

## **DIVERSION OF 8.795 Ha. FOREST LAND FOR RAILWAY LINE**

NTPC Limited is constructing dedicated MGR (Merry Go Round) railway line for transportation of coal from its Talaipalli coal mine to Lara power plant in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh state. MoEF&CC, New Delhi has accorded Stage-II forest clearance on 28.01.2014 to NTPC Limited for 766.393 Ha. of forest land which includes 710.123 Ha. of forest land for Talaipalli Coal Block and 56.270 Ha. for MGR (Merry Go Round) rail line.

During the Stage-II approval for diversion of 766.393 Ha. of forest land, requirement of DGPS survey was informed by forest dept. and accordingly DGPS survey was conducted through Chhattisgarh Space Application Centre, Chhattisgarh Council of Science & Technology, Raipur. As per the report of DGPS survey, 8.795 Ha. of forest land was identified as left out which is not included in 56.270 Ha. diverted forest land in rail corridor.

This additional forest land (8.795 Ha.) consists of 1.349 Ha. of reserve forest (RF-897) and fourteen numbers of revenue forest patches of 7.446 Ha. in 10 villages of Gharghoda, Tamnar and Raigarh Tahsils under administrative control of District Collector, Raigarh. These forest patches are surrounded by private and government land and majority of these private land as well as all Government land have already been acquired by NTPC and physical possession has been taken over. While some of the private land are presently being acquired under LA&RR act, 2013. All the non-forest land i.e. pvt. and Govt. land lying in between 15 forest patches (total 8.795 Ha.) including RF applied for diversion, has been acquired by NTPC Limited.

  
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