

JOINT SURVEY OF DTR FOR SITING OF BOPS INSIDE  
RESERVE FOREST

Proceeding of  
Held at

A board of officers  
Rajiv Nagar for deciding the place  
Siting of 07 Nos of newly proposed  
in DTR area falling under the AOR  
2 Bn BSF from Sailui to Aivapui (BP  
No:2305/20S to BP No:2312/24S)

On

26 June 2008.

By the order of

SHQ BSF Aizawl Order No. Ops/SHQ  
AZL/568/2008/7549-521 dated 25th June  
2008.

For the purpose of

Selecting the Sites for newly proposed  
BOPs which fall in side DTR in AOR  
2 Bn BSF from Sailui to Aivapui (BP  
No:2305/20S to BP No:2312/24S)

Composition of the board:

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The survey team along with sufficient BSF guards started the survey along  
DAMPA Tiger Reserve from Sailui towards Aivapui on 26.06.2008 at 1030 Hrs.  
engine boats and the details of the survey are as under :-

1. The survey was done in furtherance of the survey report submitted by  
previous Board's report on date 24.08.07 in which the board has approved 13  
BOPs in the DAMPA Tiger Reserve area.

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However later the DAMPA Tiger Reserve Authorities came with a proposal of setting up 07 BOPs from Sailui to Aivapui instead of 13 BOPs, inside the Dampha Tiger Reserve area and in compliance of the orders from the SHQ BSF vide their letter no.Ops/SHQ-AIZAWL/568/2008/7549-521 dated 25.06.2008, the Board proceeded to conduct a survey as per the newly projected requirements (though not in line with BSF requirements), considering the following points:-

- A. Deployability of the places of BOPs.
- B. Approaches leading to the proposed BOPs
- C. Mutual support between the BOPs.
- D. Area of responsibility of the BOPs.
- E. Operational Contingency Routes.
- F. Route of re-enforcement leading to the BOPs
- G. Visibility of the area.

3. However, the board, when surveyed on the ground it was found that the ground survey of the places (Proposed BOPs) in the survey Map (as per the Grid Reference) was not possible due to the following reasons:-

- I. While in boat the board was not in a position to get down because of the high water level as the boat could not be taken near the bank of the river due to the high vegetational growth on the banks.
- II. The under growth in the area between the river and the proposed BOPs, in the DTR was very thick and the presence of steep hillocks along with the river bank made it more difficult to make any movement to the proposed sites of the BOPs.
- III. The total range of area covered by the border road/fence, already constructed is approx 200mtrs to 400mtrs in width because of the presence of hillocks and the Nallas joining the main river along with the Border. Thus the exact siting the BOP can only be recommended once the Border road/ fence is completed in all respects with a flexibility to shift the proposed places of the BOPs as per requirement keeping in mind the border alignment.



The siting of BOPs can be finalized only after assessing the alignment of the road/fence along with the border, keeping in view the requirements as per

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V. It is informed by the Dampa Tiger Reserve officials, keeping in mind the interrupted movement of the wild animals, their Department is insisting that only 07 BOPs can be established in the area. So considering this, if 07 BOPs are selected as per the survey done by the previous board, the total area of responsibility of each BOP comes to around 9 Kms, thus defeating the very purpose of deploying the troops in the area. Above all the DTR authorities were insisting on keeping seven free corridors for the movement of the Tigers (as indicated in the previous survey Board's report) across the border which further complicates the matter and none of the principles of siting the BOP are fulfilled. As per the GOI guidelines the maximum distance from one BOP to another flanking BOP can not be more than 3.5 Kms for effective and better guarding/Security of the Border. Hence as many as 13 numbers of BOPs are required to be established in the Dampa Tiger Reserve.

VI. The Photography of the area could not be done because of the non approachability of the area.

VII. Finally, the BSF representative in the survey board feels that for effective manning /guarding the border in the DTR area by BSF a minimum of 13 BOPs are very much required and reducing the no of BOPs could be detrimental for the security of the Border. Moreover, in the wake of leaving the animal corridors at 7 places each of width 300 mtrs, it would be essentially required to have sufficient/additional man power to man the border. Also it is once again reiterated that as per the guidelines of GOI on the issue of the Bops, the maximum distance from one BOP to another BOP should not be more than 3.5 Kms for better and effective domination of border area.

3. However, as per the instructions received from the higher HQs to decide the places to establish only 07 BOPs in place of 13 BOPs, the following places as surveyed and decided by the previous board are re-suggested on the basis of the survey Map/Grid Reference, which can be summarized as under:-



|   | Name of BOP              | GR     |
|---|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | New Andermanik           | 783536 |
| 2 | Dhanpara                 | 787503 |
| 3 | Zaruma lui               | 798475 |
| 4 | Nokata                   | 808429 |
| 5 | New keisalam             | 816371 |
| 6 | Fangfar                  | 829391 |
| 7 | Cheng lui(Chengkawl lui) | 846304 |

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attached : copy of mapsheet of DTR.

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