

**FIELD / SITE INSPECTION NOTES OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
KAGHAZNAGAR OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR
567.0137 Ha. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BARRAGE AND MAIN CANAL FOR DR B.R.
AMBEDKAR PRANAHITHA PROJECT PACKAGE NO-II & IV, BEJJUR & KAGHAZANGAR
MANDALS OF ADILABAD DISTRICT.**

Inspected the area proposed for diversion of Forest land for 567.0137 Ha for construction of Barrage and Main Canal for Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahitha Project Package No-II & IV, Bejjur & Kaghazangar Mandals of Adilabad District on 29-07-2016. The details of forest area proposed to be diverted is as follows.

Range	Beat	Compt. No.	R.F.	Area proposed to be diverted in Ha.
Karjelly	Karjelly	186 & Gudem Extn. VIII	Gudem R.F & Gudem Extn. VIII	46.7614
	Katepally	Gudem Extn. IV	Gudem Extn. IV	
	Karjelly	Gudem Extn.VIII	Gudem Extn. VIII	
	Karjelly	Gudem Extn. I	Gudem Extn. I	3.6851
Bejjur	Sulugupally	226	Bejjur RF	20.3575
		230	Bejjur RF	1.3585
		228	Bejjur RF	15.2917
		227	Bejjur RF	236.3806
		Bejjur Extn. IX	Bejjur Extn. IX	73.4960
	Kondapally	Kadamba Extn.III	Kadamba Extn.III	40.3080
Kaghaznagar	Bombaiguda	155	Kadamba RF	38.5295
				90.8454
				567.0137

Karjelly Range: An area of 70.804 is proposed to be diverted in Karjelly and Katepally Beats of Karjelly Range. The area is falling in Gudem, Gudem Extn. VIII and Gudem Extn. IV & I R.F. Block. The total area is under cultivation since about 25 years. Few tree growth is observed at nala banks.

Kaghaznagar Range: An area of 90.8454 Ha. is proposed to be diverted in Bombaiguda Beat of Kaghaznagar Range. The area is falling in Kadamba Reserve Forest. It is notified U/s. 15 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act 1967.

Bejjur Range: An area of 405.3643 Ha. is proposed to be diverted in Sulugupally and Kondapally Beats of Bejjur Range. The area is falling in Bejjur, Bejjur Extn. IX and Kadamba Extn. III Reserve Forest. It is notified U/s. 15 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act 1967.

In this area violation of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 and Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is noticed. For the violation in Bejjur Range an offence case is registered vide POR No. 23/250, dt. 17.06.2014 for excavation of earthwork over an area of 16.512 Ha. against the officials of Irrigation Department namely Sri K. Sudhakar Reddy, Executive Engineer, I&CADD, PP Rao Project (Dr. BRAPCSS Project) Bellampally Division and Sushee Infrastructure (P) Ltd.

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Hyderabad and Others. Further the Forest Range Officer, Bejjur reported that, the total excavated area is verified and ascertained to be 48.5295 Ha. The said area is in Reserve Forest in Kadamba Extn. III and Bejjur Extn. IX RF of Beat of Kondapally of Salugupally Section of Bejjur Range. The said area is notified U/s. 15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.

In Kaghaznagar Range the user agency has excavated the earth over an area of 0.40 Ha. excavating the earth to an extent of 41,250 Cmt. without prior permission. An offence case was registered vide POR No. 26/37/90-91, dt. 29.11.2014 against the officials of Irrigation Department namely Sri K. Sudhakar Reddy, Executive Engineer, I&CADD, PP Rao Project (Dr. BRAPCSS Project) Bellampally Division and Sushee Infrastructure (P) Ltd. Hyderabad and Others. No work is in progress. The said area is in Reserve Forest in Kadamba of Beat of Bombaiguda of Bombaiguda Section of Kaghaznagar Range. The said area is notified U/s. 15 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967.

The said area proposed for diversion does not form part of national parks, wild life sanctuaries, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve & elephant corridor etc., The proposed site for diversion is part of notified Corridor area of "Kawal Tiger Reserve". There are no rare, endangered and unique species of flora and fauna found in the forest area proposed for diversion. There are no protected Archaeological / Heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument in the forest area proposed for diversion. The density of the vegetation is 0.3 to 0.5.

The major flora existing along the borders of the inundated area which is included for diversion are *Tectona grandis* (Teak), *Terminalia tomentosa* (Nallamaddi), *Terminalia arjuna* (Tellamaddi), *Butea monosperma* (Palas), *Madhuca latifolia* (Ippa), *Anogeissus latifolia* (Tiruman), *Soyimida febrifuga* (Somi), *Accacia chundra* (Sandra), *Lagerstroemia parviflora* (Chennangi), *Diospyros melanoxylon* (Tuniki), *Dalbergia paniculata* (Soppera), etc.,

The major fauna in the said area are - *Panthera tigris* (Tiger), *Panthera Pardus* (Panther), *Hysterix indica* (Porcupine), *Lepus nigricollis* (Hare), *Bpselaphus dragocamulus* (Nilgai), *Gazelle gazelle* (Chinkara), *Axis axis* (Spotted Deer), *Sus scropha* (Wild Boar), *Pavo cristatus* (Indain Peafowl), *Glaucidium radiatum* (Jungle Owlet), *Terpsiphone paradise* (Paradise Flycatcher) etc.

The project will irrigate huge area including good irrigation facility to tribal villages and increase agricultural productivity.

Thus, diversion of forest land for construction of Barrage and Main Canal for Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahitha Project Package No-II & IV, Bejjur & Kaghazangar Mandals for 567.0137 Ha. is **recommended**, as this project will enhance the livelihood and standard of living in surrounding tribal villages.

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