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Field Inspection Notes of Sri T. Chakrapani, M.Sc., Ed.,
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on Mining area applied by M/s. B.K.R Granites , Chittoor on 23.10.2016

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I have inspected the forest land proposed for diversion on 23.10.2016 in Compartment No.205 & 215 of Bodabanda beat of Ragimanupenta RF & Rachoor Beat of Paradarami RF, of Chittoor West Range along with the Forest Range Officer, Chittoor West, his staff and User Agency. During my inspection the following are observed.

- 1) Forest area proposed for diversion for quarrying of Black Granite in favour of **M/s. B.K.R Granites , Piler, Chittoor District.**

Location

Compt.No. : 205 & 215
RF : Ragimanupenta & Paradarami
Beat : Bodabanda & Rachoor
Section: : M.V.Giri & Chittoor

Details of Forest area proposed for diversion:

a) Mining area : 2.47 Ha
b) Dump area : 0.60 Ha
c) For Road : 0.71 Ha
d) Safety Zone : 1.01 Ha
Total : 4.79 Ha

Observations:

Out of the 4.79 ha proposed for diversion small portion of road area about 0.4 Ha falls in Ragimanupenta RF & balance area falls in Paradarami RF.

The mining area is confining to hill top. The area is having rock sheet with pin slope. The area is surrounded with scrub forest all around and there are no water bodies in the vicinity. There are no historical, religious, archeological, or recreational sites etc., in or close to the proposed mining area. The area does not fall in any wildlife sanctuary and National Park.

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The flora of the area comprising of species like *Limonia alata* (Adavi Nimma), *Drypetes sepiaria* (Beera), *Chloroxylon swetenia* (Billudu), *Albizia amara* (Chigara), *Strychnos potatorum* (Chilla), *Erythroxylum monogynum* (Devadaru), *Diospyros Montana* (Jagadagondi), *Ficus mollis* (Juvvi), *Sapindus emarginatus* (Kunkudu), *Ficus benghalensis* (Marri), *Balsamodendron Mukul* (Metta Mamidi), *Strychnos nux-vomica* (Musti), *Canthium dicoccum* (Nalla Balasa), *Premna tomentosa* (Narava), *Dolichandrone crisa* (Neeruddi), *Dalbergia paniculata* (Pacchhari), *Ficus religiosa* (Raavi), *Cassia fistula* (Rela), *Wrightia tinctoria* (Reppala), *Acacia Chundra* (Sandra), *Gyrocarpus assiaticus* (Thaniki), *Sterculia urens* (Thapasi), *Feronia limonia* (Velaga), *Alogeisus Latifolia* (Velama), *Azadirachta indica* (Vepa), *Diospyros chloroxylon* (Vullinja) etc., due to the underlying rocky strata the growth of the trees is stunted, and not to providing rather economic. The density of vegetation is 0.10 (as per compartment history), and the actual density has to be ascertained only after laying of sample plots in square grid design after Stage-I approval.

The proposed area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor. There are no rare, endangered/unique species of flora & fauna in the proposed area. There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument in the proposed area.

During field inspection, there are no works carried out in violation of FC Act in the proposed area.

The requirement of Forest land as proposed by the user agency is bare minimum for the project.


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