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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 24th March, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur

Sub: Diversion of 149.3002 ha of forest land for open cast Iron Ore Mining in favour of M/s Ojaswi Marble & Granite Pvt. Ltd. in District Sikar, Rajasthan.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No.P.1(11)van/2010 dated 25.02.2022 furnishing their response on the observation made by this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 17.01.2022.

As per DSS analysis, the NFL proposed for CA is partially situated within the boundary of the forest. A copy of DSS report is enclosed. This observation of the DSS cell is based upon the boundaries of forests as available on the website of the Rajasthan Forest Department. There is a contradiction in the stance of the State Govt. as far as NFL is concerned. Either the area proposed for CA is forest land or the Digitized boundary of forest areas prepared by the State Govt is not correct and need correction.

In view of above, State Govt. is requested to verify the factual position and in case the area identified for CA is Non-Forest Land then the State Govt may provide the following for further consideration of this proposal:

- i. A certificate that the area proposed for CA in the instant proposal is Non forest land and free from all encumbrances.
- ii. An Undertaking that the digitized boundaries of concerned forest areas would be corrected and updated on the website and sent to FSI for correction in the DSS.
- iii. The State Govt shall also ensure that in case it is not possible to accommodate 1000 plants/ha in the NFL then suitable DFL may be identified for planting the remaining plants.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.As above.

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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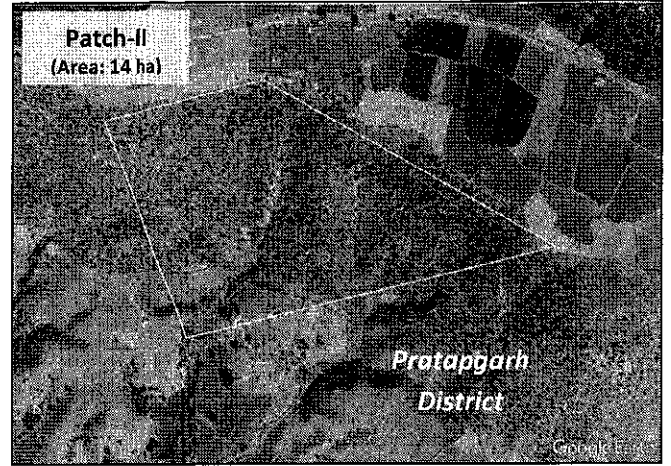
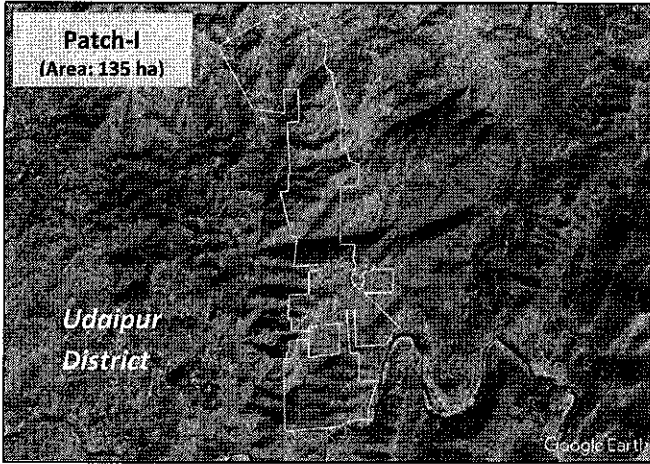
1. The Principal CCF & (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jaipur, Rajasthan : **with a request to visit the site and verify the legal status of CA sites for further action.**

3. The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwa
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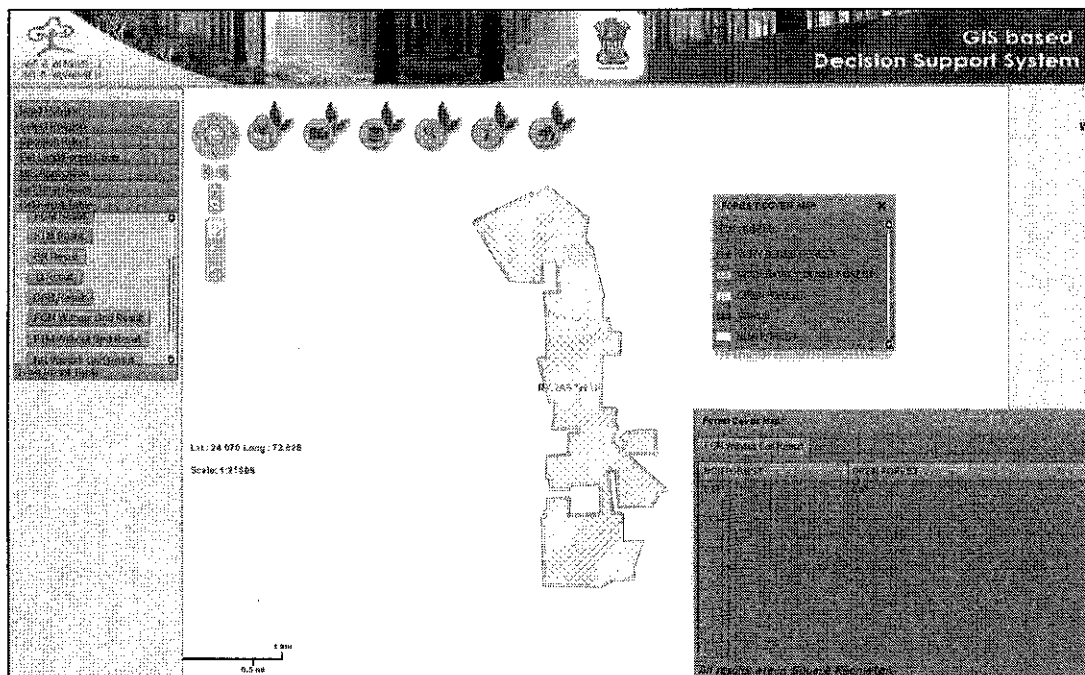
Proposal: Diversion of 149.3002 ha of forest land for open cast Iron Ore Mining in favour of M/s Ojaswai Marble and Granite Pvt Ltd. in District Sikar, Rajasthan.

Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land has been proposed in two patches, which are located in Udaipur and Pratapgarh district of Rajasthan State. Both the CA sites has been analysed with the help of the forest boundaries available on **Decision Support System (DSS)** web application as well as on **Rajasthan State Forest Department** website (ref. link to download forest area KML file (updated as on 31.07.2018): <https://forest.rajasthan.gov.in/content/raj/forest/en/aboutus/departmental-wings/forest-devlopment/districtwise-forest-blocks-google-earth.html>) and the observations are as follows:



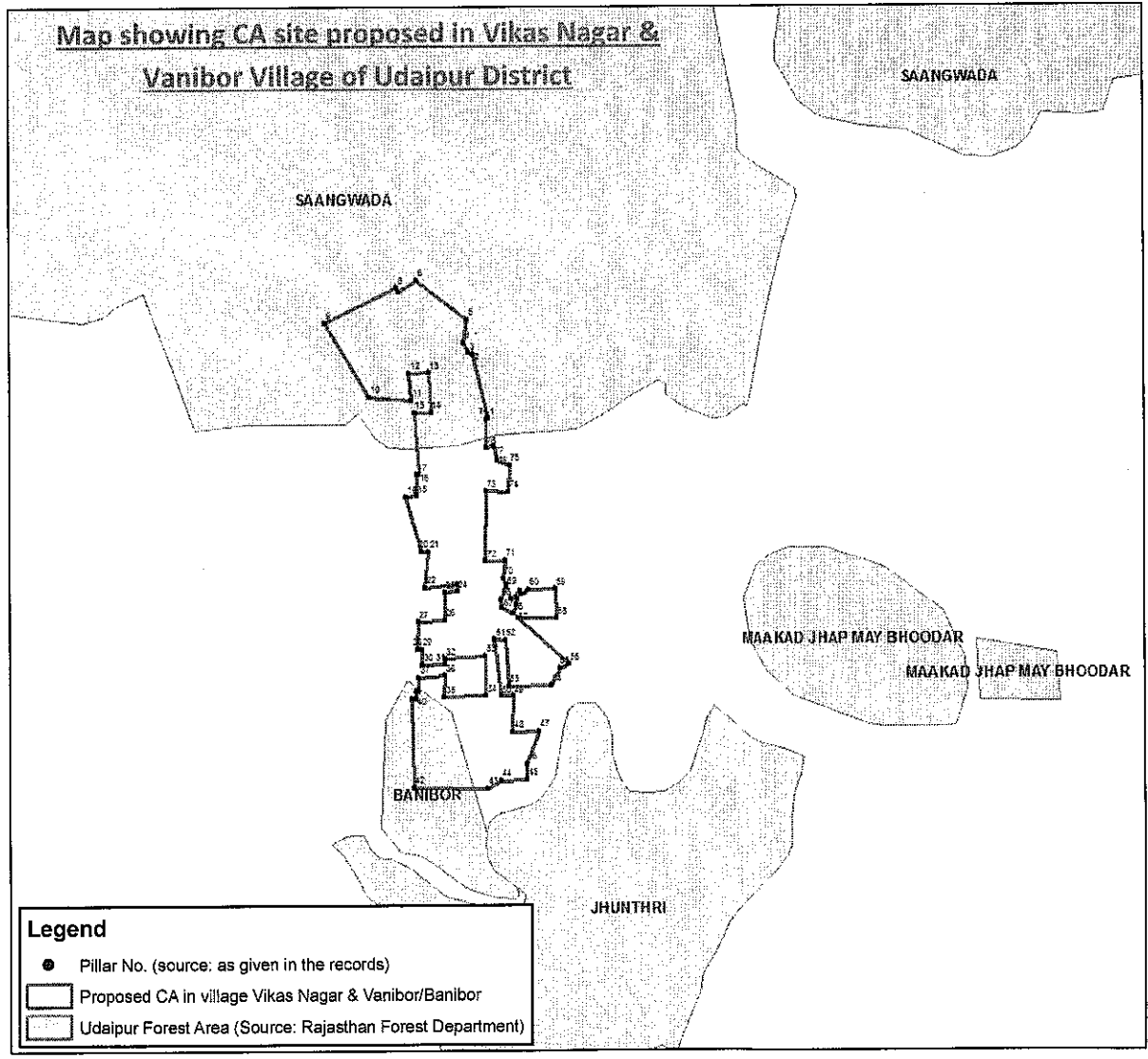
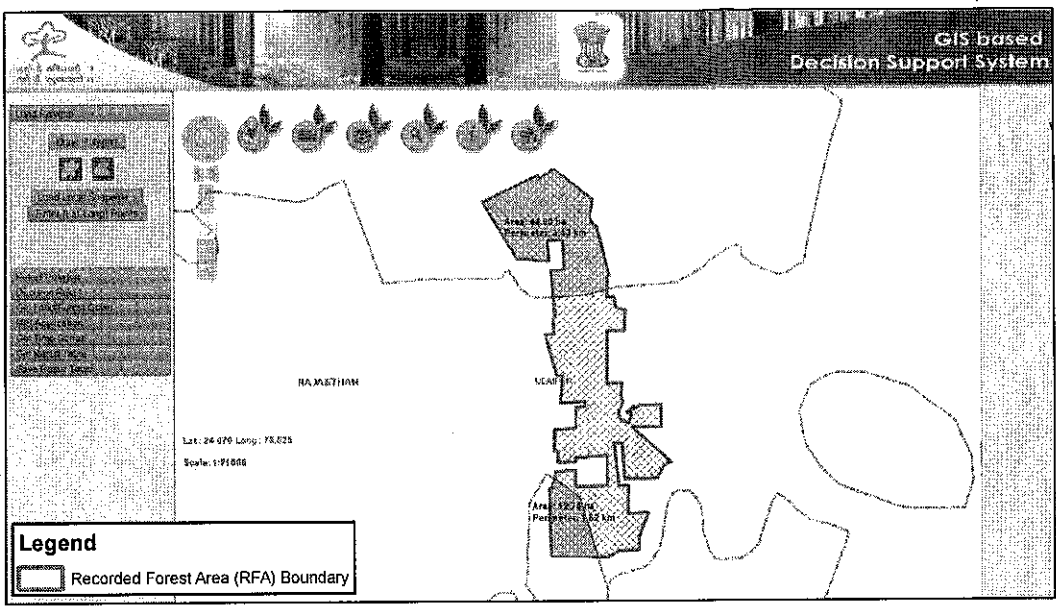
1. Calculated area of the CA site (Patch-I) proposed in Vikas Nagar & Vanibor village of Udaipur district is found to be 135 ha.
2. **Forest Cover of Patch-I:** Out of total area proposed for CA, 67 ha of land is classified as open forest and remaining 68 ha of land as Non-Forest (land without tree cover) in terms of forest classes (as per the ISFR 2019) based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2017-2018.

CA site	Software Calculated Area (in ha)	Very Dense Forest	Moderately dense Forest	Open Forest	Scrub	Non-Forest
Patch-I	135	0	0	67	0	68



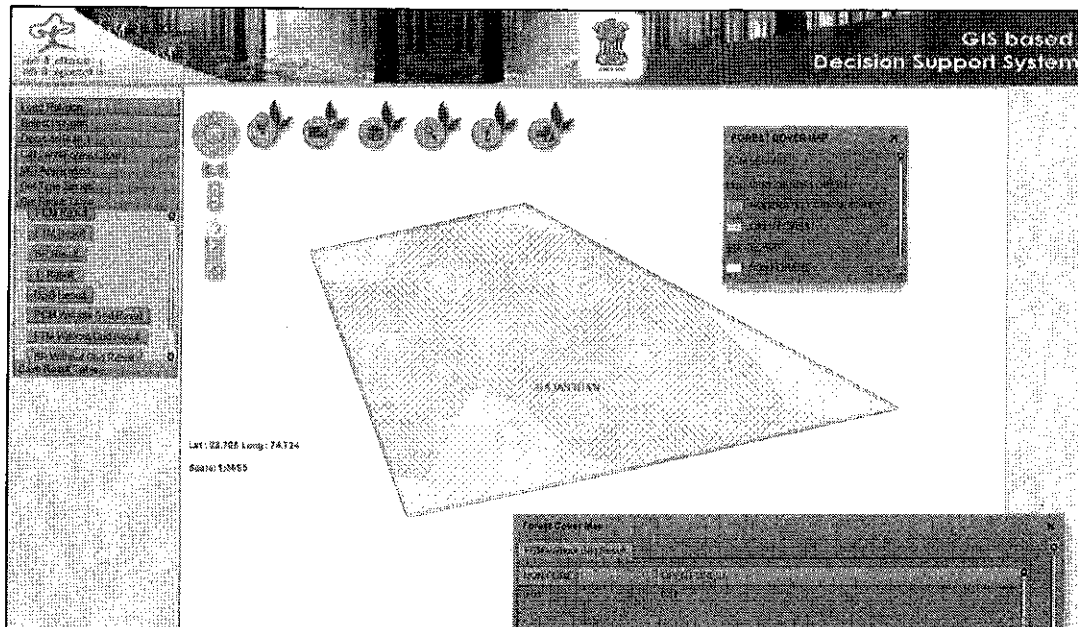
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As per the forest boundary available on Rajasthan SFD, approx. 57 ha area (12 ha in Banibor/Vanibor PF and 45 ha in Saangwada RF) is falling inside the boundary. However, as per the Recorded Forest Area (RFA or RF/PF) boundary available on DSS, 12.75 ha is falling in Banibor/Vanibor PF and 44.90 ha in Saangwada RF.

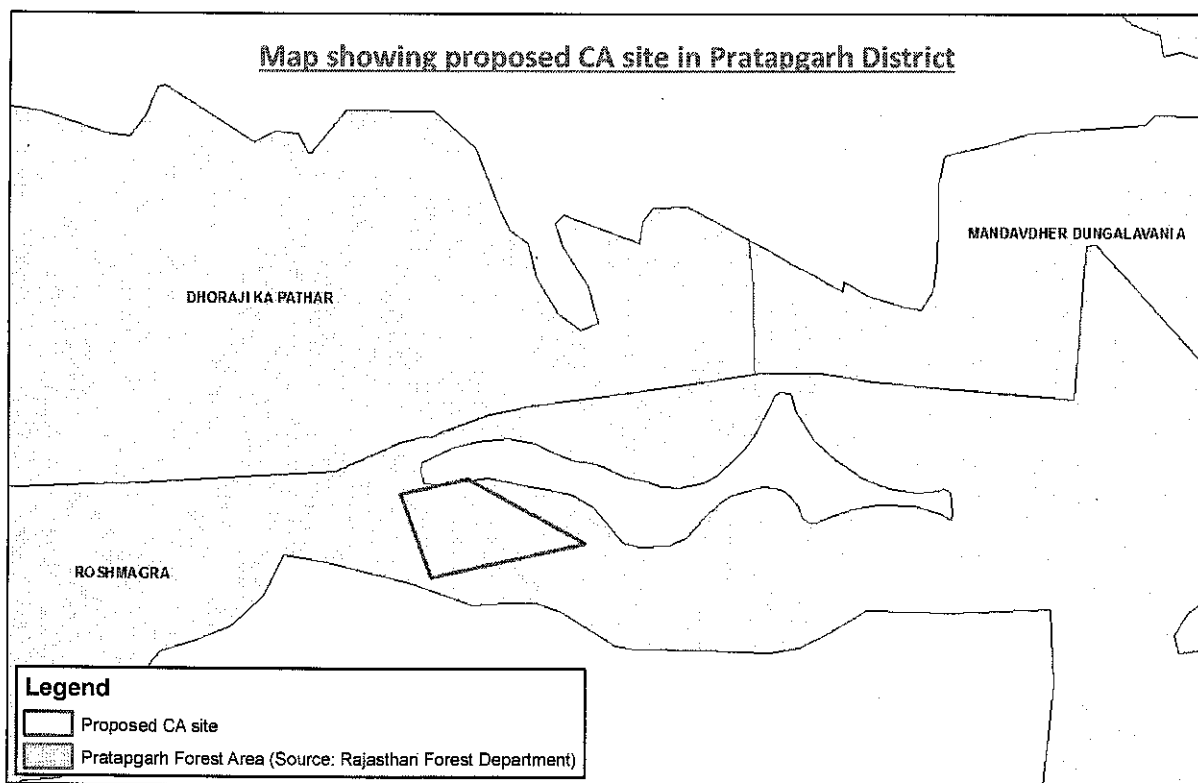


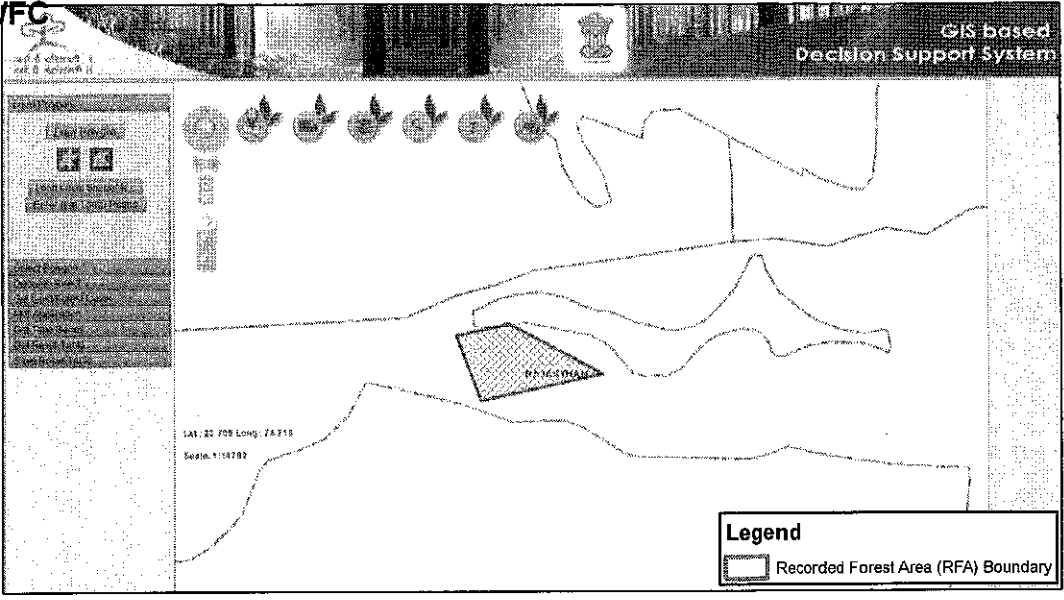
4. Calculated area of the CA site (Patch-II) proposed in Pratapgarh district is found to be 14 ha.
5. **Forest Cover of Patch-II:** Out of total area proposed for CA, 11 ha of land is classified as open forest and remaining 3 ha of land as Non-Forest (land without tree cover) in terms of forest classes (as per the ISFR 2019) based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2017-2018.

CA site	Software Calculated Area (in ha)	Very Dense Forest	Moderately dense Forest	Open Forest	Scrub	Non-Forest
Patch-II	14	0	0	11	0	3



6. As per the forest boundary available on Rajasthan SFD and on DSS application, entire area of the CA site is falling in Roshmagra PF.





Submitted for your kind consideration.

Shivani Sood
STA, DSS Cell
9.03.2022