Site Inspection Report of District Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu in, Compt. No. 594/P and 596/P of Mutchukota R.F. of Mutchukota (North) Beat of Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range on 11.01.2022 in connection with the Diversion of 4.05 ha of Forest land for grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal of Quarry Lease for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite in favour of M/s Sri Sai Minerals, Tadipatri (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy)

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Inspected the Mining lease area of 4.05 ha applied by M/s Sri Sai Minerals (Proprietor: Sri Peram Nagi Reddy), Tadipatri for grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal of quarry lease in Compt. No. 594/P and 596/P of Mutchukota R.F. of Mutchukota (North) Beat of Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range along with the Forest Range Officer, Gooty on 11.01.2022. Entire area of 4.05 ha has been surveyed and demarcated by the Forest Range Officer, Gooty.

The Government of India, MoEF, Bangalore in their Lr.No.4-APB881/2012-BAN/2918, dated 15.02.2013 and Government of Andhra Pradesh in their G.O. Ms. No. 20, EFS & T (For-I) Department dated 01.03.2013 have accorded final (Stage-II) approval for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Dolomite & Steatite, for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 10.06.2012. The lease period will be expired by 09.06.2022.

The User agency has taken up underground mining in 13 pits in the mining area. The User Agency has taken up Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) works like Continuous Contour Trenches, Mini-Percolation tanks and construction of Rock fill dams in the mining lease area to conserve soil and moisture. The User agency has also taken up plantation on overburden dumps.

Out of 4.05 ha of forest land an area of about 0.797 ha is broken up area and the remaining area of about 3.253 ha is unbroken up area. The Species of Azadirachta indica (Neem), Hardwickia binata (Narepi), Grewia rotundifolia (Jana), Pongamia Pinneta (Kanuga), Morinda tomentosa (Bandapaki), Ficus religiosa (Raavi), Peltophorum pterocarpum, Sterculia urens (Tapasi), and Terminalia arjuna (Maddi), are existing in the mining lease area.

The density of the vegetation is about to 0.10 to 0.20.

No important fauna is present in the area proposed for renewal of quarry lease. The said area is prone to soil erosion.

The proposed area is not a part of National park, Wildlife sanctuary, Bio-sphere reserve, tiger reserve or elephant corridor etc. No rare / Endangered / unique species of flora and fauna are found the area.



The proposed diversion of area will not cause any adverse impact on the natural eco-system of the area and vegetation including wildlife. There is no much vegetation in the proposed area for diversion.

No protected archaeological heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. The forest area of 4.05 ha proposed for grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal of quarry lease in Mutchukota RF as required by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. No work was carried out in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

District Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu.

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