

Certificate from Competent Authority regarding suitability of the area from management point of view, identified for Compensatory afforestation under the ROB Project for Lataguri 4.031 H

1. The area of 8.062 Hector (4.031X2 times) is situated within Reserved Forest under Carron Beat near Chamurchi TE and Diana River of Diana Range under Jalpaiguri Division.
2. The area selected for CA is highly degraded with no tree coverage. This is a barren grass land along the river bank of Diana River.
3. This patch is a blank and highly effected by cattle grazing of the local area. Hence protection fencing is must, with deployment of watchers for all the time. Watcher hut is required as this place is situated far from the local villages.
4. Movement of wild elephant is common and energized fencing may be erected for proper protection of the area.
5. Availability of water is not a problem here but for the dry time a provision for watering may be kept. Use of seedling those are suitable for dry riverine zone is necessary.
6. Soil is suitable for Khair, Sissoo, Simul, Petali, Chatiyan, Teak etc.
7. Labours mainly from nearby Tea Garden and villages are available.
8. People all around this area are in a shortage of wage earning; hence they will have a chance to increase their earning for their livelihood.
9. There is a scope to enhance the protection due to the involvement of villagers for taking up different works in connection with compensatory afforestation in this remote place. This will also prevent chances of encroachment of forest land in future.

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