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**Site Inspection Report of Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Hazaribagh**

The proposed area, Karma Stone Mines involves forest land 14.17 ha. which lies in village Karma, Post-Chouparan, District-Hazaribagh. The site was inspected on 15.02.2017. In the proposed diversion, 13.94 ha shall be used for mining and allied activities whereas 0.23 ha. shall be used for proposed approach road within forest land. The proposed land consists of 4.3 ha. of notified demarcated forest and 9.87 ha. of notified undemarcated forest. During inspection it was found that in the surrounding area, just adjacent to the proposed land diversion proposal, illegal mining activities had taken place. The report received in the office indicates that some of the leases have been sanctioned on notified undemarcated forest against the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Illegal mining has also taken place on such notified undemarcated forest where no mining lease had been granted.

The proposed area is almost devoid of vegetation and as a consequence soil erosion as well as gully formation has taken place. On the northern side of proposed land diversion proposal, small water body of about of 1 acre area was found and special care should be taken, so that the catchment area is not disturbed. For this purpose, at least 15 meter safety zone should be kept on the northern side of proposed lease and also all along the proposed lease hold area, safety zone of 7.5 metre should be left; and adequate indigenous species should be planted at a spacing of 2.5m x 2.5m with proper fencing and their protection should be ensured during the life of lease.

It was felt that systematic and lawful mining and regular visit of field staff in the proposed lease hold area, will be helpful in controlling the meance of illegal mining in the surrounding forest areas. In view of the facts stated in the aforesaid paragraphs, I agree with the recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer, Hazaribag West Forest Division and the proposal is recommended for consideration with the conditions mentioned in the aforesaid paras.

  
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