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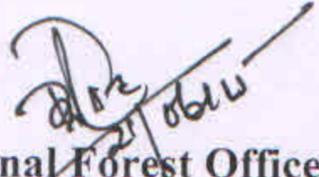
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INSPECTION REPORT

I inspected the Mining site of Mr. Harsha Vardhan Pandey on 21.06.2015 which is situated in Langraparash and Domchanch P.F. of Koderma Forest Division. It is an old mining area, where no mining activity is going on. The mining pit is more than 200 ft. deep, which has been left unfenced dangerously. The whole area has been demarcated by seven concrete pillars and the old dumping area has been covered by good growth of vegetation. The user agency has submitted this proposal for renewal of this mining lease.

Earlier this project was approved (renewed) vide MOEF Letter No. 10-248/FCE dated 21st December, 1999 by the name of "mining lease of Harsha Vardhan Pandey". The present renewal application has been submitted stating the name of project as "Langraparas Stone Quarry". As the name differs from the originally sanctioned one, the user agency was advised to change the name accordingly; but he simply refused to change the name and informed that "the name and style of the business does not make any basic change and it does not affect the lease and it does not require to file a fresh application for renewal of the project.....". I don't agree with this argument, as it is a simple fact that renewal of a project should be done in the same name which was sanctioned earlier. In the instant case, the sanctioned project was "mining lease of Harsha Vardhan Pandey" and so renewal of the project should be done in the same name i.e. "mining lease of Harsha Vardhan Pandey".

At the time of inspection it was found that mining to the depth of more than 200 ft. has already been done. Further mining will increase this depth and the reclamation of the mining pit will become difficult. Keeping this in mind, further permission of stone mining at the proposed site is recommended with a condition to deposit sufficient fund (to the tune of Rs. 10.00 lakhs) as bank guaranty for reclamation work (by the user agency).


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