

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Proposal Name: "Diversion of 398.0085 Ha. Forest Land of Block A & B in Paharpur Tehsil-Roopwas, Distt. Bharatpur for mining purpose".

Date of Inspection:- 20.05.2021

The Site Inspection of the proposal was carried out by undersigned on 20.05.2021. Following officials of State Forest Department and user agency along with the field staff were present during site inspection-

1. Shri C.R.Meena, CF , Bharatpur
2. Shri Mohit Gupta, DCF, Bharatpur
3. Ms. Alka Srivastava, SDM, Roopbas
4. Shri Pratap Singh Meena, SME, Bharatpur
5. Shri Jatan Singh, RFO, Bandh Baretha
6. Shri Lakhan Singh, Surveyor

The report of the site inspection in prescribed performa is as follows-

1. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion.

SI. No.	Description	Area in Ha.
1)	<i>Protected Forest</i>	398.0085
2)	<i>Civil Land</i>	-
3)	<i>Van Panchayat</i>	-
4)	<i>Total Forest Area in ha.</i>	398.0085
5)	<i>Non-Forest area in ha.</i>	0
	<i>Total Area in ha.</i>	398.0085



2. Item wise break up details of the forest land proposed for diversion

Delinated Area	369.2986
Plantation Area	12.9191
Approach Road	4.5563
Safety Zone Area	3.9095
Dumping Area	7.325
TOTAL Requirement in ha.	398.0085

3. Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof- No construction of building is involved as per Part I.

4. Total cost of project at present rates- INR 7856.493 Lacs

5. Wild- Life

Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.

Yes, the proposed mining area is part of erstwhile Bandh Baretha WLS .Proposal for modification of Eco sensitive zone after rationalization of boundaries of BANDH BARETHA SANCTUARY is under process.

6. Vegetation:

Total number of trees to be felled- 3629 trees

Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm- 3579trees

Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm- 50 trees

7. Background note on proposal

This proposal is for Protected Forest Land to be diverted for mining purpose in order to obtain sandstone from the proposed area.



8. Compensatory afforestation:

Compensatory Afforestation is proposed in total area of 398.0085 ha. Non Forest Land in Village Bolkhera, Bilang, Lohesar, Angrawali; Tehsil and Range Kaman, District Bharatpur.

(i) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation and management point of view or not.

Yes as per site suitability certificate of DFO.

(ii) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is free from encroachment/ other incumbencies.

Yes, land for compensatory afforestation is free from encroachment/ other incumbencies as per Site Suitability Certificate of DFO.

(ii) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is important from religious/ archaeological point of view.

No

(iv) Land identified for raising compensatory afforestation is in how many patches, whether patches are compact or not.

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(v) Map with detail.

Enclosed with FC Proposal

(vi) Total financial outlay.

CA Scheme - Rs. 166336267/-

9. Whether proposal involves violation or Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials.

No, as per Site Inspection Report of concerned DFO and as per information provided in Part – II of the proposal.

10. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not: Not Applicable

Reclamation Plan: Not Applicable

Details on catchment and command area under the project- Not Applicable

11. Cost benefit ratio: 84.06



12. Utility of the project: As per details provided in the proposal,

- The project will generate employment for several unemployed, thus reducing the rate of unemployment.
- The project will generate revenue for the Government.

In general there will be enhancement of socio-economic condition of the people residing in the area.

13. Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious value: No

14. Whether any sacred grove or very old growth tree/ forests exist in the area proposed for diversion: No

15. Whether the land under diversion forms part of any unique eco-system: No

16. Situation W.R.T. any P.A.- The area proposed for diversion is part of erstwhile Bandh Baretha Sanctuary. Revision of Eco sensitive Zone of revised area of Bandh Baretha Wild Life Sanctuary is under process.

17. Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/ State Govt.-

Recommended with imposition of additional conditions prescribed by the DCF/CCF/Nodal Officer in Part-II/III/IV of the proposal.

18. Any other information relating to the project:

1. The proposal involves diversion of more than 50% of the area of two forest blocks viz Bansi Pahadpur A & B. Illegal mining is existent in the area which is evident due to presence of large pits with water accumulation (Plate 1). The area is ecologically devastated due to dumping of less valuable material, which has till date not been removed from the forest areas, thus destroying the ecology and geology of the area (Plate 2). Mining Department officials present during site inspection were ignorant of the status of illegal mining in the area. It is evident that the remaining undiverted forest land shall be prone to illegal mining.

2. During site inspection, it was informed by the officials of mining department, that in the left over area(area of the forest blocks not proposed for diversion) , there are 4 proposals of mining leases which are sub judice, so their area is not included in the present proposal (Annexure 1 , Letter of mining department illustrating details of leases under litigation). The two leases viz lease no. 10/69 of Shri Ramsahai Gujjar and 39/83 of Shri Vijai Gupta are depicted as active, hence status of approval of these leases under FCA(1980) needs to be ascertained.

3. The User Agency has mentioned that the proposed area does not fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone. However, revision of Eco Sensitive Zone of the revised area of Bandh Baretha Wild Life Sanctuary is under process.

4. The whole area in and around the forest blocks is full of natural sandstone. Mining leases have been operative in the area. Presently also, illegal mining is prevalent in forest areas. Despite this fact, the User Agency has mentioned that there is no feasible alternative available for mining of sandstone.

5. Normally, a proposal of diversion of forest land for undertaking mining operations in a forest area is accompanied by full details of the total mining leases in the cluster, the lease number, area and location of each mining lease, the strip around the mining leases to be used as safety zone, roads and paths for approaching the mining lease and transportation of mined material, the area meant for stocking of mined material, the areas for dumping overburden, area left out of mining operations for reasons of slope, soil and water conservations etc. This facilitates clearer understanding of the proposed mining operations and accordingly suggesting various mitigative measures. However, this proposal is bereft of all such details

Proposal may be considered on following additional conditions-

1. The remaining undiverted forest land of the two forest blocks Banshi Pahadpur A & B shall be prone to illegal mining. Thus, as suggested by DFO -
 - i. Enclosure of the forest land with a 6ft high masonry wall approximately 20km long shall be taken up in the area at the cost of User Agency
 - ii. Ecological buffer area shall be developed in Sukhasila Forest block lying to the south west of Banshi Pahadpur B block. Small water bodies shall be developed in Sukhasila block and a wall shall be constructed along with the Kachchha path that goes to village Dumariya. This will help in protection of Bandh Baretha Sanctuary.
 - iii. A suitable Integrated Wild Life Action Plan including Buffer Development Plan shall be prepared and implemented at the cost of User Agency.
 - iv. Watch and ward preferably Home Guards shall be provided for checking illegal activities in forest area.
2. There is a railway barrier that opens up a way in Banshi Pahadpur block. There is no utility of that railway barrier now. It must be closed down. Mining department must coordinate with Ministry of Railways in this regard. This barrier may be later developed as a single entry/exit point to check illegal activities.
3. Small Naalas/ anicuts in Banshi Pahadpur A and B blocks can be used as garland drains to provide / recharge water into Bandh Baretha Dam. Village pond of Banshi Pahadpur village should be conserved by the lease holders. All natural/manmade existing water bodies shall be conserved and protected by user agency and no hindrance shall be caused to obstruct flow of water in such water bodies.



4. In order to address the issue of probable man-animal conflict that may arise in the area due to proximity of Bandh Baretha Wild Life Sanctuary, a rescue Centre shall be developed at the Range office Bandh Baretha at the cost of User Agency.

5. The mining plan indicates the life of mines to be 21 years while the leases are proposed to be granted for 50 years. The diversion is, therefore, proposed for 21 years initially. A detailed mining plan needs to be prepared for each mining lease. Reclamation of mined out areas should be a major focus and in no case mined out materials should be left in the forest area.

6. The User Agency shall provide all necessary details of the mining operation like total mining leases in the cluster, the lease number, area and location of each mining lease, the strip around the mining leases to be used as safety zone, entry and exit points of mining lease and transportation of mined material, the area meant for stocking of mined material, the areas for dumping overburden, area left out of mining operations for reasons of slope, soil and water conservations etc. so as to facilitate recommendation of appropriate mitigative measures for the conservation of forest area and wild life.

7. It has been indicated that mining leases were operative in the area prior to 1996. It is not very clear whether these leases have been annulled or terminated over the course of these years or whether they are still under existence. During site inspection, the mining department officials told that there are no mining leases operative in forest areas, however, patches of fresh mining (illegal) were observed during site visit. The User Agency shall ensure termination of all such leases that may have been granted or are still continuing to exist on the forest area. All leases which are sub judice would also require fresh diversion of Forest land, if the lessee still wishes to continue mining in forest area.



DIG (Central),
Regional Officer
IRO, Jaipur



Plate 1: Mining pits developed due to excessive mining



Plate 2 : Material dumped in forest land



Plate 3: Site Inspection by officials

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कार्यालय राजागण्ड खनि अभियंता, खान एवं भू-विज्ञान विभाग, रूपवारा

क्रमांक:- सखअ/रूप./विनिघ/2021/ 827

दिनांक:- 28.04.2021

प्रेषित :-
श्रीमान उपवन संरक्षक,
भरतपुर।

विषय :- तारहील रूपवारा जिला भरतपुर के ग्राम पहाडपुर में स्थित वनखण्ड ब्लॉक ए व वी के डायवर्जन के अर्न्तगत उक्त दोनों ब्लॉकों में प्रभावशील/खण्डित खनन पट्टों की सूचना गिजागाने बाबत।

महादेय,

उपरोक्त विषयान्तर्गत निवेदन है कि तारहील रूपवारा जिला भरतपुर के ग्राम पहाडपुर में स्थित वनखण्ड ब्लॉक ए व वी का आपके द्वारा प्रेषित पत्र क्रमांक 1060 दिनांक 20.03.2021 के क्रम में राजस्व विभाग से ग्राम पहाडपुर के नक्शा की प्रतियाँ प्राप्त कर उक्त दोनों ब्लॉकों का नक्शा तैयार किया गया। जिसके अर्न्तगत आने वाले प्रभावशील एवं खण्डित खनन पट्टे जिन पर माननीय न्यायालय का स्थगन होने से डायवर्जन की कार्यवाही नहीं की गयी है, की सूचना निम्नानुसार है:-

क्र. सं.	खननपट्टा संख्या	पट्टाधारी का नाम	क्षेत्रफल (हे०)	मूल खनन पट्टा पंजीयन दिनांक	खनन पट्टे की वर्तमान स्थिति	विवरण
1	124/90	मैसर्स पाषाण उत्पादक सहकारी समिति लिमिटेड	509.9	14.03.1966	खण्डित	निदेशालय के आदेश दिनांक 04.11.2004 से चतुर्थ नवीनीकरण विलोपित किया जाकर समिति द्वारा प्रस्तुत पंचम नवीनीकरण आवेदन पत्र को अस्वीकृत किया गया तथा क्षेत्र का कब्जा विभाग द्वारा दिनांक 05.11.2004 को लिया गया। प्रकरण में समिति द्वारा माननीय उच्च न्यायालय जयपुर के समक्ष याचिका संख्या 8028/2004 प्रस्तुत की गयी जिसमें माननीय न्यायालय द्वारा दिनांक 30.11.2005 को निम्नानुसार आदेश पारित किये गये है। " in the mean while inrerim order of status Que shall continue till the final decision of the court." उक्त खनन पट्टे का कुछ भाग ब्लॉक ए के अर्न्तगत आता है।
2	10/69 (7/99)	श्री रामसहाय गुर्जर	97.15	05.01.1970	प्रभावशील	खनन पट्टे का अधिकांश भाग वन खण्ड ब्लॉक वी में आता है। इस हेतु खनन पट्टाधारी को दिनांक 08.04.2021 से नोटिस जारी किया गया है।
3	39/83	श्री विजय गुप्ता	54.18	12.10.1978	प्रभावशील	खनन पट्टे का अधिकांश भाग वन खण्ड ब्लॉक वी में आता है। इस हेतु खनन पट्टाधारी को दिनांक 20.04.2021 से नोटिस जारी किया गया है।
4	82/90	श्री वेताल सिंह	40	27.02.1976	खण्डित	खनन पट्टे का सम्पूर्ण भाग वन खण्ड ब्लॉक ए में आता है। पूर्व में उक्त क्षेत्र वन्य जीव अभयारण्य के अर्न्तगत होने से तृतीय नवीनीकरण आवेदन पत्र अधीक्षण खनि अभियंता, भरतपुर के आदेश दिनांक 24.09.2003 से अस्वीकृत किया गया तथा क्षेत्र में कब्जा दिनांक 21.10.2003 को लिया गया। अपीलान्त द्वारा माननीय न्यायालय अतिरिक्त निदेशक खान जयपुर के समक्ष उक्त आदेश के विरुद्ध अपील दायर की गयी, जिसमें माननीय न्यायालय द्वारा दिनांक 10.05.2004 को सखअ भरतपुर के आदेश दिनांक 24.09.2003 को निरस्त

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