

RECOMMENDATION

The instant forest application is of construction of railway siding for coal transportation from the present Amrapali OCP and other upcoming Amrapali OCPs like Chandra Gupta OCP of 699.38 ha and Amrapali OCP of 431.59 ha. The coal is the main source of the fuel for our Thermal Power Plants situated in different places of our country. Presently the coal obtained and excavated from the present Amrapali OCP is sent to different Thermal Power Plants through nearby Shivpur Railway Siding which is about 7.5 KM away from the OCP of Amrapali. The present application shall bring the rail close to Amrapali OCP and the upcoming Chandragupta OCP. This closeness have lesser impact upon the adjoining forest and Wildlife and thereafter the instant proposal seems to be useful. The Amrapali OCP is surrounded by forest land and there is less scope for the user agency to go for more non forest land to include in the proposal.

The proposed site has been found to be covered with good quality of Sal Forest in and around which several species of wild animals reside and make the life of the forests rich in biodiversity. The felling of huge number of tree will certainly bear some negative impacts upon the richness of the wildlife. The proposed area is regularly visited by the wild elephants also though there is no such elephant corridor in the area.

Moreover the instant proposal is really required by the user agency and the requirement of forest land is genuine.

On the basis of the aforesaid facts, the instant proposal is recommended for approval by GoI under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


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