

JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT

Bhatadi Expansion Opencast is an ongoing project of Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area having capacity of producing 0.975 Million Tonnes of Coal per annum.

1. The 0.20 Ha forest land is falling inside the lease hold boundary of Bhatadi Expansion Opencast Mine. Also, it is lying in the middle of the proposed quarry no.2. So this forest land is vital for mining operations of quarry no.2
2. The location of coal mining entirely depends on availability of coal reserve. In this case, the Bhatadi Expansion OC Project is having 14.41 Million Tonnes (MT) of Coal reserve. As stated above, 0.20 Ha forest land is located in the middle of the quarry bearing 0.05 MT Coal Reserve. Hence, coal mining is not possible without this forest land.
3. The Project is an ongoing project having capacity of producing 0.975 Million Tonnes (MT) of Coal per annum and supply coal to the MAHAGENCO Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station.
4. The project is generated permanent employment of 515 persons as per the Project Report updated on 13th February 2016. Out of this 412 Skilled and 103 Unskilled. Also, 409 employment cases have been approved for land oustees by the competent authority on 10th March 2016

Hence, for the smooth operation of the project, the forest land is inevitable.


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