

**Field Inspection notes of Sri T. Chakrapani, M.Sc., Ed., , Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor on mining area applied by M/s. VIASHNAV GRANITES, Chittoor on 07.02.2017,**

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Inspected the proposed renewal mining area applied by M/s. Viashnav Granites, Chittoor for mining operations in compt. No.218 of Paradarami RF of Kammappalle Beat of Chittoor Section on 07.02.2017 along with the Forest Range Officer, Chittoor west Range, Chittoor, Dy. Range Officer, Chittoor and beat staff.

Initially the mining lease was sanctioned over an extent of 4.90 ha vide GO Ms.No. 51, EF&T(For-I) Dept., dt. 10.5.2007 and mining operations started from July 2007. Further as per revised guidelines vide GOI MoEF, New Delhi F.No.8-25/2010-FC, dt.12.07.2012, the area of safety zone also included in the mining proposal and hence, the renewal proposals submitted by the UA for 5.43 Ha.

The user agency has demarcated applied mining area of 5.43 Ha for renewal (3.87 Ha for mining, 0.83 Ha for Safety Zone & 0.73 Ha for formation of Road). In the mining area of 3.87 Ha, 0.78 Ha is broken, and 6843 Cum of mineral extracted up to December 2016. In the unbroken area, mineral is available and the user agency has applied for further renewal. The terrain consists of hillock with big boulders and thorny growth all over.

The area is surrounded by scrub jungle all around and there are no water bodies in the area. It is noticed that 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 Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park.

The total area sanctioned i.e., 4.90 Ha is utilized either for excavation for granite or used for dumping and as such no tree growth can be seen in this area except in area 0.53 Ha of safety zone, where the main tree species is Albizzia amara and some Neem and under growth consists of Acacia cassia & some weeds and there no Wild fauna is seen.

  
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