


Site Inspection report of D.C.F.

The site of Bokna Iron & manganese ore mines of M/s Rungta Sons Pvt. Ltd. was inspected by the undersigned on 24.4.2009 and following observation was made :-

- (i) The proposed lease area lies in Bokna P.F. of Noamundi Forest Range of Chaibasa South Forest Division which is predominately occupied by Dry peninsular Sal Forest. Important associates found in the area are Asan, Karam, Bija, Kendu, Mahua, Gamhar, Arjun etc.
- (ii) The proposed area is within the Singhbhum Elephant Reserve. The Indian Elephant is not been found in the area for past many years and also the migratory of the elephant is more than 10 km away from the proposed site.
- (iii) As per the report of District Mining officer, Good quality of Iron & Manganese ore deposit is available within the lease area. The user agency may be permitted to exploit the mineral resource judiciously taking all reclamation measures.
- (iv) No protected archeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- (v) Any work in violation of the FC Act has not been carried out by the user agency.
- (vi) Since the lease was thrown open by the State Govt. on 06.04.1983, it appears that the mining activities, in the proposed area, has been stopped before the year 1983. After the laps of nearly 25 undisturbed years the mining area (outside the quarries & mainly dump area) has been regenerated with indigenous species of Sal & its associates. The crop in the broken area is mainly of pole size.


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