

## Justification of locating the project in the Forest Area

### Archaeological Survey of India

#### About:

The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**, under the Ministry of Culture, is the premier organization for the archaeological researches and protection of the cultural heritage of the nation. Maintenance of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains of national importance is the prime concern of the ASI. Besides it regulate all archaeological activities in the country as per the provisions of the **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958**. It also regulates **Antiquities and Art Treasure Act, 1972**.

For the maintenance of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains of national importance the entire country is divided into 24 Circles. The organization has a large work force of trained archaeologists, conservators, epigraphist, architects and scientists for conducting archaeological research projects through its Circles, Museums, Excavation Branches, Prehistory Branch, Epigraphy Branches, Science Branch, Horticulture Branch, Building Survey Project, Temple Survey Projects and Underwater Archaeology Wing.

#### Details of Project :


In due decisions from Govt. of India & competent authority of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) , the Construction of Boundary Wall, Toilet Blocks and Access to Divyang Persons in the Centrally Protected Monuments under ASI in Eastern, Central & Northern Regions in India entrusted for protection of archeological importance remains at different site monuments of Bhubaneswar circle , Odisha.

#### Details of Site :

The monument / site of **Churanga Garh Fort , Mouza :- Dadha Patna , Bhalunka , Krishna Nagar , Distt.- Khurda & Cuttack Odisha** had finalized by committee meeting held on 16.07.05 by taking following departments under Odisha government and the survey work done during May 2006 & the joint report prepared after the demarcation of site plan & signed by DFO, Chandaka Wild life, Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar, Tahasildar, Cuttack Dy.S.A. of ASI Bhubaneswar, D/Man-Gr.-1, ASI Bhubaneswar, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI Bhubaneswar Circle. In this survey it is decided to construct the compound wall around the Churanga garh Fort also having some part falls under forest area. The survey were taken up by Bhuvan(NRSC of India) and accordingly it is notified in File no.1/1/CON-Portal/2016-949 of Govt. of India, Archaeological Survey of India dated:7.09.2016. DG office Letter no.29-38/2015-C dated: 5.09.2016. The barest minimum forest area taken that is 1.847 ha. out of Total area 3.292 ha. required for the construction of the said Compound wall to protect Churanga Garh Fort.

**Justification for work:**

Churanga Garh fort is one to most ancient and historically important monument site near Bhubaneswar area and needs preservation , conservations , protection and restoration as per Govt. of India The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958. Thus, it is necessary to protect monuments campus by providing compound wall all along the monuments periphery as above state notification and attached Map.

  
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