FIELD / SITE INSPECTION NOTES OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KAGHAZNAGAR OF THE ADDITIONAL FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR 54.9989 Ha. FOR DR B.R. AMBEDKAR PRANAHITHA PROJECT PACKAGE NO-I, KOUTHALA & CHINTALAMANEPALLY MANDALS OF KUMRAMBHEEM ASIFABAD DISTRICT.

On 01-03-2017 inspected the Additional area proposed for diversion of Forest land for **54.9989 Ha.** for construction of Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahitha Project Package No-I falling in Kouthala & Chintalamanepally Mandals of Kumrambheem Asifabad District. The details of additional forest area proposed to be diverted is as follows.

S No	Range	Beat	Forest Block	Compt. No.	Bit Nos	Area required in Hectares	Package Nos
1	Karjelly	Babapur	Gangapur	169	Bit-I	3.4409	Main canal Package-I
2		Babapur	Gangapur	169	Bit-II	12.4088	
3		Babapur	Gangapur	169	Bit-III	15.6748	
4	Sirpur	Gudlabori	Hetti	166	Bit-IV	23.4744	
				Total		54.9989	

Karjelly Range: An area of 31.5245 Ha. is proposed to be diverted in Babapur Beat of Balaji Ankoda Section of Karjelly Range. The area is falling in Gangapur Block notified U/s. 24 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967. The total area is under cultivation since about 25 years.

Sirpur Range: An area of 23.4744 Ha. is proposed to be diverted in Gudlabori Beat of Kouthala Section of Sirpur Range. The area is falling in Hetti Reserve Forest notified U/s. 24 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.

In this area violation of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 and Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is noticed.

In Karjelly Range the user agency has excavated the earth over an area of 9.01 Ha. without prior permission. An offence case was registered vide POR No. 1346/27, dt. 20.10.2016 against the officials of Irrigation Department namely Sri K. Rama Chandram, Executive Engineer, Dr. BR Ambedkar Pranahtiha Project Construction Division Bellampally and M/s Ramky Infra Ltd. Hyderabad. No work is in progress.

In Sirpur Range the user agency has excavated the earth over an area of 5.28 Ha. without prior permission. An offence case was registered vide POR No. 1386/28, dt. 20.10.2016 against the officials of Irrigation Department namely Sri K. Rama Chandram, Executive Engineer, DR.BR Ambedkar Pranahtiha Project Construction Division Bellampally and M/s Ramky Infra Ltd. Hyderabad. No work is in progress.

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The said area proposed for diversion does not form part of national parks, wild life sanctuaries, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve & elephant corridor etc., The part of proposed site for diversion is part of notified Corridor area of "Kawal Tiger Reserve". There are no rare, endangered and unique species of flora and fauna found in the forest area proposed for diversion. There are no protected Archaeological / Heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument in the forest area proposed for diversion. The entire area proposed for diversion is under old illicit cultivation since about 20 to 25 years.

The project will irrigate huge area including good irrigation facility to tribal villages and increase agricultural productivity.

Thus, diversion of forest land for construction of Barrage and Main Canal for Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahitha Project Package No-I in Kouthala and Chintalamanepally Mandals for 54.9989 Ha. is **recommended**, as this project will enhance the livelihood and standard of living in surrounding tribal villages.

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