

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
LATEHAR FOREST DIVISION FOR CHAKLA COAL PROJECT ;-**

The site proposed for Chakla Coal Project comprising forest and non forest land is inspected by the undersigned on 17.05.2011. This coal project is situated in Chakla PF of Chandwa forest Range. It also includes deemed forest land of Chakla village. The area to be diverted for coal project is as follows :-

Forest Land	-	401.78 Ha	(Including safety zone)
Deemed forest	-	<u>107.55 Ha</u>	(Including safety zone)
		509.33 Ha	

The crop density of notified forest area is approximately 0.4 whereas the crop density of deemed forest is found to be 0 to 0.15. Most of the forest area consists of good crop of miscellaneous species whereas some part of Chakla PF is covered with good Sal crop of poles & sapling stage. Any important monument, archaeologically important site, heritage site, Defence establishment are not present in the area. Wolf is found in the area & no other rare or endangered species are reported in the area of proposed FDP.

The forest area proposed by the user agency is essential & unavoidable because coal reserve lies in these areas and so the project is site specific. No work in violation of the act has been carried out by the user agency. The project will create tremendous opportunity of employment. The produce of this coal project is to meet the captive requirement of the proposed thermal Power Plant namely Tori Thermal Power Plant at Tori (Chandwa) in Latehar district hence it will enhance electric power production of Jharkhand and thus acute power crisis of this district & Jharkhand State will be improved. The nearest distance of proposed Chakla Coal Block from Palamu Tiger Reserve is 40 Km. There is a need to prepare an exhaustive wildlife management Plan to protect & nurture existing wildlife.

Therefore, this proposal for diversion of 401.78 ha of notified forest land and 107.55 Ha. of deemed forest land total 509.33 ha. may be accepted.


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