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Ref: AL/FCA/Prop.No149884/2026-27/01

Date: 20.05.2026

**The Divisional Forest Officer,
Bhandara Division
Bhandara**

Sub : Proposal for Diversion of of 3.84 H.a. Forest Land under non forest use of Ashok Leyland, Gadegaon, Bhandara (Reference proposal No. FP/MH/IND/149884/2021)

Reference:

1. Our Online proposal FP/MH/IND/149884/2021
2. APCCF& Nodal office letter No.: Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/PID-12892/1149/2021-22 dated 05.10.2021
3. APCCF& Nodal office letter No.: Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/PID-13215/592/2023-24 dated 25.05.2023
4. Your office Letter No.: Kaksh 8/Survey/Pra. Kra.480/336/23-24 dated 28.06.2024
5. APCCF& Nodal office letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/PID-149884/1585/2024-25 dated 10.10.2024
6. Hon'ble high court of judicature at Bombay, Nagpur bench Nagpur order dated 20th June 2006

This is with reference to directions given by the Addition Principal Chief conservator of forest and Nodal officer, Nagpur vide letter dated 10.10.2024 (reference 5) to user agency M/s. Ashok Leyland Bhandara. The request for diversion of forest land admeasuring 3.84 ha under pre-existing non-forest use for our essential activities of M/s. Ashok Leyland Bhandara Industrial unit is submitted to the Addition Principal Chief conservator of forest and Nodal officer, Nagpur vide letter dated 12.02.2026. The copy of the said request is also submitted to your office on 20.02.2026 (Photocopy attached for reference)

In response the directions given by the office of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer Nagpur while scrutiny of our proposals vide reference no.2 ,3&4; the following actions are already completed and intimated ato your office .

1. Ref No. 2 : The proposal for minimum demand of 3.84 ha is submitted
2. Ref No. 3 : Recommendation with all the compliances & Violation report submitted by your office on 28.06.2024 (Reference 4)
3. Ref No.5 : The Request for consideration of diversion of 3.84 ha forest land under pre-existing non-forest use of M/s. Ashok Leyland Limited, Bhandara is submitted to Additional Principal Chief conservator of forest and Nodal officer, Nagpur

Now, 3.84 Ha (Table 1) forest land which is bare minimum (Same is inspected and certified by Dy. Conservator Forest, Bhandara Division before recommendation of proposal) is under the possession of M/s. Ashok Leyland, Bhandara which is minimum demand to run the plant considering the safety zone required for the critical process.

The Heat Treatment activities being carried out on the said land which is very essential one to supports the core activity of production and safety zone for LPG bulk storage installation.

Plant : No.1, MIDC, Gadegaon, Bhandara, Maharashtra - 441804

Registered Office: Ashok Leyland Limited, No. 1, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600032, Tel.: 91 44 2226 6000

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आशोक जेविक, भंडारा





Table 1

Sr. No.	Name of Structure	Area (in Ha.)	Sur/ Gut No.	Village/ Taluka	Legal status of land
1	Heat Treatment Shop No. 3	1.13	1	Chikhli Hamesha / Bhandara	Bade jhar ka jungle
2	LPG Storage Area	0.01	1		
3	Road and Yard	0.75	1 & 57		
4	Shop No. 4	0.22	57		
5	Waste Water Treatment Plant	0.02			
6	Shop approach road	0.20			
7	LPG Storage Area	0.26			
8	Safety Distance Zone for LPG (All 4 sides)	0.49			
9	Shop peripheral Roads	0.57	1 & 57		
10	Canteen Building and Approach Road	0.19	113		
	TOTAL	3.84			

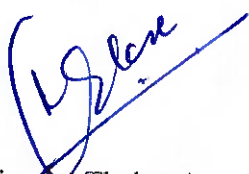
Also, we would like to bring to your notice that, the suitable compensatory afforestation land equivalent to the proposed area for regularization is also procured by AL in 2021 to minimize the processing time for acquisition and ready to hand over to the Department of Forest.

We hereby request to consider the proposal **FP/MH/IND/149884/2021** for diversion of bare minimum demand of forest land of 3.84 ha under the pre-existing non-forest use for M/s. Ashok Leyland Bhandara industrial unit.

It will greatly help the organization to maintain and continue critical production process & core activity of Heat Treatment.

Place : Bhandara




(Rajendra Thakare)
General Manager & Plant Head
Authorized Signatory
Ashok Leyland Limited, Bhandara Unit

Copy to the District Collector Bhandara for information

Copy to Additional Pricipal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal , Nagpur for information

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Maharashtra State, Nagpur**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S Nagpur
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No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-12892/1149 /2021-22
Nagpur – 440 001 Date - 05/10/2021

To,
Chief Conservator of Forest (T),
Nagpur

Sub - Forest Land - Bhandara

Proposal for Diversion of 10.37 ha. Forest land for non forestry use i.e. for
Industrial Unit Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara of Maharashtra.

Ref - Hon'ble High Court of judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench, Nagpur
order dt. 20th June 2006

The copy of the Hon'ble High Court of judicature at Bombay, Nagpur Bench, Nagpur
writ petition no. 1800 of 1994 is enclosed for further needful action.

2.00 In this context, Hon'ble High Court as per para (iv) is as under -

“ It is needless to state that since the only impediment in regularization of the petitioners
alleged encroachment is the permission of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest
(Conservation) Act, 1980, if the permission is granted by the Central Government, then the State
Government shall regularise the encroachment.”

3.00 Subsequently, as per GOI published latest Hand Book on 28/3/2019 (Amended up to
August 2017) Ministry of Environment and Forests Notification dt. 10th January 2003 in sub
Clause 7 Processing of proposals received by the Central Government, point no. 4 (iii) is as
under -

“whether the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be,
has certified that it has considered all other alternatives and that no other alternatives in the
circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose.”

4.00 It is therefore requested that to give directions to the User Agency for submit revised
proposal of minimum forest area at the earliest.

Enclosed - As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Nagpur

Copy submitted to - The Principal Secretary (Forests) Revenue & Forests Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 32 for information.

Copy to - Deputy Conservator of Forests (T) Bhandara for information & necessary action.

Copy to - M/s Ashok Lyland Ltd. Gadegaon Bhandara 441 904 for information & necessary
action.



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जयस्तंभ चौक, जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालयासमोर, भंडारा - 441904

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भंडारा दिनांक 28/6/2024

विषय :- वनजमीन भंडारा

Proposal for diversion of 3.84 ha. Bade Jhad ka Jungle and Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of M/sAshok Leyland Ltd. for non forestry use i.e. for Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara of Maharashtra State.

(Proposal No. FP/MH/IND/149884/2021)

प्रति,

मा. वनसंरक्षक (प्रादेशिक),
नागपूर वनवृत्त नागपूर

- संदर्भ - 1) मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. D-17/Nodal /Nagpur/ID 12892/ 1149 / 21-22 दिनांक 05/10/2021
- 2) प्रकल्प यंत्रणेकडील पत्र क्रमांक - AL/FCA/Forest/Proposal/21-22 दिनांक 17/12/2021
- 3) या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष8/वनसंवर्धन/प्रक्र/ 1240 / दिनांक 17/1/2022
- 4) मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. D-17/Nodal /Nagpur/ID 13215/ 2388 दिनांक 11/02/2022
- 5) आपले कार्यालयीन पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष 10/जमीन/प्रक्र 956/1287 दिनांक 22/02/2022
- 6) मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. D-17/Nodal /Nagpur/ID 13215/ 77 दिनांक 08/04/2022
- 7) या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष8/सर्व्हे/30 दिनांक 05/4/2023
- 8) आपले कार्यालयीन पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष 10/जमीन/प्रक्र 956/23-24/87 दिनांक 14/04/2023
- 9) मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. D-17/Nodal /Nagpur/ID 13215/ 2388 दिनांक 11/02/2022
- 10) आपले कार्यालयीन पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष -10/जमीन/प्रक्र 956/23-24/899 दिनांक 29/04/2023
- 11) या कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष8सर्व्हे/प्र.क्र.480/3041 / दिनांक 21/12/2023 , *
- 12) तहसिलदार भंडारा यांचे पत्र क्र. अ.का./शा.जमीन/कावि/383 दिनांक 20/06/2024

विषयांकित प्रकरणी आपले कार्यालयीन संदर्भिय पत्र क्र 10 अन्वये कळविण्यात आलेनुसार, मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्र.9 चे अनुषंगाने, मा. उच्च न्यायालय मुंबई खंडपीठ नागपूर यांचे आदेशानुसार प्रकल्प यंत्रणेस प्रकल्प चालवणेकरिता आवश्यक वनजमीन चा प्रस्ताव सादर करावा. गेले 40 वर्षांपासून अतिक्रमीत केलेले 10.37 हे. क्षेत्राचा वनभंगाचा प्रस्ताव सादर करावा आणि 3.84 हे.आर वनक्षेत्र प्रकल्पाकरिता वळतीकरण करणेबाबतचा प्रस्ताव सादर केलेला असले कारणाने उर्वरीत 6.53 हे. क्षेत्राकरिता दंडणीय नवत वर्तमान मुल्य आकारणेबाबत शिफारस करावी. तसेच ज्या 6.53 हे. क्षेत्र महसुली वनक्षेत्राचा ताबा महसुल विभागाने यंत्रणेकडून घेतलेला आहे. त्या वनक्षेत्राचा उल्लेख 'वनजमीन'असा असल्याने सदर 6.53 हे.आर वनजमीन वनविभागाच्या ताब्यात घेण्यात यावी, असे सुचित केले आहे.त्यानुसार,

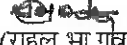
1. वन (संवर्धन) अधिनियम 1980 चे तरतुदीनुसार केंद्रशासनाकडील 28/03/2019 रोजीचे सुधारित हॅडबुक, पर्यावरण व वन मंत्रालयाकडील अधिसूचना दिनांक 10/01/2003 उपखंड 7 चे मुददा क्र. 4(e) (iii) आणि अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांचे संदर्भ पत्र क्र. 1 अन्वये निर्देशित केल्याप्रमाणे सुधारित 3.84 हे.आर वनजमीन वळतीकरणाचा प्रस्ताव संदर्भ पत्र क्र. 2 अन्वये प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला असुन

या कार्यालयाचे संदर्भ पत्र क्र. 3 नुसार सादर प्रस्ताव आपले कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेच्या ताब्यात असलेले उर्वरित 6.53 हे.आर क्षेत्र यंत्रणेच्या ताब्यात 40 वर्षांपासून होते. केंद्र शासनाचे पत्र क्र. F.No.11-42/2017-FC दिनांक 21 जानेवारी 2018 मधिल मार्गदर्शक सुचनांप्रमाणे - "B.In cases where the proposal under FC Act is under consideration and forest land is diverted before grant of FC: (i) The penalty for violation shall be equal to NPV of forest land per hectare for each year of violation from the date of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to five (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposit is made." त्यास अनुसरून दंडनिय नक्त वर्तमान मुल्य Penal NPV यंत्रणेने भरणा करणेबाबत शिफारस करण्यात येत आहे.

2. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने 40 वर्षांपासून अतिक्रमण केलेल्या राजस्व खात्याच्या ताब्यातील मौजा चिखली हमेशा येथिल गट क्र. 1,47,57 चे अभिलेखात "बडे झाड का जंगल " व मौजा गडेगाव येथिल गट क्र. 113 चे अभिलेखात "झुडपी जंगल " अशी नोंद असल्याने मौजा चिखली हमेशा मधिल एकुण क्षेत्र 10.18 हे.आर व मौजा गडेगाव येथिल क्षेत्र 0.19 असे एकुण 10.37 हे.आर क्षेत्र 'वन' या सज्ञेत मोडत असल्याने वनसंवर्धन अधिनियम -1980 अंतर्गत वनक्षेत्राचा वनभंगाचा प्रस्ताव (VIOLATION REPORT) तयार करून यासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे.
3. प्रकल्प यंत्रणेच्या ताब्यातील 6.53 हे. महसुली वनक्षेत्राचा ताबा महसुल विभागाने दिनांक 24/03/2023 रोजी यंत्रणकडून घेतलेला असून सादर क्षेत्र वनविभाचे ताब्यात देण्याची कार्यवाही करणेबाबत मा. जिल्हाधिकारी, भंडारा यांना या कार्यालयाकडून संदर्भिय पत्र क्र. 11 अन्वये विनंती करण्यात आली होती. त्यानुसार तहसिलदार भंडारा यांचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्र.12 अन्वये दिनांक 18/06/2024 रोजी मौजा चिखली हमेशा ता. भंडारा येथिल गट क्र. 1,47,57 मधिल आराजी अनुक्रमे 5.64,0.50 व 0.39 एकुण आराजी 6.53 हे आर क्षेत्र वनविभागाच्या ताब्यात देण्यात आले.

करिता आपले संदर्भिय पत्र क्रमांक 10 चे अनुषंगाने मा.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म.रा. नागपूर यांनी दिलेल्या निर्देशानुसार पुर्तता अहवाल माहितीस व पुढील कार्यवाहीस सविनय सादर.

सहपत्र - बरिलप्रमाणे.


(राहुल भा. गवई)
उपवनसंरक्षक,
भंडारा वनविभाग भंडारा

प्रतिलिपी :- मे.अशोक लेलॅन्ड लिमिटेड, 1 गडेगांव, भंडारा-441904 यांना माहिती व पुढील कार्यवाहीकरिता अग्रेषित.



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- Ref:** 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Nagpur, letter no. Desk-10/Land/C.R.956/2020-21/1193, dtd. 03.02.2022.
2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, guidelines dtd.24.01.2022.


The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur on 03/02/2022 has submitted proposal for seeking prior approval for diversion of 3.84 ha. Bade Jhad Ka Jungle and Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd, for non-forestry use i.e. Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra to this office.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Bhandara has certified that the construction of buildings and other utility work of Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara has already been carried out in 3.84 ha of forest land. Hence violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 has been committed.

Since the construction work has already been carried out, hence it can't be treated as diversion. Also, as per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, guidelines dtd.24.01.2022, utilization of forest land for establishing industries is a non-site specific activity and can't be considered on forest land.

Hence the proposal can't be considered in its present form and is rejected. The User Agency may submit the proposal for regularization if required.

Encl:- As above


(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer**

To,

M/s Ashok Leyland Ltd.
Gadegaon, Bhandara, 441904

Copy to: The Conservator of Forests, Nagpur for information and necessary action.

Copy to: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara for

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Dated: 12.02.2026

The Additional Principal Conservator of Forest,
And Nodal officer, Nagpur
Ministry of Forest,
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"It is needless to state that since the only impediment in regularization of the petitioners alleged encroachment is the permission of the Central government under section 2 of the forest (conservation Act 1990, if the permission is obtained by central Government, then the State Government shall regularize the encroachment"

Also, direction in the Judgment to Union of India, through the secretary, MoEF central Secretariat, New Delhi to "grant the necessary approval and, therefore company be allotted /granted the concern land on long term lease by the State of Maharashtra through the Secretary, Revenue Department, Mantralaya, Bombay or its Corporate Agency-MIDC "(Copy of ref. no.5 is attached)

We hereby reiterate that, in 1980, **Ashok Leyland (AL)** considered expansion of its operations and received letters of intent from both the State of Maharashtra and the State of Rajasthan. GoM had offering intensives to pioneer units established in talukas like Lakhani/Sakofi where no big industries are exists.

Based on the communications from the State Industrial and Investment Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (SICOM), AL prioritized to establish the project with the investment of approx.95 Cr then and requiring 350 Acre land. The project was expected to attract ancillary units and generate employment for nearly 5,000 workers

AL selected the land of 350 acre in pursuant to the discussions with GoM & signed the MOU with SICOM on 10 Dec 1980 in presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Industries Minister. Under the MoU, AL also agreed to prioritize supply of commercial vehicles required by the State of Maharashtra, in addition to the quota allotted by the Central Government.

With reference the communication on 20.06.1981 from District Collector to The commissioner, Nagpur Division that ,the proposed land is vacant on site ,and recorded as grazing land in the Nisar Patrak, the gram panchayat were also issued no objection for allotment to AL. Based on these communications, two registered lease deeds dated 22.03.1982 and 03.08.1982 transferred 231 acres of land from MIDC to AL.

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Delay in allotment of balance 120 acre land hampered the project progress, particularly Shop 3 (Heat treatment) which was critical to productization of industrial unit.

In March 1983, AL's Chairman and Managing Director highlighted the difficulties to Hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, communications show that, The GoM assured AL that, the construction could proceed; same will be regularized after completing required formalities, since the land is "Revenue Forest" in the revenue record. Accordingly Shop 3 made ready in May 1983 and building completion certificate is also issued by MIDC on 05.05.1983.

Since, the land was essential for Shop No.3, AL was permitted to proceed with construction and same is informed GoM on 17.01.1985.

Despite of rigorous efforts from AL, District Administration issued notice to demolition of construction on "Revenue Forest" land. AL approached the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench by filing Writ Petition No. 1800 of 1994. The Court issued notice and granted status quo on 13.07.1994 and later issued Rule with interim relief on 21.10.1994. During the pendency of the Writ Petition, AL submitted a proposal to GoM on 26.12.2005 for regularization of forest land under possession of AL.

On 20.06.2006, the Hon'ble High Court passed an Order in the above Writ Petition and Directed that;

- a) *The proposal dated 26.12.2005 submitted under Rule 5 of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 for necessary permission under Section 2 of the said Act be forwarded along with comments and necessary details to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, New Delhi within three months.*
- b) *The Central Government was directed to consider the proposal and take a decision within six months of receipt, and if necessary, inspect AL's establishment at Bhandara.*
- c) *The Court further directed that interim relief shall continue until the Central Government's decision and for one month thereafter, and clarified that if permission is granted by the Central Government, the State Government shall regularize the encroachment.*

However, the Central Government returned the proposal on 30.05.2007 advising that permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court be obtained. AL continued to request the State to take up the matter with the Supreme Court, citing the High Court's operative order.

Further, in response to the various exchange of communications and discussions with Department of Revenue and Department of Forests, In 2021, the proposal for Diversion of 10.37 Ha forest land under possession of AL & In 2024 the revised proposal with Bare Minimum Demand of 3.84 Ha forest land is submitted by AL

In response the directions given by your kind office while scrutiny of our proposals vide reference no. 1, 2, 3 & 4; the following actions are already completed and endorsed by your office.

1. Ref No. 1 : The proposal for minimum demand of 3.84 ha submitted
2. Ref No. 2 : The alleged encroached land of 6.53 ha is released to Dept. of Revenue by providing new fencing of 750 Meter by keeping original boundary wall intact to provide protection to thick greenery within the released area.
3. Ref. No. 3 : Possession of 6.53 ha land is given by Dept. of Revenue to Department of forest (Taba Patra is attached)

Now, 3.84 Ha (Table 1) forest land which is bare minimum (Same is inspected and certified by Dy. Conservator Forest, Bhandara Division) is under the possession of M/s. Ashok Leyland, Bhandara which is minimum demand to run the plant considering the safety zone required for the critical process. The Heat Treatment activities being carried out on the said land which is very essential one to supports the core activity of production and safety zone for LPG bulk storage installation.

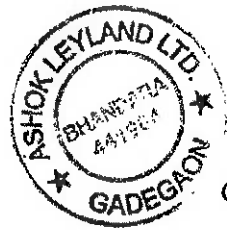
Table 1

Sr. No.	Name of Structure	Area (in Ha.)	Sur/ Gut No.	Village/ Taluka	Legal status of land
1	Heat Treatment Shop No. 3	1.13	1	Chikhli Hamesha / Bhandara	Bade jhar ka jungle
2	LPG Storage Area	0.01	1		
3	Road and Yard	0.75	1 & 57		
4	Shop No. 4	0.22	57		
5	Waste Water Treatment Plant	0.02			
6	Shop approach road	0.20			
7	LPG Storage Area	0.26			
8	Safety Distance Zone for LPG (All 4 sides)	0.49	1 & 57		
9	Shop peripheral Roads	0.57			
10	Canteen Building and Approach Road	0.19	113		
	TOTAL	3.84			

Also, we would like to bring to your notice that, the suitable compensatory afforestation land equivalent to the proposed area for regularization is also procured by AL in 2021 to minimize the processing time for acquisition and ready to hand over to the Department of Forest.

Detailed chronology with annexures is attached to state the facts of alleged encroachment and necessity of regularization of alleged encroached land.

We hereby request to consider the proposal FP/MH/IND/149884/2021 for regularization of bare minimum demand of 3.84 Ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and accord approval. It will greatly help the organization to maintain and continue critical production process & core activity of Heat Treatment.



(Rajendra Thakare)
General Manager & Plant Head
Authorized Signatory
Ashok Leyland Limited, Bhandara Unit

Place : Bhandara

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