parcels, fragments which will be difficult to maintain as tree plantations in future. Plots adjacent to existing forest land where trees may be planted, may therefore, be explored for CA land.

It may please be noted that unit of land area in Parivesh Portal for grant of Forest Clearance under Forest Conservation Act is Hectares (ha.) and not Acres. Please submit reports only in ha to avoid confusion.

Your memo No.COVC06110002/169 dated 22.6.2022 received today is under examination for suitability report.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Encl.: As stated.

Yours faithfully,

✓ 28/6/22  
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &  
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No- 3063 /L&LT/2L-1(2)/2006

Dated: 28 .06.2022

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3. The Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve.

✓ 28/6/22  
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**Project No. FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019 SCHEDULE OF CA LAND FOR BARJORA (North) COAL MINE**

SN	District	Division	Mouza with JL No.	LR Plot No.	Land availability (acre)	Remarks	DFO Current Report Vide no.
1	Bankura	Bankura (N)	Kaminbediya, JL 46	690	0	Low lying land with water body. Unsuitable for CA.	1509/8 dated 17.06.2022 (Annexure-1)
			Kaminbediya, JL 46	697	0	Small plot and away from forest. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Kaminbediya, JL 46	713	0	Small plot and away from forest. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Kaminbediya, JL 46	715	0	Far Away from forest/nearest Beat Office. Approach road through a village. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Kaminbediya, JL 46	716	0	Small plot and away from forest. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Kaminbediya, JL 46	717	0	Small plot and away from forest. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Fulberia 6	72	0	Small plot and away from forest. Unsuitable for CA.	
			Unara, JL 41	1014	14.00	Suitable for CA.	
			Dadhimukha, JL 106	1418	15.00	Suitable for CA.	
			Paharbera, JL 23	118	0	Encroached	
		Bankura (S)	Dhatla, JL 155	1755	0	Unsuitable for CA. encroached	1420/8 dated 10.06.2022 (Annexure-2)
			Gosaindihi, JL 77	38	11.62	Suitable for CA, adjacent to forest but rocky terrain.	
			<b>Total</b>		<b>40.62</b>		
2	Birbhum	Birbhum	Kadamberia, JL 179	871	13.00	Suitable for CA.	804/28-LLC(LT) dated 11.06.2022 (Annexure-4)
			Kadia, JL 17	659	0	Site has extensive agricultural encroachment. Unsuitable for CA.	945/28-L.L.C (LT) dated 21.06.2022 (Annexure-3)
			<b>Total</b>		<b>13.00</b>		
			Hirapur, JL 7	569	5.26	5.26 acres Suitable for CA. Rest recorded in the name of public.	618/8M dated 23.06.2022 (Annexure-5)
			Hirapur, JL 7	741	0.11	Area has Eucalyptus coppice, which has to be removed.	
			Hirapur, JL 7	742	1.64	Area has Eucalyptus coppice, which has to be removed.	
			Hirapur, JL 7	755	0	Unsuitable for CA Area 1.82 acres has Eucalyptus coppice and partly encroached.	
			Hirapur, JL 7	758	1.00	Area has Eucalyptus coppice, which has to be removed.	
			Hirapur, JL 7	784	2.47	Area has Eucalyptus coppice, which has to be removed.	
			Hirapur, JL 7	785	2.16	Area has Eucalyptus coppice, which has to be removed.	
			<b>Total</b>		<b>12.64</b>		

**Project No. FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019 SCHEDULE OF CA LAND FOR BARJORA (North) COAL MINE**

SN	District	Division	Mouza with JL No.	LR Plot No.	Land availability (acre)	Remarks	DFO Current Report Vide no.
3	Purulia	Kangsabati North	Seulibari, JL 165	1038	3.43	Suitable for CA.	1842/8-21 dated 10.06.2022 (Annexure-6)
			Seulibari, JL 165	1084	3.44	Suitable for CA.	
			Seulibari, JL 165	1086	1.53	Suitable for CA.	
			Seulibari, JL 165	1140	3.99	Suitable for CA.	
			Seulibari, JL 165	1141	0.87	Suitable for CA.	
			Seulibari, JL 165	1146/1136	3.63	Suitable for CA.	
			Seulibari, JL 165	1142	3.30	Suitable for CA.	
			Palanja, JL 6	2433	20.15	Suitable for CA subject to SMC interventions & species selection.	
			Uluberia, JL 87	3	60.22	Suitable for CA	
			Uluberia, JL 87	4	10.00	10 acres Suitable for CA, rest 7.39 stony soil unsuitable for CA.	
			<b>Total</b>		<b>110.56</b>		
		Purulia	Singhara, JL 45	773	19.00	Suitable for CA.	1794/8-CA/WBPDCL dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure-7)
			Himjuri, JL 47	543	12.35	12.35 Acre Suitable for CA, subject to SMC interventions. Rest 1.11 unsuitable for CA.	
			<b>Total</b>		<b>31.35</b>		
4	Paschim Midnapur	Midnapur	Kotalkuli, JL 326	1	0	Unsuitable for CA. Under DM Project (5.42 acres).	2157/8- dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure-8)
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	3	22.58	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	6	2.04	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	7	1.10	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	8	2.31	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	9	1.35	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	10	4.90	Suitable for CA.	
			Kotalkuli, JL 326	11	3.21	Suitable for CA.	
			<b>Total</b>		<b>37.49</b>		

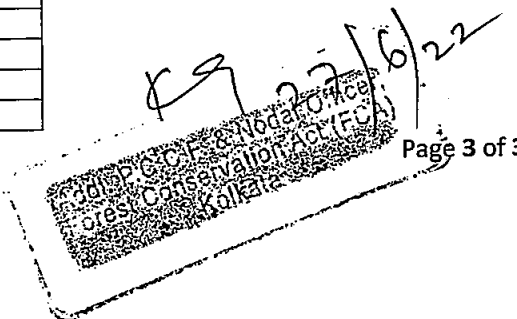


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SN	District	Division	Mouza with JL No.	LR Plot No.	Land availability (acre)	Remarks	DFO Current Report Vide no.
5	Jalpaiguri	Baikunthapur	Purba Totagaon, JL 2	14	0	The plots are in riverine tract prone to flooding and remains flooded during monsoons. Area unsuitable for plantation of tree species. Moreover Encroachments are also seen. Total 378 acres Unsuitable for CA.	777/8-2 dated 29.03.2022 (Annexure-9)
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	15	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	24	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	58	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	59	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	60	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	64	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	65	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	66	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	67	0		
			Purba Totagaon, JL 2	68	0		
			<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>		
6	Alipurduar	BTR/East	Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1907	0	The land is newly formed due to shifting of the river. The plots lie between two streams and frequently flooded. Plots have silt deposition over the boulder layer. Presently land is covered with grass and used for cattle grazing along with agriculture on portion of plots. Unsuitable for CA.	1370/8-1 dt 27.6.2022 & 1144/28-49 dt 27.6.22(Annexure-10)
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1906	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1569	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1570	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1571	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1572	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1573	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1574	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1903	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1904	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1905	0		
			Madya Haldibari, JL 38	1906	0		
			<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>		

**Abstract of land suitable for Compensatory Afforestation as on June, 2022**

SL No.	Division	Area (Acres)
1	Bankura(North)	40.62
2	Bankura (South)	13.00
3	Birbhum	12.64
4	Kangsabati (North)	110.56
5	Purulia	31.35
6	Midnapur	37.49
7	Baikunthapur	0.00
8	BTR (East)	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>245.66</b>


  
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Annexure 2



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Sub :: Details information of Diversion of Forest land (8-10 Acres) for  
Barjora (North) Coal Mine of WBPDC.

Ref :: Your Office Memo No.2232/L & LT/2L-1(2)/2006 dated.03.06.2022

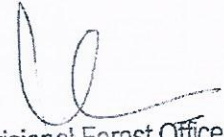
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District	DFO	Mouza	LR Plot No.	Area (in acre)	Remarks as per field visit of DFO on 09.06.22
Bankura	Bankura North	Paharbera JL No. 23	118	55.5	Soil condition is suitable for plantation and adjacent to forest land. However, the site is still under occupation of multiple farmers. During the field visit, cultivation activity could be observed by the undersigned.
		Dhatla JL No. 155	1755	16.6	Soil condition is suitable for plantation and adjacent to forest land. However, the land was previously under multiple ownership and still mixed use of farming, fruit orchard and tree species plantation could be observed. The land is still under occupation of multiple persons. Fruit species of around 2 years, Akashmoni & Eucalyptus of around 5 years and traces of cultivation in the past year could be observed. Although this land is not mentioned in the CA land schedule of letter no. WBPDC/Director (Mining)/1211 dt 31.05.2022, the same is mentioned in the Memo No. ADM & DLLRO Bankura/ LM/2698/1(3) dt 24.05.2022 (Enclosed) with request to taking over possession of the said land.
		Gosaindih JL No. 77	38	11.6 2	The land is rocky and adjacent to forest land. However, plantation is possible. Also, the land is free from any occupation. Hence the land is suitable for CA. Although this land is not mentioned in the CA land schedule of letter no. WBPDC/Director (Mining)/1211 dt 31.05.2022, the same is mentioned in the Memo No. ADM & DLLRO Bankura/ LM/2698/1(3) dt 24.05.2022 (Enclosed) with request to taking over possession of the said land.

Field visit report of Divisional Forest Officer, Bankura (North) Division.

  
 Divisional Forest Officer  
 Bankura (North) Division

Government of West Bengal

Directorate of Forests

**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force**

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No- 12152 /L & LT/2M-63/2022

Dated: 23.02.2023

To: The Director (Mining),  
West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited,  
Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban, Plot No. 3/C, LA-Block,  
Sector-III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata- 700 098.

Sub: Forest suitability certificate for 342.50 acre (138.61 ha. ) Mouza Purba Totagaon and 55.60 acre (22.501 ha.) Mouza-Paschim Totagaon, under Baikunthapur Forest Division in favour of Barjora (North) Coal Mine, under WBPDC.

Ref: i) Your letter no. WBPDC/Director (Mining)/ 1442 dated. 01.02.2023.  
ii) DFO Baikunthapur letter no. 1858/8-2 dated 16/08/2022, 2101/8-2 dated 13/09/2022 & 2388/8-2 dated 01/11/2022.

Sir,

In the context of subject mentioned above, as directed enclosed please find the details for your ready reference.

Encl.: As stated.

S. Mand 22.02.2023  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Forest Conservation Act

No- 12153 /L & LT/2M-63/2022

Dated: 23.02.2023

Copy forwarded for information and necessary actions to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Baikunthapur Forest Division.

S. Mand 22.02.2023  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Forest Conservation Act





**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

Directorate of Forests

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer

Baikunthapur Division

Forest Administrative Building (Block-B)

South Shanti Nagar, Dabgram-II, P.O. Dabgram, Dist: Jalpaiguri, Siliguri,

PHONE NO: 03561 796644, Email: dfobaik-wb@nic.in



No. 1858 /8-2


Dated, Siliguri, 16/08/2022

**Full Title of the Project:-** Diversion of 338.7 ha. of Forest Land for construction of Barjora North Coal Mine at Bankura District.

**Proposal No:** FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019  
**Date of Proposal:-** 04.12.2019

**Land Suitability Certificate by the DFO  
(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**


This is to certify that 138.66 ha of Non-Forest Land at Purba Totgaon Mouza, JL No. 2, District Jalpaiguri whose details are given below, identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation of *Acacia catechu*, *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Terminalia arjuna*, *Lagerstroemia speciosa*, *Bombax ceiba*, and grasses like *Saccharum Munja*, *Chrysopogon zizanioides*, *Pennisetum purpureum* and suitable for plantation from management point of view and free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachment.

  
16/8/2022

Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

District	DFO	Mouza	JL No.	Plot No.	AREA (ACRE)		
					AS PER ROR	AS PER DGPS SURVEY	REVIEW OF DGPS SURVEY (as on 05.08 & 06.08.2022)
Jalpaiguri	BAIKUNTHAPUR	PURBATOTAGAON	2	24	20.1	20.1	20.1
				58	205.5	177.85	163.27
				59	2.5	2.5	2.5
				60	34.2	34.2	33.05
				64	0.24	0.24	0.24
				65	0.25	0.25	0.25
				66	1.35	1.35	1.35
				67	1.3	1.30	1.30
				68	135.2	130.23	120.44
					486.64	378.00	342.50
	Total						

PATCH DETAILS	
PATCH ID	AREA (ACRES)
CA 1	20.1
CA 2	163.27
CA 3	2.5
CA 4	33.05
CA 5	0.24
CA 6	0.25
CA 7	1.35
CA 8	1.30
CA 9	120.44
TOTAL	342.50


  
 16/8/2022  
 Divisional Forest Officer  
 Baikunthapur Division



**Enclosed: 1. DGPS Map of the CA area identified suitable for plantation**  
**2. Soil Test Report**

Date- 16.08.2022

Place- Jabravita, Siliguri.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division



**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

Directorate of Forests

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer

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No: - 2101 /8-2

Dated, Siliguri, the 13 / 09 /2022

**From:** The Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

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

**Sub:** Diversion of Forest Land for Barjora North Coal Mine - CA Land identified at Purba  
Totgaon Mouza - reg:

**Ref:** Letter No. 4791/L&LT/2L-1(2)/06 dated: 18.08.2022 from Addl. PCCF & Nodal  
Officer, FCA.

Sir/Madam,

As per the direction in point no. 5 of the letter mentioned in reference, I am submitting herewith the reply to queries as given below, for your kind perusal and onward forwarding to Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980.

1. Vide Letter No: 1858/8-2 dated 16.08.2022 I have given suitability for taking up plantations over 138.66 ha (342.50 acres) of Non-Forest Land at Purba Totgaon Mouza, JL No. 2, District: Jalpaiguri based on the existing conditions at present. If Sal plantations have to be undertaken then good earth has to be brought from outside and Sal seedlings have to be planted and necessary prescriptions may be incorporated while preparing estimate for creation and 10 yrs maintenance of plantation raised under Compensatory Afforestation.
2. In the report dated 29.03.2022 area under encroachment were not clearly demarcated and in the report dated 16.08.2022 all the area under encroachment, water logging, etc. were omitted and new area suitable for CA was arrived at and separate map showing area suitable for CA was also prepared and sent.
3. Necessary rectification has been done and area is mentioned in both hectares and acres.



4. CA plantation creation is in progress and as on date 58.15 ha area planting has been completed against Turga Pump Project. Apart from that CA land allotted against Turga Pump Project has been cleared against encroachments and a report in this regard has been already sent vide memo no: 1901/8-2 dated: 22.08.2022.

Hence after rectification, Site Suitability Report and Map of the CA land identified against Barjora North Coal Mine is submitted herewith along with the reply to queries vide reference for your kind perusal and further necessary action.

Enclosed: 1. Land Suitability Certificate by DFO.  
2. Map of the CA Land identified showing area in acres & hectares.



Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

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**Full Title of the Project:-** Diversion of 338.7 ha. of Forest Land for construction of Barjora North Coal Mine at Bankura District.


**Proposal No:** FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019

**Date of Proposal:-** 04.12.2019

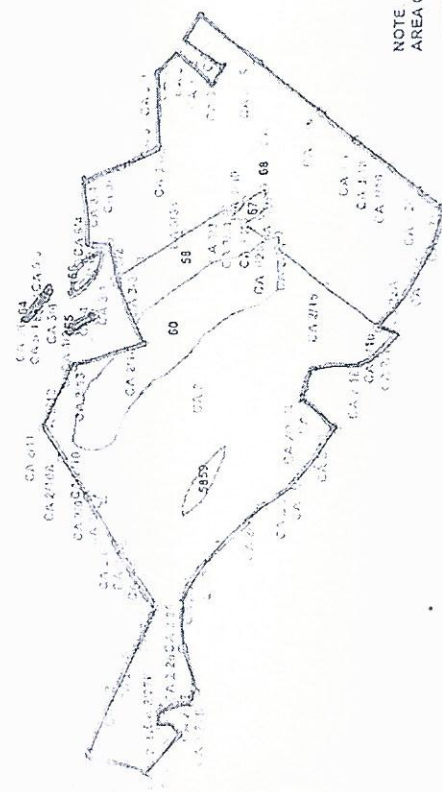
**Land Suitability Certificate by the DFO  
(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**

This is to certify that 138.66 ha (342.50 acres) of Non Forest Land at Purba Totgaon Mouza, JL No. 2, District Jalpaiguri whose details are given below, identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for taking up tree plantation and suitable for plantation from management point of view and free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachment.

CA Plot Details of Barjora (North) Coal Mine							
District	DFO	Mouza	JL No.	PLOT No.	Area in Acre		Area in Hectares
					Total Area of Plots (As Per Ror)	CA Land Area	CA Land Area
Jalpaiguri	Baikunthapur	Purba Totgaon	2	24	20.1	20.1	8.14
				58	205.5	163.27	66.1
				59	2.5	2.5	1.01
				60	34.2	33.05	13.38
				64	0.24	0.24	0.09
				65	0.25	0.25	0.1
				66	1.35	1.35	0.55
				67	1.3	1.30	0.53
				68	135.2	120.44	48.76
				<b>Total</b>	<b>400.64</b>	<b>342.50</b>	<b>138.66</b>

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

MAP SHOWING DGPS SURVEYED COORDINATES AND BOUNDARY OF NON FOREST LAND  
PROPOSED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO  
FOREST DEPARTMENT FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION  
IN LIEU OF DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR BARJORA (NORTH) COAL MINES, P.S. - BARJORA, DISTRICT- BANKURA, WEST BENGAL OF WBPDCI  
PURBBA TOTGAON MOUZA, JL NO 02, MALBAZAR BLOCK, JALPAIGURI DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL



PATCH DETAILS OF NON FOREST LAND  
PROPOSED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO  
FOREST DEPARTMENT FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION  
IN LIEU OF DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR BARJORA (NORTH) COAL MINES OF WBPDCI,  
P.S. - BARJORA, DISTRICT - BANKURA, WEST BENGAL  
UNDER DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, BANKURA (NORTH) DIVISION

PATCH ID	AREA (ACRES)	AREA (HECTARES)
CA 1	20.1	8.14
CA 2	200.12	81.02
CA 3	120.44	48.76
CA 4	0.25	0.1
CA 5	0.74	0.09
CA 6	1.35	0.35
TOTAL	342.50	138.66

NOTE  
AREA OF CA LAND OF BARJORA (NORTH) COAL MINE 342.50 ACRES/ 138.66 HECTARES

CA Plot Details of Barjora (North) Coal Mine						
Plot No.	DFO	Mouza	JL No	Plot No.	AREA IN ACRE	AREA IN HECTARES
					TOTAL AREA OF PLOTS (AS PER BCR)	CA LAND AREA
				24	20.1	20.1
				58	205.5	163.27
				59	2.5	2.5
				60	34.2	33.05
				64	0.24	0.24
				65	0.75	0.75
				66	1.35	1.35
				67	1.3	1.30
				68	135.7	120.44
				TOTAL	400.64	342.50

UTPAL BHADRA, WBBS (Exe.)  
Spl. Secretary, Govt. of W.B.  
Chief Vigilance Officer  
&  
Ex-Officio Director, WBPDCI

08/09/2022

DRAWING TITLE	MAP SHOWING DGPS SURVEYED COORDINATES AND BOUNDARY OF NON FOREST LAND PROPOSED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO FOREST DEPARTMENT FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION IN LIEU OF DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR BARJORA (NORTH) COAL MINES, P.S. - BARJORA, DISTRICT - BANKURA, WEST BENGAL UNDER DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, BANKURA (NORTH) DIVISION
APPLICANT	THE WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
SURVEYED BY	S S SOLUTION
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Legend

- CA LAND PATCH
- CA PLOT
- CA PATCH MILLAR





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No: - 2388 /8-2

Dated, Siliguri, the 01 / 11 /2022

**From:** The Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

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

**Sub:** Application for issuance of suitability certificate for 22.48 ha (55.60 acres) of Non Forest Land for taking up Compensatory Afforestation identified at Paschim Totgaon against diversion of Forest Land for 338.7 ha in Baikunthapur Division.

Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find attached herewith the land suitability certificate as mentioned above for your kind perusal and further necessary action.

**Enclosed:** 1. Land Suitability Certificate by DFO.  
2. Map of the CA Land identified showing area in acres & hectares.

Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division


**Full Title of the Project:-** Diversion of 338.7 ha. of Forest Land for construction of Barjora North Coal Mine at Bankura District.

**Proposal No:** FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019  
**Date of Proposal:-** 04.12.2019

**Land Suitability Certificate by the DFO  
(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**

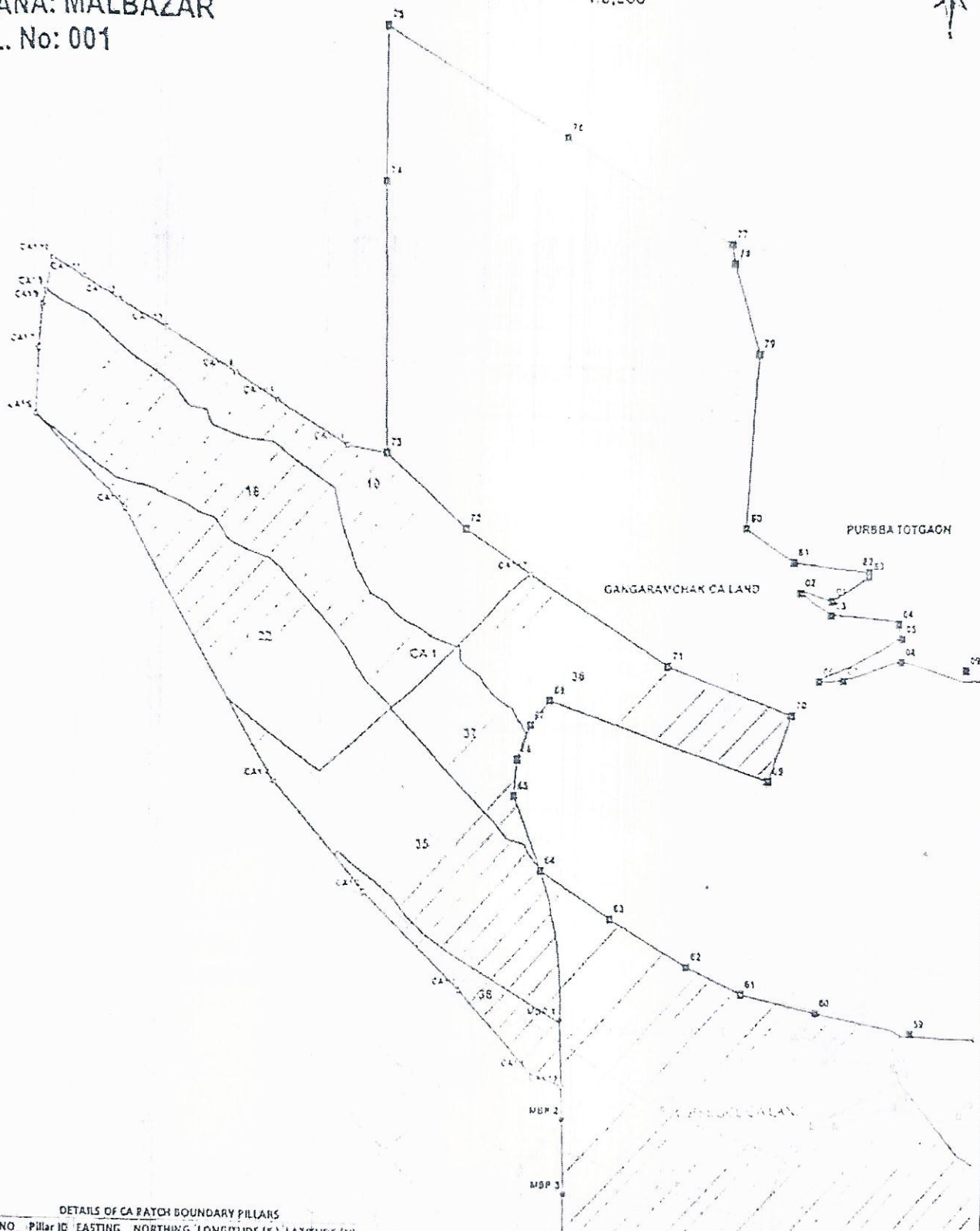
This is to certify that 22.48 ha (55.60 acres) of Non Forest Land at Paschim Totgaon Mouza, JL No. 1, District Jalpaiguri whose details are given below, identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for taking up tree plantation and suitable for plantation from management point of view and free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachment.

CA Plot Details of Barjora (North) Coal Mine							
District	DFO	Mouza	JL No.	PLOT No.	Area in Acre		Area in Hectares
					Total Area of Plots (As Per Ror)	CA Land Area	CA Land Area
Jalpaiguri	Baikunthapur	Paschim Totgaon	1	10	113.70	8.96	3.62
				18	21.75	12.21	4.94
				22	151.85	8.87	3.59
				35	19.66	11.44	4.63
				36	8.21	8.21	3.32
				37	3.58	3.58	1.44
				38	3.67	2.33	0.94
				<b>Total</b>	<b>322.42</b>	<b>55.60</b>	<b>22.48</b>

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

A: PASCHIM TOTGAON  
 SHEET No: 1 & 2  
 THANA: MALBAZAR  
 J. L. No: 001

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DETAILS OF CA RATCH BOUNDARY PILLARS

SL. NO.	Pillar ID	EASTING	NORTHING	LONGITUDE (E)	LATITUDE (N)
1	CA1/1	648648.097	2972130.579	88°29'46.78026"	26°51'46.53956"
2	CA1/2	648566.92	2972213.138	88°29'43.64706"	26°51'49.25279"
3	CA1/3	648459.201	2972312.561	88°29'40.01456"	26°51'52.51511"
4	CA1/4	648358.99	2972425.902	88°29'36.43238"	26°51'56.24640"
5	CA1/5	648198.654	2972701.9	88°29'30.74561"	26°52'05.27552"
6	CA1/6	648102.049	2972791.073	88°29'27.27917"	26°52'05.21003"
7	CA1/7	648107.869	2972853.204	88°29'27.51652"	26°52'10.27657"
8	CA1/8	648113.364	2972893.632	88°29'27.73254"	26°52'11.51808"
9	CA1/9	648118.786	2972906.729	88°29'27.93494"	26°52'11.90259"
10	CA1/10	648126.919	2972938.929	88°29'28.24325"	26°52'13.00422"
11	CA1/11	648160.656	2972920.182	88°29'29.45760"	26°52'12.35258"
12	CA1/12	648197.956	2972899.466	88°29'30.79543"	26°52'11.65533"
13	CA1/13	648245.61	2972873.871	88°29'32.62500"	26°52'10.84426"
14	CA1/14	648323.068	2972831.552	88°29'35.36422"	26°52'09.45028"
15	CA1/15	648356.567	2972806.627	88°29'36.67300"	26°52'08.61470"

PROPOSED AREA FOR AFFORESTATION THUS SHOWN WITH

SCHEDULE OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION AT PASCHIM

MOUZA	SL. NO.	DIATANO	L.R. PLOT NO.	SHEET NO.	AREA IN ACRES		REMARKS
					TOTAL	PROPOSED	
TOTGAON	10		10	1	112.20	8.96	VACANT
	11		11	1	21.75	12.71	VACANT
	12		12	1	151.85	1.57	VACANT
	13		13	1			





GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FORESTS OFFICER  
BAIKUNTHAPUR DIVISION  
SOUTH SANTINAGAR (JABRAVITA), P.O. DABGRAM  
DIST. JALPAIGURI, PIN - 734004. Email: dfobaik-wb@nic.in



No. : 1471 / 2-23

Dated: 23 .06.2023

To : The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Forest Conservation Act

Sub : "Verification report of land having plot no. 34 , JL No, 01, Sheet No. 02 ,Mouza -  
Paschim Totgaon, Jalpaiguri for Issuance of Suitability certificate for 9.11 Ha  
(22.52 acre ) for Compensatory Afforestation in favour of Barjora (North) Coal  
Mine Bakura Under West Bengal Power development Corporation  
Limited (WBPDCCL)"

Ref : 1) Special Secretary, Govt of West Bengal and chief Vigilance officer ,letter no COVCL  
06110002/233 DT 19.06.2023  
2) CCF/FCA O.O. 2676/L & LT/2L-1(2)/06 DT 19.06.2023

Sir,

As per the field verification report of ADFO-II, Baikunthapur Division and Range Officer Targhera  
Range total 8.32 Ha ( 20.58 Acre) out of 9.11 Ha (22.52 Acre) is suitable for compensatory  
Afforestation under mouza -Paschim Totgaon, JL No. 01, Sheet No.02, Plot No. 34.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclosure : i. Copy of Report of ADFO-II, Baikunthapur Division.

ii. Copy of report of Range Officer ,Targhera Range

Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

Memo No. 1471 / 2-23

Dated: 23 .06.2023

Copy to The CCF, Northern Circle, West Bengal

Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division

Sub : " Verification report of land having plot no. 34 , JL No, 01, Sheet No. 02 ,Mouza -Paschim Totgaon,Jalpaiguri for **Issuance of Suitability certificate for 9.11 Ha( 22.52 acre )** for Compensatory Afforestation in favour of Barjora (North) Coal Mine Bakura Under West Bengal Power development Corporation Limited (WBPDCCL)"

Ref: 1) Special Secretary ,Govt of West Bengal and chief Vigilance officer ,letter no COVCL .  
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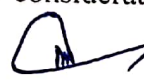
Sir,

As directed by DFO, Baikunthapur Division, I visited the field along with Range Officer in the above mentioned area and found the following facts;

- 1) The Proposed land is riverine along Teesta river with jhora.
  - 2) The portion of the proposed land, requires Soil work with manure and good earth for survival of the planted seedlings and for better growth.
  - 3) During dry spell watering to seedlings is highly required as the soil is sandy .
  - 4) The Proposed land is contiguous with the other CA land which has already been transferred to Forest Dept. by BLLRO Malbazar .
  - 5) There is no demarcation of the said area, hence later it requires.
  - 6) Some trees like Chatian, Simul ,Khair etc having mid girth 30-40 cm and height 6-8 mtr are standing sparsely in the proposed area .
- 1) The schedule of land which is proposed for compensatory Afforestation is as below with remarks;

Mouza and JL no	Sheet no	LR plot no	Proposed Area (in acre)	Final Area (in acre)	Proposed area (in Ha)	Final Area ( Ha)	Remarks
Pachim Totgaon JL no-1	1	34	22.52	20.58	9.11	8.32	i. Vacant & free from all encumbrance .  ii. Suitable 8.32 Ha out of proposed area for plantation.

It is kindly noted that the above facts of the land may be taken into consideration while preparing estimates and other matters are dealt.

  
Asstt. Divisional Forest Officer  
Baikunthapur Division



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS  
OFFICE OF THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER  
TARGHERA RANGE

No. 335 / TG - 13

Dated: - 22 / 06 /2023

To  
The Divisional Forest officer  
Baikunthapur Division, Siliguri

Sub : Application for Issuance of Suitability certificate for 9.11 Ha( 22.52 acre ) of CA ( Compensatory Afforestation) land in Mouza Pachim Totgaon ,JL-01 in favour of Barjora (North) Coal Mine Bakura Under West Bengal Power development Corporation Limited (WBPDCCL)

Ref: 1) Special Secretary ,Govt of West Bengal and chief Vigilance officer ,letter no COVCL . 06110002/233 DT 19.06.2023  
2) CCF/FCA O.O. 2676/L & LT/2L-1(2)/06 DT 19.06.2023

Respected Sir,

With reference to above mentioned subject undersigned would like to invite your kind attention towards certain facts regarding Suitability certificate for 9.11 Ha( 22.52 acre) of CA ( Compensatory Afforestation) land in Mouza Pachim Totgaon ,JL-01 in favour of Barjora (North) Coal Mine,bakura Under West Bengal Power development Corporation Limited (WBPDCCL) are as follows :

- 1) Proposed land is in riverine area along with Teesta river bed with jhora.
- 2) West side of the Proposed land, Soil work is highly require with manure . So extra soil from out side including labour ,transportation must be include in creation work estimate for healthy plantation.
- 3) Proposed land is sharing common boundary with Gangaramchak CA land which has already been transferred to Forest Dept.at eastern side .
- 4) The access is very difficult owing to tributaries and proposed land is far way from main road and also don't have any approach road at present.
- 5) However, during dry spell watering to seedlings is highly required so installation of water distribution machine and labour component must be included at estimate of plantation creation.




6) Providing land schedule and quantum of the land had been changed only after field verification .

7) The schedule of which is enclosed below for Compensatory Afforestation purpose:

Mouza and JL no	Sheet no	LR plot no	Proposed Area (in acre)	Final Area (in acre)	Proposed area (in Ha)	Final Area (Ha)	Remarks
Pachim Totgaon JL no-1	1	34	22.52	20.58	9.11	8.32	Vacant & free from all encumbrance . It is opined that proposed land <u>8.32 ha (20.58 ha)</u> is suitable.

This is for your kind information and necessary action from your end.

  
Forest Range Officer  
Targhera Range

Forest Range Officer  
Targhera Range



Government of West Bengal  
Directorate of Forests  
Office of the Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division  
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No. 440/ 8-1

Alipurduar Court dated 22/02/2022

To : The Conservator of Forests & Field Director  
Buxa Tiger Reserve.

Sub : Site Suitability of proposed CA land of 97.63 acre (39.51 ha.) in Mouza Madhya Haldibari under Buxa Tiger Reserve ( East) Division- reg.

Ref : 1. The CCF/FCA, WB's letter No. 9547/L&LT/2L-1(2)/2006 dated 21.12.2022  
2. The CF & FD/BTR letter No. 321/28-48(A) dated 16.02.2023.  
3. The Director (Mining) , WBPDCCL letter No. 1442 dated 01.02.2023.

Sir,

In reference to the above, a detail survey was conducted by Working Plan (North) Division on 09.02.2023 and 11.02.2023 at Madhya Haldibari Mouza, under jurisdiction of Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division. As a result of the survey it has been found that out of the expected site suitability of 97.63 acres (39.51 ha.) of Compensatory Afforestation land, 32.8 acres (13.27 ha.) approximately is forest land. The remaining 64.83 acres (26.23 ha.) of CA land is contiguous to forest boundary of Bholka 1 & 2 compartment of Bholka Range under Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division. Approximately, 40 acres (16.18 ha.) out of this 64.88 ha. (26.23 ha.) could be taken up for Compensatory Afforestation.

Though the entire proposed Compensatory Afforestation land of 64.83 acres (26.23 ha.) approximately is not suitable for Compensatory Afforestation, it could be accepted as per the recommendations of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) vide no- F. No.11-423/2011-FC dated 22nd May, 2019. (Copy Enclosed).

The remaining 24.83 acre (10.0483 ha.) approximately is highly degraded and low lying land which remains submerged for the most part of the year where Compensatory Afforestation is not feasible. Hence, this quantum of Compensatory Afforestation could be taken up in the degraded forest land of Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division as per the recommendations of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) vide F. No. 11-423/2011-FC dated 2nd April, 2019 (Copy Enclosed) & as per the guidelines vide F. No. 5-2/2017- FC dated 28th March, 2019 (Copy Enclosed), Hand Book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) para 2.8 (i).

This is for your kind perusal please.

Encls: As above

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