DRAFTENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

AND

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

OF

CLUSTER SAND MINING PROJECT OF BLOCK NO 23 SAND GHAT,DISTRICT - BHOJPUR

SAND BLOCK	**BLOCK 23**
PROPOSAL NO	**SIA/BR/MIN/412379/2022**
TOR NO	**SIA/1(A)/2255/2023**
AREA	**46 HA**
PRODUCTION	**828000 CUM/YEAR OR 1407600 TPA**
LOCATION	**MAUJA– NARAINAGANJ, ANCHAL- AGIAON, DISTRICT- BHOJPUR (BIHAR)**
KHATA NO	**132**
KHASRA NO	**465,566**

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAQ	Ambient Air Quality
bgl	Below Ground Level
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
dB	Decibel
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
EAC	Expert Appraisal Committee
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMC	Environmental Management Cell
EMP	Environment Management Plan
EPA	The Environment Protection Act
GLC	Ground Level Concentration
Ha	Hectare
Ham	Hectare Meter
HFL	High Flood Level
KLD	Kilo litre Per Day
Km	Kilo Meter
Leq	Equivalent Noise Level
LFL	Low Flood Level
LOS	Level of Service
MoEF	Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change
NABET	National Accreditation Board for Education and Training
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NH	National Highway
NOC	No Objection Certificate
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PCU	Passenger Car Unit
PM	Particulate Matter
PUC	Pollution Under Control
QCI	Quality Council of India
R & R	Rehabilitation & Resettlement
RBM	River Bed Material
RL	Reduced Level
SEAC	State Expert Appraisal Committee
SH	State Highway
SPCB	State Pollution Control Board
T/cum	Tons Per Cubic Meter
TKN	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
TOR	Term of Reference
TPA	Tonnes Per Annum
UNFC	United Nations Framework Classification
VWG	Village Working Group

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is a process used to identify the environmental, social & economic impacts of a project prior to decision making. It aims to predict environmental impacts at an early stage of project planning & design, find ways & means to reduce adverse impacts. By using EIA, we can decide the suitable mitigation measures for implementation to maintain healthy working environment and contain pollution within permissible limits.

River plays an important role in the lives of the people. The river systems provide irrigation, potable water, transportation, electricity, and the livelihoods for a large number of people all over the country and to rural areas. Apart from this, river is also a good source of construction grade material as sand & gravel.

As transportation and construction infrastructure expanded since last few decades, the demand for construction grade sand also increased exponentially. The market demand of river sand is high throughout the nation. Sand is extracted directly from the river channel and it doesn't require processing other than size grading. But it is now well understood that continued and indiscriminate sand mining can cause serious environmental impacts, particularly if the river being mined is eroded.

Environmental Impact Assessment is one of the proven management tools for integrating environmental concerns in development process and for improved decision making as there is a need to harmonize the developmental activities with the environmental concerns into the larger interest of the society. The growing awareness, over the years, on environmental protection and sustainable development, has given further emphasis to the implementation of sound environmental management practices for mitigating adverse impacts from developmental activities. EIA study plays a vital role in sustainable development of a country. Recognizing its importance, the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India had formulated policies and procedures governing the industrial and other developmental activities to prevent indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources and to promote integration of environmental concern in project development.

Environmental Impact Assessment report is prepared to comply with the Terms of Reference (TOR) received from SEIAA, Bihar under EIA notification of the MoEF & CC dated 14th September, 2006

and its subsequent amendment there-off and also the EIA Guidance Manual for Mining of Minerals of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, for seeking environmental clearance for mining of Sand in the applied mining lease area.

SON RIVER: Son River originates from the Maikals range of Amarkantak high lands in the elevated plateau of central India. After flowing northerly and easterly directions for about 592 km in a hilly terrain, it debouches onto the Gangetic alluvial plains. The river flows in northeast direction in a NE-SW trend and confluences with Ganga in the northeast corner of the Bhojpur district at Babura.

1.1 IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT, PROJECT PROPONENT & CLUSTER APPROCH

The Proposed Sand Mining Project is located on Son River at Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.

The proposed mining cluster (Block 20 to 23) over an area of 306 Ha is for river bed sand mining on Son River at District- Bhojpur (Bihar).

Cluster Situation: As per District Survey Report Bhojpur the Proposed sand Ghats of block 20, block 21, block 22 & block 23 are comes in cluster situation whose combined cluster area is 306 ha. All the lease area of homogeneous minerals is coming within 500 m radius from each other confirming a cluster situation.

As per the Director of Geology, Bihar, the modification of mining plan has been approved .As per EIA notification 2016 and subsequent amendments, the project is coming under category '**B**' (**B1**) and the lease area is more than 5.0 Ha, approved Mining Plan, Pre-feasibility Report and EMP are required for Environment Clearance in respect of the said quarry lease. Copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure No. II.**

The Details of cluster is given below:

Sand Block name	Area (Ha)	Khata	Khasra No.	Production Excavation in Tonn (3 meter)	Address
Block 20	98	205 & 162.	1262, 1537,		M/s Mateshwari Construction Partner- Vikash

			1660, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666. 1667, & 574, 575, 576.	4762800	Kumar S/o- Dilip Kumar Singh Add – Mamka Niwas, Chitour Nagar, New Area, Dist.- Aurangabad-824101.
Block 21	92	421	1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.	4471200	M/s Shivshankar Kaushik Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Director- Kumar Saurav S/o- Manoj Kumar Singh Postal Add.- Kshatriya Colony, Ramnagar Andar Dhala, Siwan- 841226. Permanent Add.- 405, Arjun Enclave, Ramjaipal Road, Near Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Dental College, Patna
Block 22	70	--	--	3402000	--
Block 23	46	132	465, 466.	2235600	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020.
Total Cluster Area				**14871600**	

The proposed project is of River bed sand mining and falls under Category- "B1" as per EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, GOI. Block No.- 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares. The details of the project are given below:

Name & Address of the Mine	Block 23	Sand Mining Project On Son River at Bhojpur Block No.- 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.
River	Son	
Mineral	Sand	
Area (ha)	Block 23	46 ha
Production	Block 23	828000 cum/year or 1407600 TPA
Postal Address	Block 23	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020
Status of Mine	Fresh application for Environmental Clearance.	
Project Cost	RS- 14,36,20,000	
CER Cost	CSR cost will be 2% of the total project cost. This amount will be used for social welfare. CSR COST is 14,36,20,000 x 2% = Rs. 28,72,400/-	

1.2 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The proposed project is open cast semi-mechanized mining of sand with a proposed production of 828000 cum/year or 1407600 TPA for applied lease. Detail has been given below:

The proposed project is over an area 46 ha. Details are summarized in Table no 1.1

As per MoEF, New Delhi Gazette dated 14th September 2006 and amended thereof, the proposed mining project is categorized as **Category 'B-1'.** The estimated project cost for the proposed project is **given below:** (including auction cost)

Table: 1.1 Project cost break-up & Production

Sand Ghat Block	Area	Khata No	Khasra No	Production	Auction Cost
Block 23	46	132	465,466	1407600 TPA	13,66,20,000
Total				1407600 TPA	13,66,20,000

The proposed mining lease area falls in Survey of India Toposheet 72C/11, 72C/12, 72C/15, 72C/16..

The mine lease co-ordinates and connectivity details are listed below:

Table: 1.2 Mine lease Pillar Co-ordinates (Block 23)

Pillar No.	Co-ordinates	
1	25° 19' 15.851" N	84° 42' 33.523" E
2	25° 19' 16.758" N	84° 42' 27.361" E
3	25° 19' 19.449" N	84° 42' 25.207" E
4	25° 19' 31.730" N	84° 42' 37.192" E
5	25° 19' 47.054" N	84° 42' 42.637" E
6	25° 19' 47.081" N	84° 42' 42.647" E
7	25° 19' 43.805" N	84° 42' 51.092" E
8	25° 19' 39.091" N	84° 43' 3.241" E
9	25° 19' 29.728" N	84° 43' 2.711" E
10	25° 19' 30.291" N	84° 42' 57.090" E
11	25° 19' 27.007" N	84° 42' 50.120" E
12	25° 19' 17.521" N	84° 42' 37.114" E

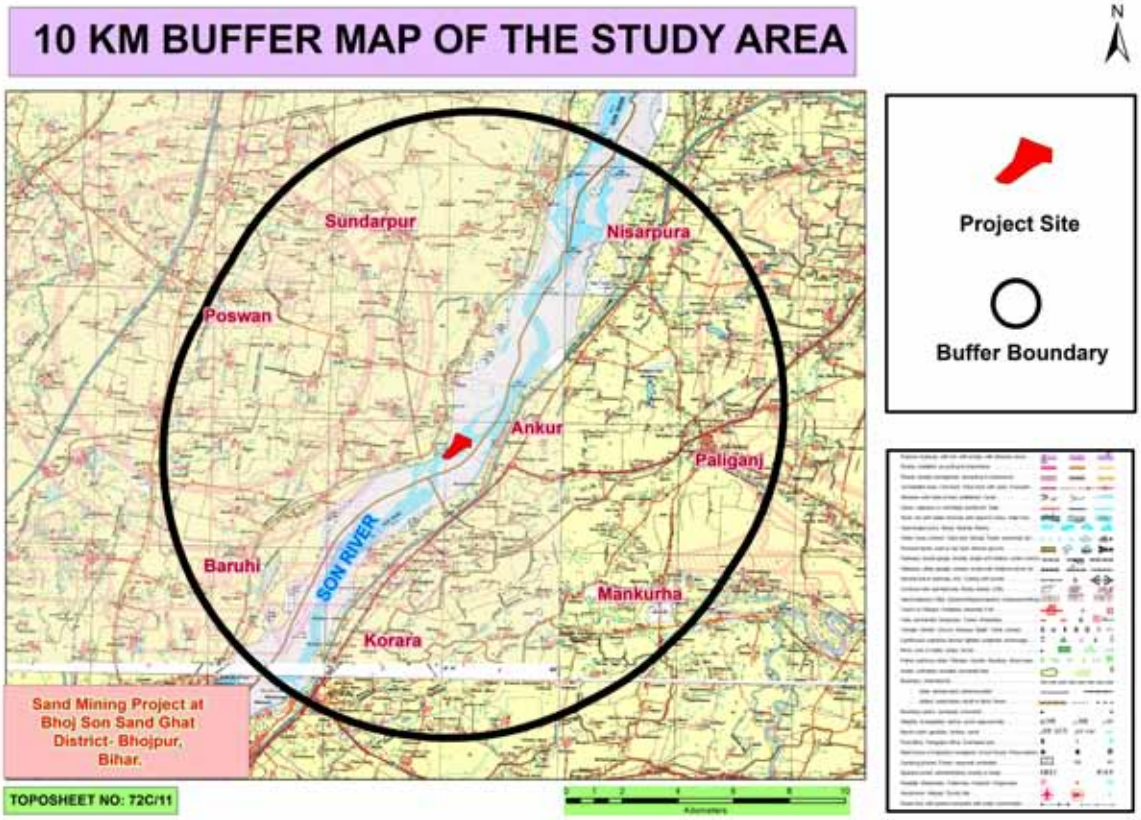

Figure 1.1, 10 km cluster buffer map

Table: 1.3, Connectivity Details given below

Nearest Habitation/ town	**Blocks**	**Village**	**Distance (Km) Direction**
	Block 23	Baga, Azimabad Chillar Ankhuri	approx. 2.5 Km in NW direction. approx. 1 Km in W direction. approx.1.5 Km in NW direction. approx.2.0 Km in NE direction.
Nearest Railway Station	**Blocks**	**Railway Station**	**Distance (Km) Direction**
	Block 23	Garhani Railway Station	Garhani Railway Station, approx. 17.0 km towards NW direction
Nearest Airport	**Blocks**	**Airport**	**Distance (Km) Direction**
	Block 23	Jayprakash Narayan	JPN International Airport

		Airport, Patna	Patna, approx. 48.0 km towards NE direction
Nearest Highway	SH 81: Approx. 0.60 KM towards W direction.		

Table: 1.4, Details of environmental settings

S.N	Particulars	Details
2	Ecological Sensitive Areas (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries)	There is no any Ecological Sensitive Areas Like National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries, etc are found within 10 km of the study area.
3	Nearest water body	The mine site lies on the dry bed of Son river.
4	Seismic Zone	Zone- IV *Source BMTC 2nd edition https://www.bmtpc.org/disaster%20resistnace%20technolgies/ZONE%20IV.htm*

The EIA-EMP report is prepared as per the TOR granted under the EIA Notification. In order to assess the impact on environment due to proposed mine, it is necessary to ascertain present status of environment prevailing at the project site and identification and assessment of impacts on the environment of the proposed operation.

Project's importance to the country and the region

Sands are ubiquitous material; available everywhere and is being used from the time immemorial for wide applications in our daily life; infrastructures, building construction, highways, roads, townships, multiplexes, foundations of buildings and industrial units etc. and is an integral part of development. Life without sand is unthinkable. Over the millennia, the weathering effect, the flow of water at high velocities in rivers and the pressure of water from the high mountainous reservoirs converted and pushed the hard ground underneath into sands, etc. which travelled as sediments with the flow. This sand got deposited along the river course wherever conditions were favorable. In the deep past this settled sand was not extracted in a quantity in which it deposited; since due to less population the requirements was not enough. As a result of continuous deposit of sand , the rivers went on changing their course, widening by itself, eroding the fields and expanding, resulting in flooding, inundation and breaking their banks, causing devastation of property and loss of life. There has been a severe

impact on every aspect of the environment. The rivers thus, needed channelization and therefore, extraction of these minor minerals through mining was expedient. The haphazard mining of sands being practiced now for long, through unregulated, uncontrolled and illegal way added almost an irreversible damage to the environment, which became a cause of serious concern to everyone. Though sands are very important mineral source for development, its mining through scientific methods has also become equally imperative.

It is for this purpose that 'mining plan' is being drawn so that all its aspects are taken care of justifiably, according to law, protecting the environment, removing all adverse impacts and creating a direct and indirect employment opportunities, improving socio-economic conditions of the local inhabitants and all-around status of life, achieving thereby a sustainable development.

Besides the above, the process of mining of minor minerals (Sand) is a constant source of revenue generation to the State Government through Royalty.

1.4 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The project proposal was submitted to State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Bihar for its appraisal. Based on which, presentation was held for Terms of Reference (TOR). Based on the data provided and presentation made, the SEIAA-Bihar has issued the Terms of Reference attached as **Annexure-1.**

Followings are the point wise compliance of the ToR provided by the SEIAA Bihar.

Table: 1.5 Point wise compliance for TOR of Block -23

(ToR File No.SIA/1(a)/ 2255/2023)

S. No	TOR	Compliance	Reference in the Report
1	Year-wise production details since 1994 should be given, clearly stating the highest production achieved in any one year prior to 1994. It may also be categorically informed whether there had been any increase in production after the EIA Notification 1994 came	This is fresh LOI, Mine is yet to be opened. It will open only after getting environmental clearance.	--

	into force, w.r.t. the highest production achieved prior to 1994.		
2	A copy of the document in support of the fact that the Proponent is the rightful lessee of the mine should be given.	State Govt. has given consent for mining vide letter no. 4742 25.11.2022 for Block 23	**Annexure II, LOI**
3	All documents including approved mine plan, EIA and public hearing should be compatible with one another in terms of the mine lease area, production levels, waste generation and its management and mining technology and should be in the name of the lessee.	The documents including mine plan and EIA report submitted are compatible with one another w.r.t. to following information: Mining Lease Area- Block 23, 46 Hectare Lessee (Block 23): M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Waste generation- No waste will be generated. Mining Method-Opencast semi-mechanized method	**Annexure- III** Mine plan All details has been complied in chapter-2
4	All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High Resolution Imagery /toposheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology and geology of the area should be provided. Such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study	All Corner Coordinates of mining lease area superimposed on Toposheet Map has been incorporated in EIA/EMP Report.	Refer Chapter 2 Fig: 2.1, Corner Coordinates map

	area (core and buffer zone).		
5	Information should be provided in Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating geological map of the area, geomorphology of land forms of the area, existing minerals and mining history of the area, important water bodies, streams and rivers and soil characteristics.	The land use map showing salient features of the area is given in the report. The geological map of the mine lease area is also given in the report showing geomorphology	Land-use of the study area Figure 3.1.
6	Details about the land proposed for mining activities should be given with information as to whether mining conforms to the land use policy of the State; land diversion for mining should have approval from State land use board or the concerned authority.	The Lease area is dry part of River bed. This is a barren land. The mining process will be done by land use policy of the State & no land diversion has been proposed.	Chapter II & III
7	It should be clearly stated whether the proponent Company has a well laid down Environment Policy approved by its Board of Directors? If so, it may be spelt out in the EIA Report with description of the prescribed operating processes /procedures to bring into focus any infringement / deviation / violation of the environmental or forest norms / conditions?. The hierarchical system or administrative order of the company to deal with the environmental issues and for insuring compliances with the EC conditions	Yes, the proponent Company has a well laid down Environment Policy. The hierarchical system or administrative order of the company has been given in the EIA report.	Chapter VIII Section 8.1 Corporate Environment Policy

	may also be given. The system of reporting of non-compliances / violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the Company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large, may also be detailed in the EIA Report.		
8	Issues relating to Mine safety ,including subsidence study in case of underground mining and slope study in case of open cast mining, blasting study etc. should be detailed. The proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.	Issue related to mine safety has been given in of chapter 7.	
9	The study area will comprise of l0 km zone around the mine lease from lease periphery and the data contained in the EIA such as waste generation etc. should be for the life of the mine/lease period.	The 10 km zone from periphery of the lease has been considered as the study area. The Buffer map of the study area is attached with report. All the details in the EIA report are for the life of the mine period. The details of mining & production have been given in the report.	Chapter I Figure 1.1
10	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water	Land use pattern of 10 km from the periphery of the lease area has been prepared and incorporated with the report.	Land-use of the study area Figure 3.1 , Table 3.1

	bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	The study area lies in Son River. There is no any Wild Life sanctuary & National Park, protected forest within the study area.	10 km buffer map enclosed in Chapter I of EIA Report.
11	Details of the land for any Over Burden Dumps outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use ,R&R Issues, if any, should be given.	There is no overburden outside the mine lease area.	
12	A Certificate from the Competent Authority in the State Forest Department should be provided, confirming the involvement of forest land, if any, in the project area. In the event of any contrary claim by the Project Proponent regarding the status of forests, the site may be inspected by the State Forest Department along with the Regional Office of the Ministry to ascertain the status of forests, based on which, the Certificate in this regard as mentioned above be issued. In all such cases, it would be desirable for representative of the State Forest Department to assist the Expert Appraisal Committees.	There is no forest land within the lease area.	---

13	Status of forestry clearance for the broken up area and virgin forestland involved in the Project including deposition of net present value (NPV) and Compensatory afforestation (CA) should be indicated. A copy of the forestry clearance should also be furnished.	No forest land is involved in the lease area, therefore, deposition of net present value (NPV) and compensated Afforestation is not indicated.	
14	Implementation status of recognition of forest rights under the schedule tribes and other traditional forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 should be indicated"	There is no forest land involved in the leased out area. Hence, this act is not applicable for this project.	
15	The vegetation in the RF / PF areas in the study area, with necessary details, should be given	There is no any Ecological Sensitive Areas Like National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries, etc are found within 10 km of the study area. However, the vegetation details of the study area are incorporated with the report.	Chapter III Section 3.1.6 Biological Environment
16	A study shall be got done to ascertain the impact of the Mining Project on wildlife of the study area and details furnished. Impact of the project on the wildlife in the surrounding and any other protected area and accordingly, detailed mitigative measures required, should be worked out with cost implications and submitted.	The details Impacts & there mitigation measures are given in chapter IV of EIA/EMP Report.	Chapter IV

17	Location of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Ramsar site Tiger / Elephant Reserves / (existing as well as proposed), if any, within l0 km of the mine lease should be clearly indicated, supported by a location map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden. Necessary clearance, as may be applicable to such projects due to proximity of the ecologically sensitive areas as mentioned above, should be obtained from the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife and copy furnished.	No National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Ramsar site Tiger / Elephant Reserves / (existing as well as proposed) are found within 10 km of the study area. MAP showing eco sensitive zone is attached in Chapter III (Fig 3.4)	Chapter III Section 3.1.6 Biological Environment
18	A detailed biological study of the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 km radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] shall be carried out. Details of flora and fauna, endangered, endemic and RET Species duly authenticated, separately for core and buffer zone should be furnished based on such primary field survey, clearly indicating the Schedule of the fauna present. In case of any scheduled-I fauna found in the study area, the necessary plan along with budgetary provisions for their conservation should be prepared in consultation with State Forest and	Detailed biological study of core zone and buffer zone within 10 km radius of the periphery of the mine lease has been carried out for the project. The same has been incorporated in the report	Chapter III Section 3.1.6 Biological Environment

	Wildlife Department and details furnished. Necessary allocation of funds for implementing the same should be made as part of the project cost.		
19	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' or the Project areas attracting court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the SPCB or State Mining Dept. Should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	Proposed project does not come under critically polluted area.	
20	Similarly, for coastal projects ,A CRZ map duly authenticated by one of the authorized agencies demarcating LTL.HTL, CRZ area ,location of the mine lease w.r.t CRZ, Coastal features such as mangroves ,if any should be furnished.(Note: The Mining Projects falling under CRZ would also need to obtain approval of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority)	There is no R & R involved in this project.	
21	R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R	There is no R & R involved in this project.	

	Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs /STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine lease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.		
22	One season (non-monsoon) [i.e. March-May (Summer Season); October-December (post monsoon season); December-February (winter season)] primary baseline data on ambient air quality as per CPCB Notification of 2009, water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna shall be collected and the AAQ and other data so compiled presented date-wise in the EIA and EMP Report" Site-specific meteorological data should	Base line study was carried out for winter season Dec 2022 - Feb 2023 Details are provided in EIA/EMP Report. The locations of the monitoring stations were decided on the basis of prevailing meteorological conditions (Wind direction & wind speed) of the study area. The wind rose has been given in chapter III of EIA/EMP Report.	Chapter III Section 3.1.2 Air Environment

	also be collected. The location of the monitoring stations should be such as to represent whole of the study area and justified keeping in view the pre-dominant downwind direction and location of sensitive receptors. There should be at least one monitoring station within 500 m of the mine lease in the pre-dominant downwind direction. The mineralogical composition of PM10, particularly for free silica, should be given.	One location has been selected in downwind direction within 500 m from the lease boundary. The location of the monitoring sites has been shown in map.	
23	Air quality modeling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area. It should also take into account the impact of movement of vehicles for transportation of mineral. The details of the model used and input parameters used for modeling should be provided. The air quality contours may be shown on a location map clearly indicating the location of the site, location of sensitive receptors, if any, and the habitation. The wind roses showing pre-dominant wind direction may also be indicated on the map.	Air Modelling will be used for air quality modelling. Air quality modelling will be submitted with Final EIA report.	
24	The water requirement for the Project, its availability and source should be furnished. A detailed water balance	The water requirement for Sand Block 23 is 7 KLD for drinking, dust suppression and green belt	Chapter –II Section 2.7.4 Water

	should also be provided. Fresh water requirement for the Project should be indicated.	development. A detailed water balance is being provided in the report.	Requirement
25	Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.	Water requirement will be fulfilled by private water tanker. So, no clearance is required.	Chapter II
26	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the project, if any required should be provided.	The project do not consume any process water except for drinking, dust suppression & plantation. Plantation is proposed, which will increase the water holding capacity & help in recharging of ground water. No artificial rainwater harvesting is proposed for the present project in lease area, however if any such project proposed by State Government PP will help out for the above.	
27	Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided".	Mining activity will be done on Dry Bed of River so there is no impact on surface water. Mining will be up to 1 m below ground level or above the ground water table whichever comes first. This will not	Chapter II

		intersect the ground water table.	
28	Based on actual monitored data , it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided. In case the working will intersect groundwater table, a detailed Hydro Geological Study should be undertaken and Report furnished. The Report inter – alia,shall include details of the aquifers present and impact of mining activities on these aquifers. Necessary permission from Central Ground Water Authority for working below ground water and for pumping of ground water should also be obtained and copy furnished.	The mining will be done only upto 3.0 m depth. The detailed impact and control measure w.r.t the quality of water in the surrounding area is discussed under Chapter 4.	
29	Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the lease area and modification / diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be brought out.	The project site lies on Son River. No diversion is proposed.	
30	Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and bgl. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.	The mining will be done as per the approved mining plan and 3 meter bgl whichever is comes first.	

31	A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and Quantities coverage, plant species and time frame) and Submitted keeping in mind the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given. The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.	Plantation/afforestation will be done as per program i.e along the road sides and near civic amenities, as per mine plan. Post plantation, the area will be regularly monitored in every season for evaluation of success rate. List of Plant species selected for green belt is detailed in the EIA report. The plant species selected for green belt have a greater ecological value and are of good utility value to the local population. The plant species are selected by giving emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution	Chapter VIII Section 8.2
32	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated. Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the Project in the present road network (including those outside the Project area) should be worked out, indicating whether it is capable of handling the incremental load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated	The projection has been done based on the mineral transportation. The details of traffic analysis are discussed in the report.	Chapter IV Section 4.6 Traffic Analysis Fig 4.2, Table 4.3(i), 4.3(ii)

	(including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government) should be covered. Project Proponent shall conduct Impact of Transportation study as per Indian Road Congress Guidelines.		
33	Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report	A temporary rest shelter will be provided for the workers near to the site with provisions of water, first aid facility, protective equipments, etc. Details are given in the EIA/EMP Report.	Chapter II Section 2.12.2
34	Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans and with adequate number of sections)should be given in the EIA report.	Conceptual plans and Sections are given in Chapter 2.	
35	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational health impact mainly is expected due air pollution due to fugitive dust emission because of movement of vehicles. However appropriate mitigation measures for air pollution control have been given in the report, discussed in Chapter-4. Each labour will undergo pre-placement medical examination.	Chapter VII Section 7.2 Chapter VIII Section 8.3

		Thereafter periodical heath check up will be arranged as stated in the report. About 4.0 lakh for each lease for cluster situation has been earmarked for occupational health.	
36	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	The proposed project being a small scale semi-mechanized mining project, there will be hardly any process related health implication on the population of the nearby villages except fugitive dust emissions due to transportation. Budgetary allocation is given in Chapter-VIII.	Chapter VII Section 7.2 Chapter VIII Section 8.3
37	Measures of socio economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time to time for implementation.	Socio-economic significance provided to the local community i.e. to the nearby villagers is given in the EIA/EMP Report.	Chapter VI Section 6.4 Chapter VII Section 7.2
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44	**Besides the above, the below mentioned general points are also to be followed:-**		
a	All documents to be properly referenced with index and continuous page numberings.	All the documents to be properly referenced with index and continuous page numbering.	
b	Where data are presented in the Report especially in Tables, the period in which the data were collected and the sources should be indicated.	Compiled With EIA report.	
c	Project Proponent shall enclose all the analysis/testing reports of water, air, soil, noise etc. using the MoEF&CC/NABL accredited laboratories. All the original analysis/testing reports should be available during appraisal of the Project.	Compiled With EIA report.	
d	Where the documents provided are in a language other than English, an English translation should be provided.	Compiled With EIA report.	
e	The Questionnaire for environmental appraisal of mining projects as devised earlier by the Ministry shall also be filled and submitted.	Compiled With EIA report.	

f	While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the Proponents and instructions for the Consultants issued by MoEF vide O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II (I) dated 4th August, 2009, which are available on the website of this Ministry, should be followed.	Compiled With EIA report.	
g	Changes, if any made in the basic scope and project parameters (as submitted in Form-I and the PFR for securing the TOR) should be brought to the attention of MoEF&CC with reasons for such changes and permission should be sought, as the TOR may also have to be altered. Post Public Hearing changes in structure and content of the draft EIA/EMP (other than modifications arising out of the P.H. process) will entail conducting the PH again with the revised documentation.	Agreed	
h	As per the circular no. J-11011/618/2010-IA. II (I) dated 30.5.2012, certified report of the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the environment clearance for the existing operations of the project, should be obtained from the Regional Office of Ministry of	This is new case for Mining. No certified compliance is required.	

	Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as may be applicable.		
i	The EIA report should also include (i) surface plan of the area indicating contours of main topographic features, drainage and mining area, (ii) geological maps and sections and (iii) sections of the mine pit and external dumps, if any, clearly showing the land features of the adjoining area.	Compiled With EIA report.	

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2.0 TYPE OF PROJECT

The project is proposed is for sand Ghat block no-23 for the excavation of sand from the bed of river Son. The proposed project is opencast semi-mechanized/OTFM mining project.

2.1 NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The project site lies on Son River. The river get recharged by the rain water and carries sediment consisting of sand etc during monsoon season, generally.

Sand is used widely in the construction industry. It is usually mixed with cement and other ingredients to create mortar for building. It is also used in agriculture, as sandy soils are ideal for crops such as watermelons, peaches and peanuts. Sand is also used in Aquaria as it makes a low cost aquarium base material. This project will also provide employment to local people helping them earn livelihood.

2.2 LOCATION DETAILS

The Proposed Sand Mining Project is located on Son River at Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.

The proposed mining was a cluster of 4 mining lease area of block 20,21,22 & 23 cluster over an combined area of 306 Ha is for river bed sand mining on Son River at Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46 hectares.

Cluster Situation: As per District Survey Report Bhojpur the Proposed sand Ghats of block 20, block 21, block 22 & block 23 are comes in cluster situation whose combined cluster area is 306 ha. All the lease area of homogeneous minerals is coming within 500 m radius from each other confirming a cluster situation.

As per the Director of Geology, Bihar, the modification of mining plan has been approved .As per EIA notification 2016 and subsequent amendments, the project is coming under category '**B**' (**B1**) and the lease area is more than 5.0 Ha, approved Mining Plan, Pre-feasibility Report and EMP are required for Environment Clearance in respect of the said quarry lease. Copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure No. II.**

The Details of cluster is given below:

Sand Block name	Area (Ha)	Khata	Khasra No.	Production Excavation in Tonn (3 meter)	Address
Block 20	98	205 & 162.	1262, 1537, 1660, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666. 1667, & 574, 575, 576.	4762800	M/s Mateshwari Construction Partner- Vikash Kumar S/o- Dilip Kumar Singh Add – Mamka Niwas, Chitour Nagar, New Area, Dist.- Aurangabad- 824101.
Block 21	92	421	1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.	4471200	M/s Shivshankar Kaushik Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Director- Kumar Saurav S/o- Manoj Kumar Singh Postal Add.- Kshatriya Colony, Ramnagar Andar Dhala, Siwan- 841226. Permanent Add.- 405, Arjun Enclave, Ramjaipal Road, Near Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Dental College, Patna
Block 22	70	--	--	3402000	--
Block 23	46	132	465, 466.	2235600	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh

					S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020.
Total Cluster Area				**14871600**	

The proposed project is of River bed sand mining and falls under Category- "B1" as per EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, GOI Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.

Geo Coordinate of Lease Area:

Table 2.1, Mine lease Pillar Co-ordinates (Block 23)

Pillar No.	Co-ordinates	
1	25° 19' 15.851" N	84° 42' 33.523" E
2	25° 19' 16.758" N	84° 42' 27.361" E
3	25° 19' 19.449" N	84° 42' 25.207" E
4	25° 19' 31.730" N	84° 42' 37.192" E
5	25° 19' 47.054" N	84° 42' 42.637" E
6	25° 19' 47.081" N	84° 42' 42.647" E
7	25° 19' 43.805" N	84° 42' 51.092" E
8	25° 19' 39.091" N	84° 43' 3.241" E
9	25° 19' 29.728" N	84° 43' 2.711" E
10	25° 19' 30.291" N	84° 42' 57.090" E
11	25° 19' 27.007" N	84° 42' 50.120" E
12	25° 19' 17.521" N	84° 42' 37.114" E

Block 23 Sand Ghat is well connected by SH 81: Approx. 0.60 KM towards W direction.

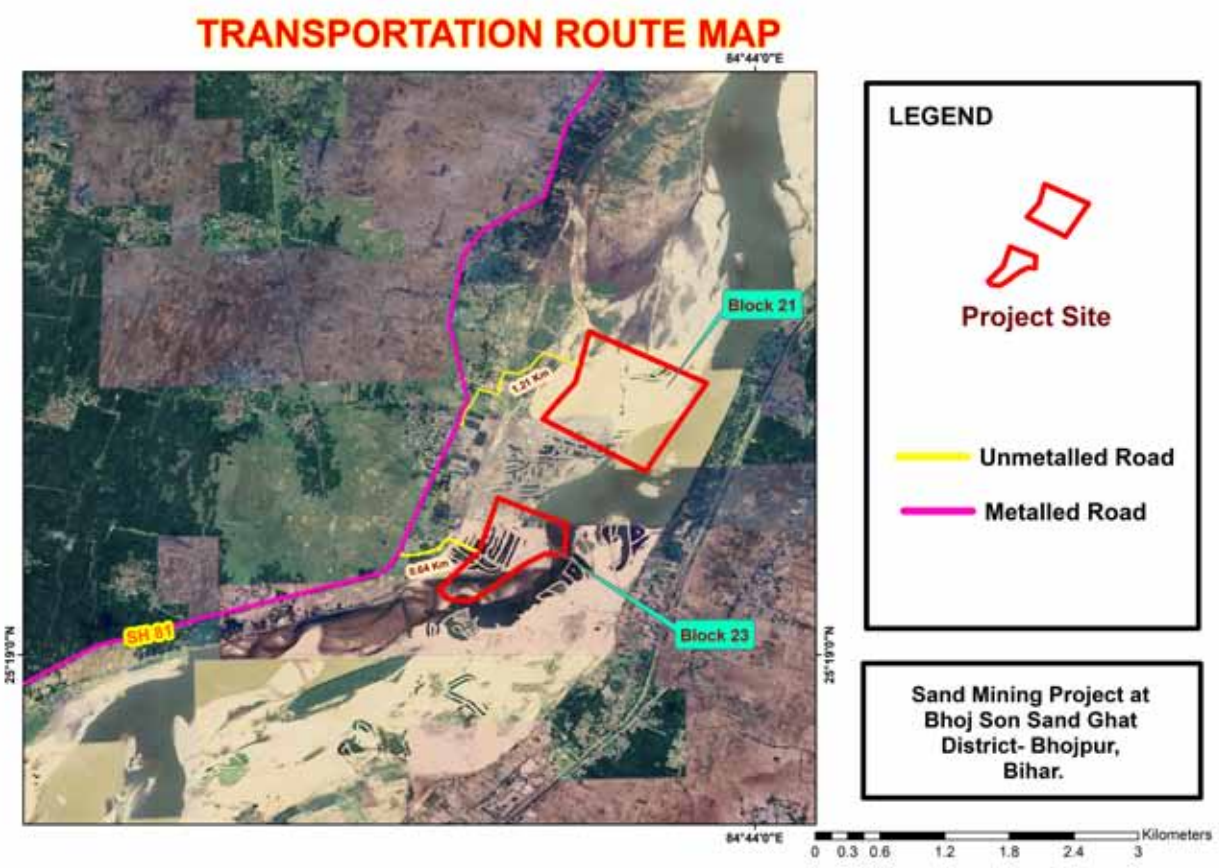

Figure 2.1:- Pillar Coordinate map of block 23

2.2.1 Lease / Block Area

The proposed project is Open Cast Semi-Mechanized Mining of Sand with a proposed production is given below in tabular form.

Sand Ghat Block	Area	Khata No	Khasra No	Production	Auction Cost
Block 23	46	132	465,466	1407600 TPA	13,66,20,000
Total				1407600 TPA	13,66,20,000

As per MoEF, New Delhi Gazette dated 14th September 2006 and amended thereof, the proposed mining project is categorized as Category 'B-1'. The estimated project cost for the proposed project is given in above table.

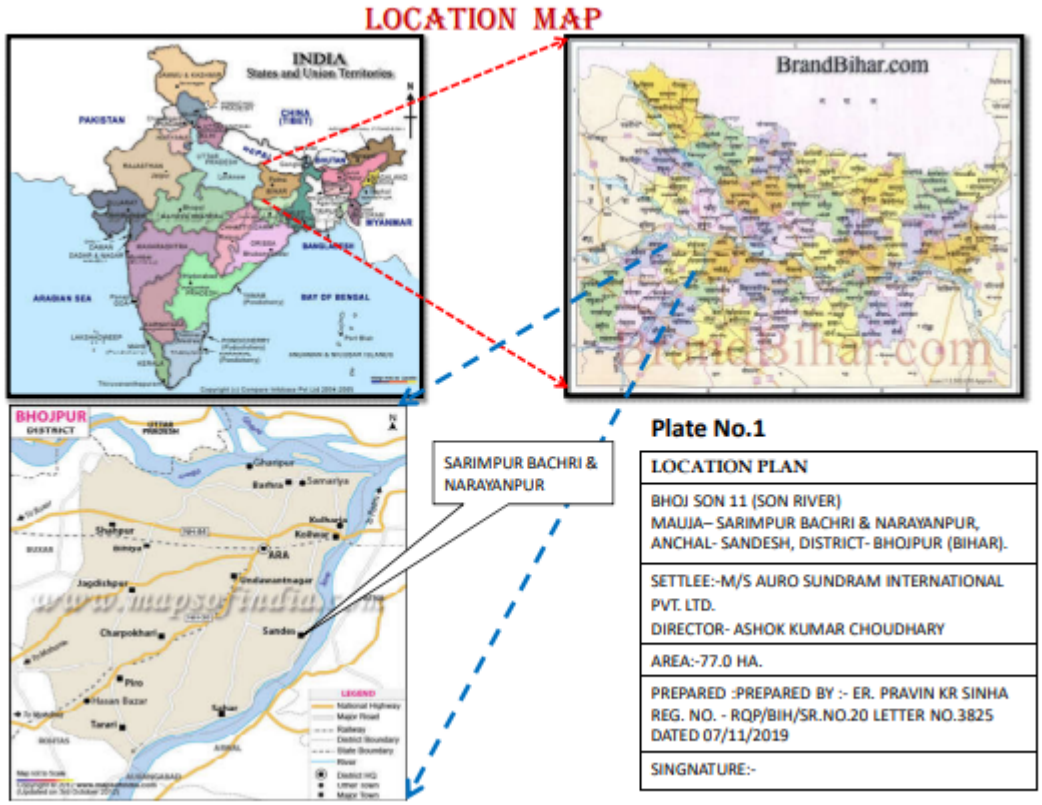

Figure 2.2:- Location map of the project site Block 23

2.3 TOPOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY

2.3.1 Topography

Bhojpur district is situated in the South Bihar alluvial plains. Bhojpur is an administrative district in the state of Bihar in India. The district headquarters are located at Arrah also known as Ara. The district occupies an area of 2,474 km² and has a population of 1,792,771 (as of 2001). Bhojpur district occupies an area of 2,395 square kilometres (925 sq mi), It is located at a longitude of 83° 45' to 84° 45' East and the latitude is 25° 10' to 25° 40' North and is situated at a height of 193 meters above sea level. The sand deposits of Bhojpur district of Bihar broadly form part and parcel of the flood plains of Ganga River as whole formed since geological ages.

The State of Bihar is transecting by a no. of rivers. The individual river basins and their catchment areas is shown in Fig. no. 1 below. The various sand mining lease areas (also referred to as sand Ghats) lie in the river bed of river Son which is a major tributary of river Ganga. They are formed in the Quaternary period of central Bihar Plains- the OAG (Older Alluvium Group) forming the highest terrace, in the Son-Ganga alluvial tract, and NAG (Newer Alluvium Group) forming younger terraces, as Older Flood Plains, are exposed all along the Alluvial Upland.

Ganga & Sone Valley Plains:

The river Son originates at an elevation of 600 m above msl near Amarkantak plateau in Madhya Pradesh (MP), and debouches in the river Ganga near Patna, Bihar. The total length of the river is 784 km, out of which about 500 km lies in MP, 82 km in Uttar Pradesh and the remaining 202 km in Bihar. The important tributaries of river Ganga are Son , Mahatwain, Dharda, Dhowa ,Mohani, Punpun, Morhar The total catchment area of the river is spread over 71,259 sq km. The river has a steep gradient with quick run-off and ephemeral regimes, becoming a roaring river with the rainwater in the catchment area, but turning quickly into a formidable stream. The river being wide and shallow leaves disconnected pools of water during summer (lean period).

The surface plan of the area is shown in Plate No-05.

2.3.2 GEOMORPHOLOGY

Bhojpur district is mainly covered with alluvium (Plate IV) and hard rocks of Vindhyan Supergroup are situated at the southwestern side beyond the district boundary. The north and northeast parts of the district are covered with Newer Alluvium and younger flood plains (diara formations) while the central and southern parts are covered with Older Alluvium and older flood plains. The entire area of the district has a general slope towards the north and northeast. The general elevation with respect to mean sea level is 50-90 m. The gradient is 0.6 m/km approximately from south to north. The north and northeast area of the district is pitted with oxbow lakes, meander scars with point bars left over by old Ganga channels. The local small rivers follow little yazoo pattern before entering the meander belt of river Ganga and flow few kilometers parallel to the southern levee of river Ganga.

Source: *https://cgwb.gov.in/District_Profile/Bihar/Bhojpur.pdf*

2.3.3 REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Regional Geology

Regionally the area constitutes a part of the Ganga River Basin.

The north-eastern part of Haryana is predominantly characterized by sedimentary lithology in the Sub-Himalayan zone comprising Subathus, Dagshais, Kasaulis and Siwaliks. A general Regional stratigraphic sequence in the area is given below

Showing the Geological Succession and their geographic distribution

Age	Geology	Occurrences
Quaternary	Alluvial Deposits (Sand, Clay, Silt, Fragments)	North Bihar Plain & Central Bihar Plain
Tertiary	Sand Stones & Clay Stones	North Champaran Hills
Gondwana	Coal Measures, Forming a series of Small outlier basins	Banka District
Vindhyans	Sandstones, Shales, Limestones, etc.	Parts of Bahbhua and Rohtas dist
Satpura	Schist, Phyllite, Quartzite	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Nalanda, Sheikhpura and Munger District
Proterozoic	Mica Schist, amphibolites, quartzite, granite, dolerite and pegmatite	Nawada, Jamui and Banka
Archaean	Gneisses, Granites, Schists, Phyllites, quartzite, amphibolites & intrusive all metamorphosed sedimentary and igneous rocks	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Jamui, Banka and Bhagalpur

2.3.4 LOCAL GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

The sand exposed in the River bed of Son and surrounding areas is the product of the deposition of the sediments brought and deposited in the flood plains of River Ganga. These sediments are of recent geological formation. The litho-units exposed within the river and

surrounding areas have formed as water borne sediments brought by flood water during rainy season every year and deposited in riverbed.

The litho units encountered in the riverbed and surrounding areas belongs to the Shivalik super groups. The size of the sediments towards the source i.e. host rock is course and at the tale end of the river the grain size is reduced to smaller sizes resulted in the formation of clay beds. The following sequences have been observed in the area, i.e. Top soil/ Alluvium followed by sand deposition

Source: Mining Plan

2.3.5 CLIMATE

Warm and humid climate prevails in the district. The temperature touches 390C on an average during the months of April and May, and that of the minimum 6.30C during the month of January. The monsoon starts mostly from the mid of June and continues up to the end of the September. From seventy years (1901- 1970) annual rainfall data it has been observed that the normal rainfall of the district is at 1080 mm/yr. The annual rainfall of the district varies within 1025.2 to 1106.2 mm. About 85.46 % of the total annual rainfall is received during monsoon period and the rest (only 14.54 % approximately) comes in the months of November to May of nonmonsoon period.

Source: *https://cgwb.gov.in/District_Profile/Bihar/Bhojpur.pdf*

2.4 GEOLOGICAL RESERVE

The geological reserves have been each stretches & for individual blocks. Geological reserves have been completed through cross sectional area method. The area of each section line is multiplied by strike influence to get the volume.

Proved Mineral Reserves (111): All quantities of sand occurring up to depth of 3m from surface has been considered as proved reserves.

Table-2.3:- Proved Mineral Reserves Block 23

Classification	Code	Quantity of Sand
A)Mineral Reserves		Cum
1)Proved Mineral Reserve	111	1380000

Total	**1380000**

Total Geological Reserve = **1380000 cum. or 2346000 tonnes.**

*Bulk density is 1.7 g/cm^3

Source Mining Plan

2.4.1 Mineable Reserves:

Mineable reserves have been computed up to 3m depth from surface. Benches having height 1.5m & width 6.0m drawn from the ultimate pit limit. Area of each benches have been calculated multiplied by strike influence to get the volume. The volume multiplied by bulk density (1.7 g/cm3) to get the tonnage.

The minerals excavated from the river bed will be replenished gradually during the monsoon season every year. And the area pertaining to paleochannels of the river will be leveled & restored back.

Table-2.4:- Summary of minable reserves of Bhojpur Son 23 Sand Ghat as below (the bulk density multiply by 1.7)

Table 2.5 Block 23

Bench Level (mRL)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Volume (cum)	Tonnes
66-64.5	1069	385	1.5	617348	1049492
64.5-63	1059	375	1.5	595688	1012670
Total				1213035	2062162

Total Mineable Reserve = 1213035 CUM or 2062162 Tonnes

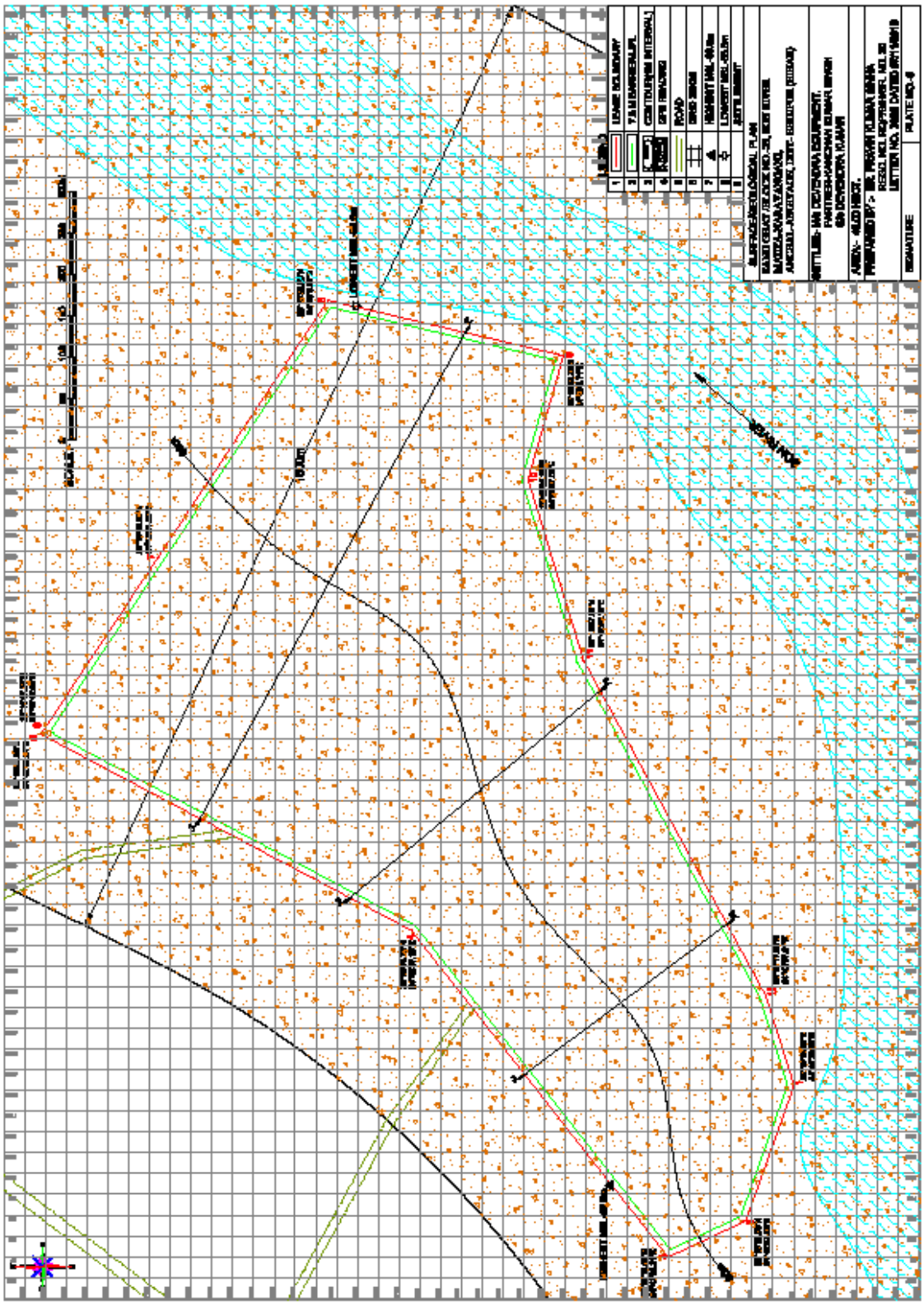

Figure 2.3:- Surface cum Geological Section of Block 23

2.4.2 Type Of Mining

- Mining will be done as per the guidelines of Bihar Mineral (Concession Prevention of illegal Mining Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2019.
- This is an open-cast mining project. The operation will be semi-mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck /tractors combination or Manually etc. The sand will be collected in its existing form.
- Sand Mining will be carried out only upto a depth of 3 m bgl or above ground water level (whichever is less), for river bed block.
- No drilling /blasting are required as the material is loose in nature.
- Proper benching of 1.5 m height and 6m width will be maintained for mining blocks as per guideline M.M.R-2019, under rule 115(1).
- Mining will be done only during the day time and completely stopped during the monsoon season.

2.4.3 Year Wise Production Schedule:

The bench wise annual exploitation of sand from Bhojpur Block 23 Sand Ghat are given below :-

Table 2.7: Year wise Production Details of Sand Ghat 23

YEAR	ROM sand (cum)
1st Year	**828000**
2nd Year	**828000**
3rd Year	**828000**
4th Year	**828000**
5th Year	**828000**
Total	**41,40,000**

The annual extractable RBM comes to **828000 CUM or 1407600 Tonnes**. It will be replenished after rainy season every year.

Source: Mining Plan

2.5 Conceptual Mining Plan

Mine Applied Area will be worked for Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat. However, as the digging depth will be restricted to 3.0 m only. This will be further replenished during rainy season. Sand Ghat will be worked systematically as the width is limited while length is much more. As the lease period is only 5 (Five) years, some of the area will be left un-worked at the end of lease period.

(i) Final Slope Angle to Be Adopted: Height of the bench is limited to 1.5 m while width of individual bench shall be kept 6.0m. River bank side will be protected by working in dry part of the river and by leaving safety distance of the width of the river of 5 meter. Bank side natural slope will not be disturbed. This will prevent collapse of bank and erosion. However, the height of the bank with respect to river bed is varying from 3-4 meters.

(ii) During plan period workings will be carried out in the Sand Ghat at a time of the Applied Area simultaneously. Scattered workings will ensure safety, remove congestion of vehicles and will have better control and management.

(iii)Ultimate Capacity of Dumps: There will be no OB removal / during the plan period. Therefore no proposal has been envisaged for its separate dumping. No outside material will be filled up in the extracted zone.

The conceptual plan & section of each mining plots are attached with mine plan.

2.6.0 Anticipated life of mine

There is as such no specific life of the mine as the area under reference is inactive part of river bed of the river and its pale channels and whatever quantity of minor minerals are extracted from the Applied Area during five year; almost equal to extracted quantity of the same are replenished every year and the river bed area will be leveled & restored back.. However, as lease has been granted for 5 years, mining will be done for the allotted time.

2.6.1 Waste –disposal arrangement

No waste as such will be generated at the site as all materials are saleable. If, at all silt clay will be generated along with the minerals will be used to dispose off in the low lying areas as spread, where plantation will be done after spreading top soil on it.

2.7 GENERAL FEATURES

2.7.1 Land-use pattern

The mine lease area is flat river bed and river banks. There is no forest land or agriculture land in the mine lease area. The entire mining lease lies within River.

2.7.2 Surface drainage pattern

The mine site lie on the dry bed of Son River so there will be no impact on surface water.

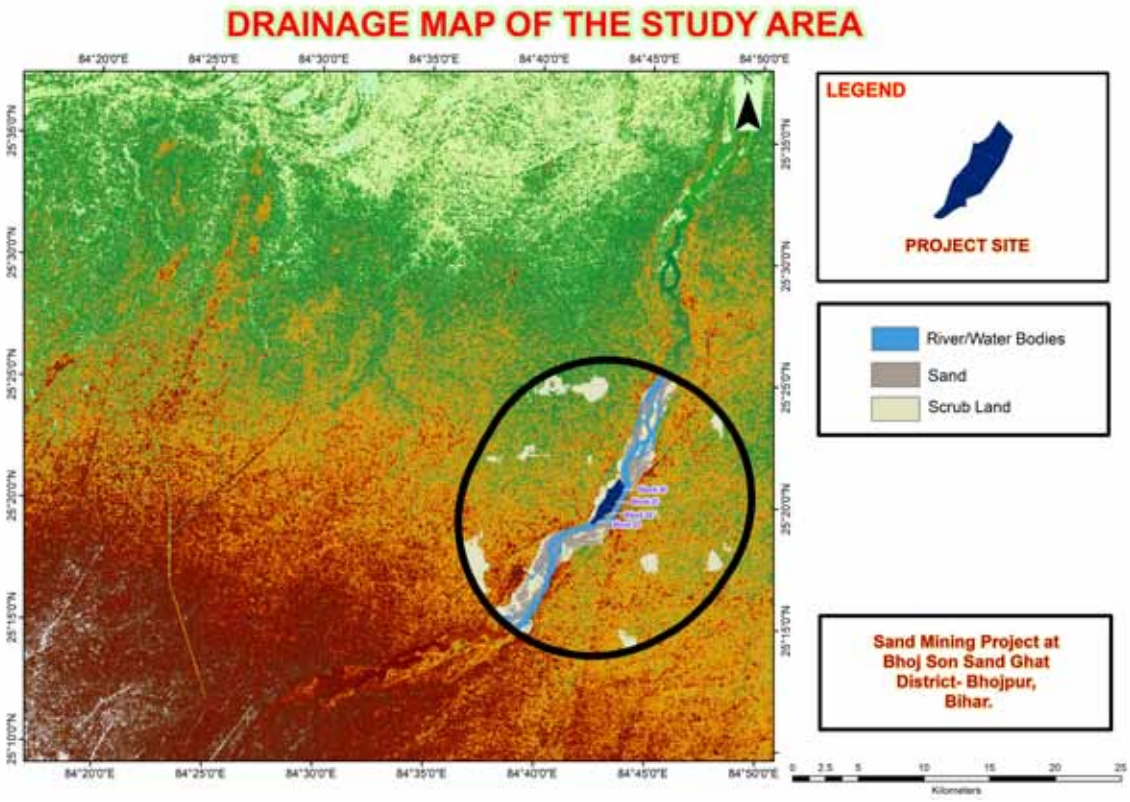

Fig-2.5, Drainage map

2.7.3 Man power requirement

The manpower requirement for the proposed project will be around 81 who will be utilized for excavation & loading of minerals into trucks or tractor-trolleys. Break-up of Man-power requirement is given in below **Table 2.8.**

Table 2.9 Manpower Requirement in Block 23

S. No.	Category	Numbers
1.	Administration	2
2.	Supervisor	4
3.	Skilled	15
4.	Un-skilled	60
TOTAL		**81**

2.7.4 Water supply

Water requirement for the proposed project will be provided for the workers for drinking & domestic purpose. Water will also be provided for dust suppression. Fresh water will be only used for drinking purpose. The break up for water requirement is given below:

TABLE 2.10 BLOCK 23

Activity	Calculation	Round off Figure in KLD
Drinking	@ 10 lpcd per labor 10*81/1000= 0.81 KLD	0.81
Dust Suppression	**Total approach road to be water sprinkled** =640 m for block 23 640 m*6m*0.5 *2 times 3840/1000= 3.84 KLD	3.84
Plantation	460 plant (during plan period) @ 5 L/per plant= 460*5lts= 2,300 /1000= 2.3 KLD	2.3
Total		**6.95 or 7 KLD**

The water will be supplied from available sources from nearby village.

2.7.5 Site services

The following facilities/amenities will be extended by the mine management under site services:

- A temporary rest shelter will be provided for the workers near to the site for rest.
- Provisions will also be made for following in the rest shelter:

v First aid box will be made available at the site. In emergency worker.

- Sanitation facility i.e. septic tank or community toilet facility will be provided for the workers.
- Mask and gloves distribution to the workers.

2.7.6 Extent of mechanization

The operation will be open cast semi- mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck /tractors combination or Manually etc. The sand will be collected in its existing form.

2.7.7 Statutory requirements

It is accepted that effective resource management cannot be done in isolation. The proponent therefore vigorously pursues approaches towards coordination and integration where possible, so as to lead to coordinated regulatory systems.

Various acts dealing with matters relating to the conservation and protection of the environment and which a holder of a mining authorization must also take cognizance of include inter alia, the following:

- Bihar Minor Mineral Concession Rule, 2014 amended till date.
- The Mines Act, 1952.
- The Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- Mines Rules, 1955.
- Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.
- Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988.
- The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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3.0 General

The main objective of describing the environment which may be potentially affected, are i) to assess present environmental quality and the environmental impacts and ii) to identify environmentally significant factors that could preclude mine development.Mining activities affect the existing status of environment at site. In order to maintain the existing environmental status at mining site it is essential study existing environmental status and assess the impact of upcoming project on various environmental components. This chapter gives idea of description of environment status of the study area and this will be helpful for assessment of impact on the environment due to proposed mining activities.Baseline environmental status in and around proposed mining lease area describe the existing conditions of air, noise, water, soil, biological and socio-economic environment. The proposed project as a center, a radial distance of 10 km is considered as study area for baseline data collection and environmental monitoring. The data was collected for various environmental attributes so as to compute the impacts that are likely to arise due to proposed development activity.

3.0.1 Study area & study period

The proposed project as a center, a radial distance of 10 km is considered as study area for baseline data collection and environmental monitoring. The baseline environment quality was carried out over a radial distance of 10 km around the mining lease area during the months of Dec 2022,Jan-Feb 2023.

3.0.2 Methodology

Base line attributes like ambient air, water, meteorology, noise, Soil, Ecology and Biodiversity & Socio Economy condition were collected as per approved term of reference. Secondary data was also collected from various government department as well as local people. Methodology adopted in this study is as follows.

- By setting up meteorological station near project site
- Collection of site specific meteorological data at the mine site.
- Installation of respiratory dust samplers (for PM_{10}, $PM_{2.5}$) at different location in the study area for the collection of primary air pollutant and analyze the existing air conditions.
- Carrying out a detailed biological study for the Core and Buffer Zone

- Soil sample were collected from various location in the study area to analyze physical and chemical characteristics for assessment of impact on soil.
- Surface and Ground water samples were also collected from the various locations in the study area for analysing the existing water quality in the study area.
- Noise measurement has been done in core zone as well as buffer zone to analyze the existing situation in the study area.
- Literature review that includes identification of relevant data and articles from various publications, various government agencies and other sources for socio-economy, demography has been done with primary data collection in 10 km of the study area.
- Existing pollution load has been also identified in the buffer zone due to similar activities.
- Accordingly, field studies were carried out during the study period (Dec 2022, Jan-Feb 2023) to establish the existing baseline conditions.

3.1 Land Environment of the Study area

Land use

Land use involves he management and modification of natural environment or wilderness in to built environment such as settlements and semi-natural habitats such as arable fields, pastures, and managed woods. It also has been defined as "the total of arrangements, activities and inputs that people undertake in a certain land cover type.

Land cover

Land cover is the physical material at the surface of the earth. Land covers include grass, asphalt, trees, bare ground, water, etc. Earth cover is the expression used by ecologist Frederick Edward Clements that has its closest modern equivalent being vegetation. The expression continues to be used by the Bureau of Land Management.

To assess the land use pattern surrounding the 10 km radius of the site, a detailed study was carried out. The land use pattern study reveals that the 10 km environs is predominantly agricultural land. The land use details are given in **Table- 3.1** and shown in **Figure-3.1.**

Table 3.1: Land Use Cover of the Project Study Area

Landuse Type	Area (Ha)	Area (%)
Scrub Land	3190.31	8.26
Forest	507.74	1.31
River/Water Bodies	1424.05	3.69
Settlement	4060.22	10.51
Sand	1692.27	4.38
Agriculture	27760.43	71.85
AREA	**38635.02**	**100.00**

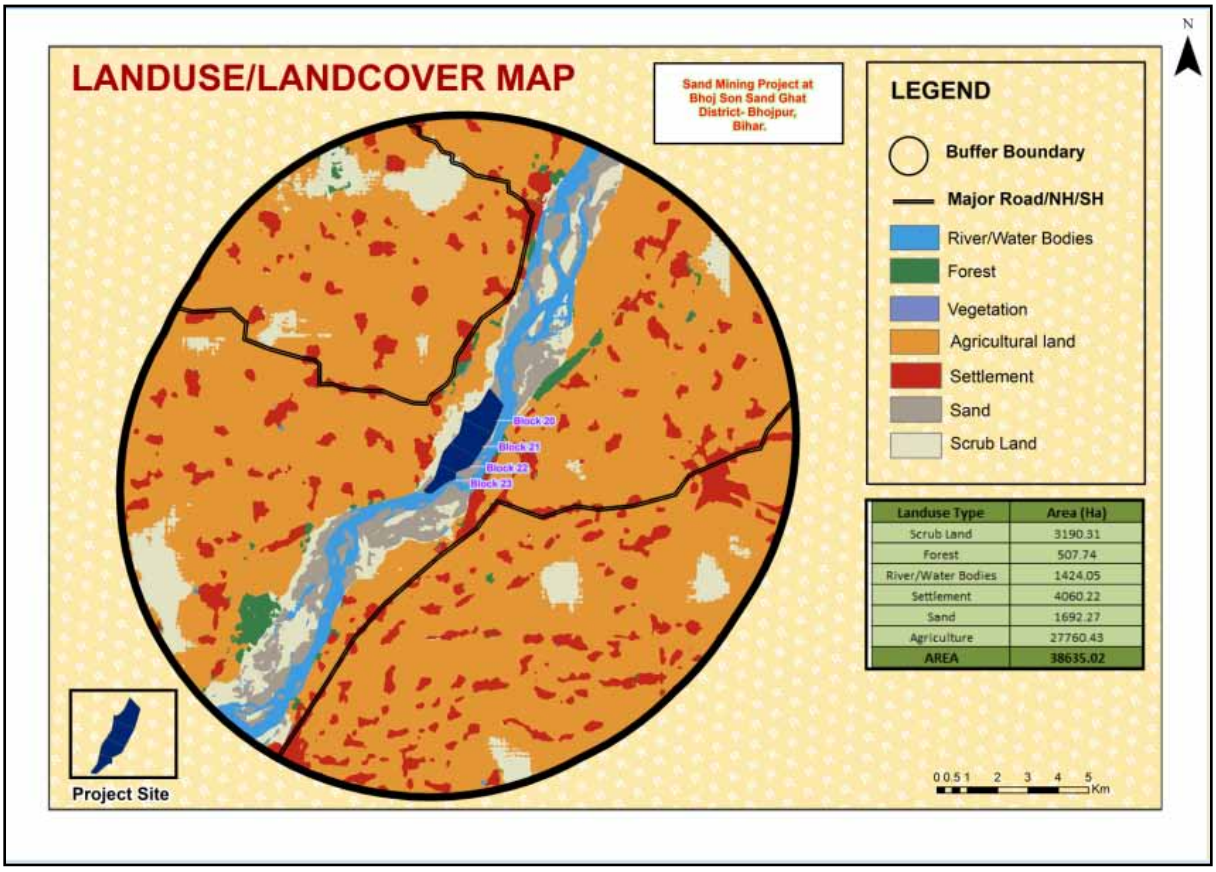

FIGURE 3.1: LAND USE COVER OF THE PROJECT STUDY AREA

3.2 Water Environment

Water quality assessment is one of the essential components of EIA study. Such assessment helps in evaluating the existing health of water body and suggesting appropriate mitigation measures to minimize the potential impact from development projects. Water quality of ground water has been studied in order to assess proposed water-uses in construction, drinking, cooling and horticulture purpose.

The water quality at the site and other locations within the 10 km impact zone was monitored during Dec 2022 to February 2023. The water sampling locations marked within the study are presented in **Table 3.2** and **Figure 3.2** and the result of the monitoring and analysis are presented in the **Table 3.3** showing Water Quality Monitoring Locations marked within the Study Area.

Table 3.2: WaterSampling Locations

Water (Ground) Monitoring Locations		
GW 1	Mahabalipur	0.5 Km,ESE
GW 2	Jalpura	4.70 Km,NE
GW 3	Kori	6.11 Km,NW
GW 4	Bargaon	5.83 Km, WSW
GW 5	Shrirampur	4.23 Km, SE

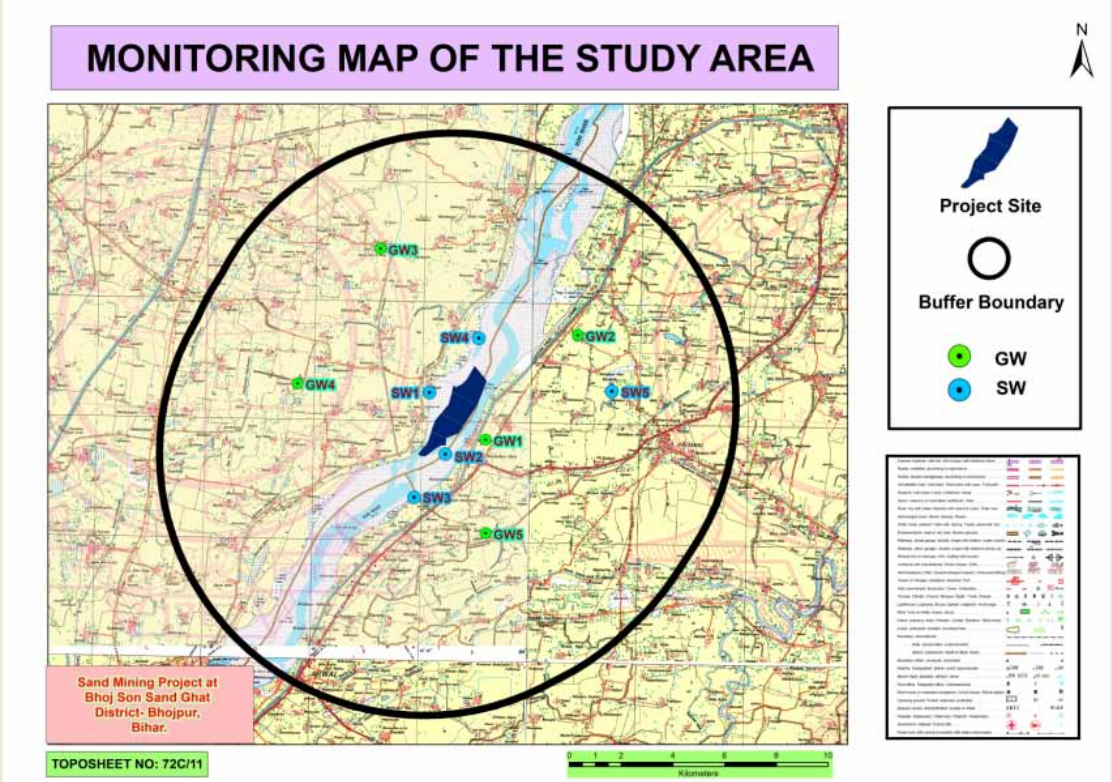

Figure 3.2 Water Sampling Location Map

Table 3.3 Ground Water Quality Monitoring Result

S. No.	Parameter	GW1	GW2	GW3	GW4	GW5	Requirement (Acceptable Limit)	Permissible Limit in absence of alternate source
Physical Parameters								
1.	pH (at 25 ^{0}C)	7.46	7.61	7.70	7.65	7.66	6.5-8.5	-
2.	Colour (Hazen Unit)	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	15
3.	Turbidity (NTU)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	5
4.	Odour	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable
5.	Taste	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	-
Chemical Parameters								
6.	Total Hardness as $CaCO_3$ (mg/L)	205	215	244	304	350	200	600
7.	Calcium as Ca (mg/L)	42.80	35.10	30.50	28.60	40.20	75	200
8.	Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$(mg/L)	145.02	151.38	162.12	157.34	163.70	200	600
9.	Chloride as Cl (mg/L)	33.94	38.58	37.52	34.66	41.65	250	103000
10.	Cyanide as CN (mg/L)	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.05	No Relaxation
11.	Magnesium as Mg (mg/L)	12.56	9.67	8.94	10.12	11.36	30	100
12.	Total Dissolved Solids(mg/L)	364.0	385	436.0	351.35	421.0	500	2000
13.	Sulphate as SO_4 (mg/L)	30.49	36.57	28.27	25.89	32.24	200	400
14.	Fluoride as F (mg/L)	0.59	0.83	0.56	0.076	0.11	1.0	1.5
15.	Nitrate as NO_3 (mg/L)	7.54	8.87	6.94	8.62	6.65	45	No Relaxation
16.	Iron as Fe (mg/L)	0.116	0.154	0.172	0.132	0.124	0.3	No Relaxation
17.	Aluminium as Al (mg/L)	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.03	0.2
18.	Boron (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.5	1.0
19.	Chromium as Cr (mg/L)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.05	No Relaxation
20.	Conductivity (µS/cm)	568	601	680	548	656	1.500	-
21.	Phenolic Compounds (mg/L)	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	<0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.002
22.	Mineral Oil (mg/L)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	0.5	No Relaxation
23.	Anionic Detergents as MBA (mg/L)	<0.02	< 0.02	< 0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.2	1.0

24.	Zinc as Zn (mg/L)	0.134	0.141	0.122	0.157	0.154	-	15
25.	Copper as Cu (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.05	1.5
26.	Manganese as Mn (mg/L)	< 0.10	< 0.10	< 0.10	<0.10	< 0.10	0.1	0.3
27.	Cadmium as Cd (mg/L)	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	<0.001	< 0.001	0.003	No Relaxation
28.	Lead as Pb (mg/L)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.001	< 0.01	0.01	No Relaxation
29.	Selenium as Se (mg/L)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	0.01	No Relaxation
30.	Arsenic as As (mg/L)	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	<0.01	< 0.01	0.01	No Relaxation
31.	Mercury as Hg (mg/L)	<0.001	< 0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	No Relaxation
32.	Total Coliform (MPN/100 mL)	<2/100ml	<2/100ml	<2/100ml	<2/100ml	<2/100ml	Absent/250ml	
Microbiological Parameters								
33.	*E. coli* (CFU/100mL)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent/250ml	

Observation:

Analysis of results of ground water reveals the following: -

- pH varies from 7.46at to 7.70.
- Total hardness varies from 205 mg/l to 350 mg/l .
- Total dissolved solids vary from 351.38 mg/l to 436 mg/l.

The ground water from all sources remains suitable for drinking purposes as all the constituents are within the limits prescribed by drinking water standards promulgated by Indian Standards IS: 10500.

3.2 (b) SURFACE WATER

Three surface water samples were collected from the study area. The location of surface water samples is given in Table 3.3 (iii). The physio-chemical analysis of the these samples are given in the Table 3.3 (iv)

Table 3.4: Surface water sampling locations

Surface Water Monitoring Locations		
SW1	Project Site (Block 21)	-----
SW 2	Project Site (Block 23)	-----
SW 3	River Son (Upstream)	-----
SW 4	River Son (Downstream)	-----
SW 5	Pond near Fatehpur Village	5.0 Km,NE

Table 3.5: Physio-chemical properties of surface water

TEST RESULTS								
S. No	**Parameter**	**Test Method**	**Units**	**SW1**	**SW2**	**SW3**	**SW4**	**SW5**
1.	pH (at 25^0C)	IS:3025(Part-11)	---	7.37	7.61	7.29	7.11	7.62
2.	Temperature	IS:3025(Part-9)	^{0}C	24.0	23.0	24.0	22.0	24.0
3.	Turbidity	IS:3025(Part-10)	NTU	1.83	2.4	1.93	1.36	15.6
4.	Electric Conductivity @25^0C	IS:3025(Part-14)	µS/cm	318	410	350	217	312
5.	Sulphate (SO_4)	IS:3025(Part-24)	mg/l	11.6	48.2	14.0	10.9	12.01
6.	Nitrate (NO_3)	IS:3025(Part-34)	mg/l	5.7	3.8	6.21	4.65	6.60
7.	Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	IS:3025(Part-21)	mg/l	182	290	210.5	134.0	132
8.	Chloride (as Cl)	IS:3025(Part-32)	mg/l	8.92	9.41	9.87	8.98	12.4
9.	Fluoride (as F)	APHA 4500F	mg/l	0.4	0.6	0.12	0.14	0.21
10.	COD (as O_2)	APHA-5220 B	mg/l	23.41	21.54	23.69	24.81	25.0
11.	Iron (as Fe)	IS:3025(Part-53)	mg/l	0.351	1.18	0.492	0.3	0.164
12.	Dissolve Oxygen	IS-3025(Part-38)	mg/l	7.12	8.62	8.7	8.2	6.2
13.	Total Dissolved Solid	IS:3025(Part-16)	mg/l	190.8	190.7	190.9	190.5	200
14.	BOD (3 days at 27^0C)	IS:3025 (P-44)	mg/l	2.9	2.19	2.12	2.17	5.20
15.	Calcium (as Ca)	IS:3025(Part-40)	mg/l	72.5	71.84	45.96	59.86	46.49
16.	Magnesium (as Mg)	IS:3025(Part-46)	mg/l	13.96	16.97	9.7	12.50	17.50
17	Lead (as Pb)	IS:3025(Part-47)	mg/l	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)
18	Copper (as Cu)	IS:3025(Part-42)	mg/l	BDL (<0.05)	BDL (<0.05)	BDL (<0.05)	BDL (<0.05)	BDL (<0.05)
19	Zinc (as Zn)	IS:3025(Part-49)	mg/l	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)	BDL (<0.01)
20	Manganese (as Mn)	IS:3025(Part-59)	mg/l	BDL (<0.10)	BDL (<0.10)	BDL (<0.10)	BDL (<0.10)	BDL (<0.10)
21	Sodium (as Na)	IS:3025(Part-45)	mg/l	26.0	54.0	27.4	26.0	23.5
22	Potassium (as K)	IS:3025(Part-45)	mg/l	1.2	4.0	1.8	1.6	1.8
23	Total Alkalinity (as $CaCO_3$)	IS:3025(Part-23)	mg/l	176	210	180	172	155
24	Phosphate (as P)	IS:3025(Part-31)	mg/l	0.24	0.36	0.25	0.19	0.21
25	Nitrite (as NO_2)	IS:3025(Part-34)	mg/l	0.15	0.22	0.18	0.14	0.14
26	Total Suspended Solid	IS:3025(Part-17)	mg/l	8.04	9.41	8.70	10.2	12.4
27	Faecal Coliform	IS-1622	MPN/100 ml	1400	2100	1200	1500	1000
28	Total Coliform	IS-1622	MPN/100 ml	1800	4000	1500	2200	1800

3.2.1 Sampling frequency

Parameters for analysis of water quality were selected based on the utility of the particular source of water as per CPCB guidance. Surface water quality was monitored for parameters as per Methods of Monitoring & Analysis published by CPCB and it was rated according to the CPCB Water Quality Criteria against A, B, C, D & E class of water. Water samples were collected as Grab water sample from sampling location for complete physico-chemical and

bacteriological tests respectively. The samples were analyzed as per standard procedure / method given in IS: 10500.

The surface water quality is compared with CPCB water quality criteria mentioned in **Table 3.4** below:

Table 3.6, Water quality criteria as per Central Pollution Control Board

Designated-Best-Use	Class of water	Criteria
Drinking Water Source without conventional treatment but after disinfection	A	Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 50 or less pH between 6.5 and 8.5 Dissolved Oxygen 6mg/l or more Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 2mg/l or less
Outdoor bathing (Organized)	B	Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 500 or less; pH between 6.5 and 8.5; Dissolved Oxygen 5mg/l or more Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 3mg/l or less
Drinking water source after conventional treatment and disinfection	C	Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 5000 or less; pH between 6 to 9; Dissolved Oxygen 4mg/l or more Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 3mg/l or less
Propagation of Wild life and Fisheries	D	pH between 6.5 to 8.5 Dissolved Oxygen 4mg/l or more Free Ammonia (as N) 1.2 mg/l or less
Irrigation, Industrial Cooling, Controlled Waste disposal	E	pH between 6.0 to 8.5 Electrical Conductivity at 25°C micro mhos/cm Max.2250 Sodium absorption Ratio Max. 26 Boron Max. 2mg/l
	Below-E	Not Meeting A, B, C, D & E Criteria

As per the standard practice, one sample from each station was taken in January. Sampling was done by standard sampling technique as per the Standard Methods. Necessary precautions were taken for preservation of samples.

3.2.2 Result & Conclusion:

Surface water Observation:

- The analysis results indicate that the pH ranges between 7.11 and 7.62.
- Dissolved Oxygen (DO) was observed in the range of 6.2 to 8.7 mg/l against the minimum requirement of 4 mg/l.
- BOD values were observed to be in the range of 2.17 to 5.20 mg/l.
- Total Coliform examination of surface water samples revealed the presence of total coliform in range of 4000 MPN/100 ml to 1500 MPN/100 ml .

  Based on the results it is evident that most of the parameters of the samples comply with 'Category 'C' standards of CPCB (Table 3.5) are indicating their suitability for only Drinking water source after conventional treatment and disinfections.

3.3 Air Environment

Meteorology is the key to understand the air quality. The essential relationship between meteorology and atmospheric dispersion involves the wind in the broadest sense. Wind fluctuations over a very wide range of time, accomplish dispersion and strongly influence other processes associated with them.

A meteorological station was set up at the proposed mine premises. Meteorological data was generated during the winter season and shown in **Table-3.5**

The following parameters were recorded at hourly intervals continuously during monitoring period, except rainfall which was recorded on daily basis.

- Wind speed
- Wind Direction
- Air Temperature

Table-3.7, Summarized project site meteorological data for Winter Season

Month	Temperature °C		Wind Speed (Km/Hr)	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
DEC 2022	10	20	1	24
JANUARY 2023	05	19	1	26
FEBRUARY 2023	12	22	2	32

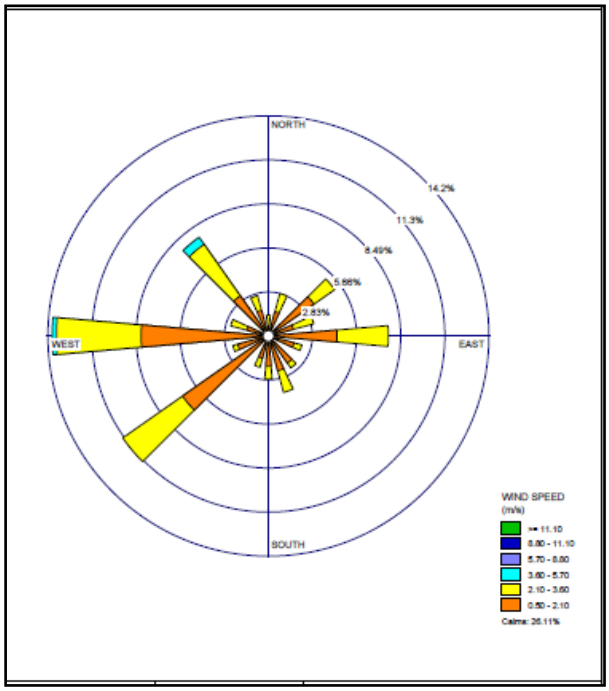

Figure 3.3: Wind Rose Diagram (at site)

3.3.1 Secondary Data Collected from IMD

Secondary data from IMD- Patna been collected for temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, wind speed and direction. The data at IMD is usually measured twice a day viz., at 0830 and 1730 hr.

The meteorological data is collected from the IMD- Patnais about 40 km from project site, which is the nearest operating IMD station to the project site. The data collected from IMD includes wind speed, wind direction, temperature, relative humidity and rainfall for the year 1981-2010. The monthly maximum, minimum and average values are collected for all the parameters except wind speed and direction. The collected data is tabulated in **Table-3.6**

When the data generated at project site is compared with the data recorded at IMD, it is observed that the data generated at the site is broadly in comparison with regional meteorology, except for minor variations as described above.

3.3.2 Comparison of primary and secondary data

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) records the data twice a day viz. 0830 hr and 1730 hr while the site-specific data has been recorded at an hourly interval. On comparison of site specific data generated for study period vis-à-vis the IMD data, slight variations were observed. The following observations are brought out:

When the data generated at project site is compared with the data recorded at IMD, it is observed that the data generated at the site is broadly in comparison with regional meteorology, except for minor variations as described above such as predominant wind direction is NW at IMD while at project site predominant wind direction is West.

3.3.3 Ambient Air Quality

The ambient air quality was monitored in the impact area as per MoEF& CC guidelines. The study area represents entirely rural environment. The prime objective of the baseline air quality study was to assess the ambient air quality of the mining lease area.

METHOD OF MONITORING

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has published comprehensive document on emission testing regulations ("Emission Regulations Part-3, 1985"). Those procedures relevant to the particulate monitoring are summarized in Table

Methods adopted for PM2.5, PM10, SO2 and NOX (as NO2)

Parameters	Technique	Technical Protocol	Minimum Detectable Limit
PM2.5	Gravimetric method	US EPA Method	5 (µg/m3)
PM10	Gravimetric method	IS 5182 (Part-XXIII)	5 (µg/m3)
Sulphur Dioxide	West and Gaeke	IS-5182 (Part-II)	3 (µg/m3)
Nitrogen Oxide	Jacob & Hochheiser	IS-5182 (Part-VI)	7 (µg/m3)

i. Particulate Matter (PM):-

The CPCB method and IS 5182 (Part-XXIII) adopt a very similar approach to particulate sampling. There are some differences in the expressions used, but they are generally of no practical significance. It is recommended that CPCB method is adapted.

ii. Equipment calibration:

For accurate testing of emission sources, the components of the sampling train is calibrated by outsource and supplier (Master Calibrator) standards and solutions are used, calibrated under certified reference material.

3.3.4 Selection criteria for monitoring location

The baseline status of the ambient air quality has been assessed through a scientifically designed ambient air quality network. The design of monitoring network in the air quality surveillance programme has been based on the following consideration.

- Meteorological parameters including wind direction
- Topography of the study area
- Representative of regional background air quality for obtaining baseline status
- Representative of likely impact areas.

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM) stations were set up at 10 locations with due consideration to the above mentioned points. AAQM locations were selected in downwind, upwind as well as crosswind direction of the proposed mining lease area covering core and buffer zones. The details of the monitoring stations are given in **Figure 3.4** and shown in **Table-3.7**

Ambient air quality monitoring was carried out twice a week with a frequency of 24 hours for three months during the study period. The common air pollutant namely Particulate Matter-10 (PM_{10}) & $PM_{2.5}$, Sulphur-dioxide (SO_2) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_2) has been measured through a planned field monitoring.

The baseline values of the air pollutants of concern are presented in Tables below statistical parameters like minimum, maximum, average and 98th percentiles have been computed from the observed field data for all sampling stations and are given **Table-3.8, Table-3.9, Table-3.10& Table 3.11.** These are compared with the standards prescribed by Central PollutionControl Board (CPCB) for industrial, residential and rural zone.

Table 3.8: Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations

Air Monitoring Locations		
Location ID	**Location name**	**Distance (Km) and Direction**
AAQ 1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	0.40 Km,West
AAQ 2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	0.69 Km, NE (From Block 23)
AAQ 3	Mahabalipur	0.5 Km,ESE
AAQ 4	Paliganj	7.47 Km, NE
AAQ 5	Jalpura	4.70 Km,NE
AAQ 6	Kori	6.11 Km,NW
AAQ 7	Bargaon	5.83 Km, WSW
AAQ 8	Shrirampur	4.23 Km, SE
AAQ 9	Turkaul	8.27 Km, NW
AAQ 10	Muzaffarpur	6.39 Km, SW (From Block 23)

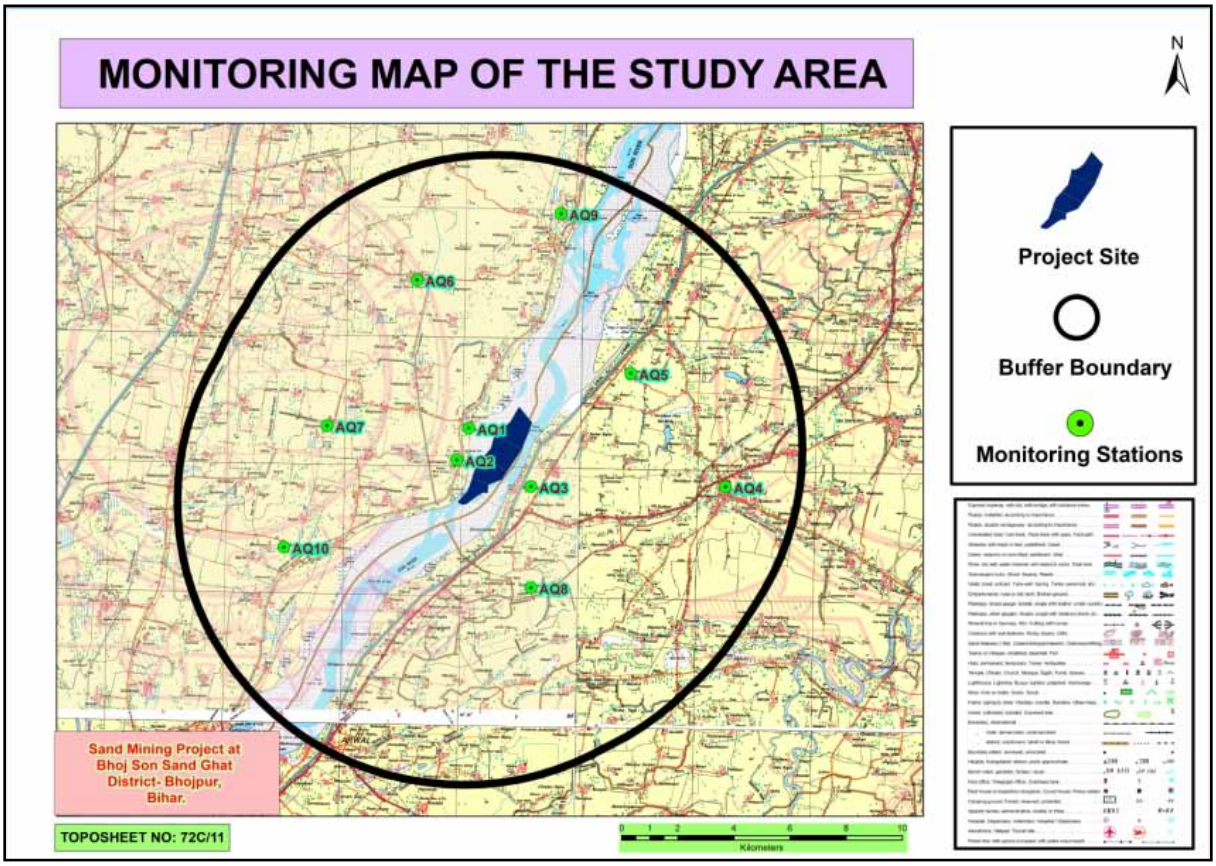

Figure 3.4 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations

Table-3.9: Ambient Air Quality in the Study Area PM2.5

Location Code	PM2.5 (µg/m^3)				
	Name of the station	**Min**	**Max**	**Average**	**98th Percentile**
AAQ1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	26.29	41.28	32.49	40.42
AAQ2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	**25.23**	40.54	30.94	39.99
AAQ3	Mahabalipur	34.21	**43.69**	39.08	42.85
AAQ4	Paliganj	27.06	41.21	34.12	41.19
AAQ5	Jalpura	25.72	38.63	30.38	38.44
AAQ6	Kori	26.37	38.91	32.07	38.91
AAQ7	Bargaon	28.42	40.27	34.40	39.74
AAQ8	Shrirampur	30.23	43.51	37.41	43.35
AAQ9	Turkaul	28.94	39.75	34.80	39.35
AAQ10	Muzaffarpur	25.41	34.68	30.12	33.88

Table-3.10: Ambient Air Quality in the Study Area PM10

Location Code	PM10 (µg/m^3)				
	Name of the	**Min**	**Max**	**Average**	**98thPercentile**

	station				
AAQ1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	66.85	**86.64**	75.43	86.03
AAQ2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	64.26	77.38	70.77	77.36
AAQ3	Mahabalipur	64.86	78.64	72.15	78.29
AAQ4	Paliganj	54.34	76.28	66.64	75.72
AAQ5	Jalpura	51.28	73.41	63.40	72.38
AAQ6	Kori	53.45	74.92	65.62	74.41
AAQ7	Bargaon	53.92	75.29	62.29	73.10
AAQ8	Shrirampur	56.71	77.38	66.10	76.73
AAQ9	Turkaul	65.82	76.52	70.16	76.47
AAQ10	Muzaffarpur	**50.92**	72.68	60.98	72.61

Table-3.11: Ambient Air Quality in the Study Area SO2

Location Code	SO2 (µg/m^3)				
	Name of the station	**Min**	**Max**	**Average**	**98th Percentile**
AAQ1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	6.28	7.35	6.90	7.35
AAQ2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	7.1	8.68	7.96	8.65
AAQ3	Mahabalipur	6.28	**12.97**	8.24	12.00
AAQ4	Paliganj	7.06	9.78	8.47	9.77
AAQ5	Jalpura	**6.23**	7.87	7.02	7.74
AAQ6	Kori	6.63	7.96	7.40	7.94
AAQ7	Bargaon	6.27	9.24	7.90	9.23
AAQ8	Shrirampur	7.29	9.38	8.35	9.35
AAQ9	Turkaul	7.25	10.15	8.84	10.13
AAQ10	Muzaffarpur	7.84	10.12	9.04	10.08

Table-3.12: Ambient Air Quality in the Study Area NO2

Location Code	NO2 (µg/m^3)				
	Name of the station	**Min**	**Max**	**Average**	**98th Percentile**
AAQ1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	8.72	11.53	10.20	11.48
AAQ2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	12.45	15.21	13.72	15.21
AAQ3	Mahabalipur	14.65	**19.87**	17.40	19.84
AAQ4	Paliganj	10.25	13.53	12.14	13.53
AAQ5	Jalpura	8.15	10.49	9.19	10.49
AAQ6	Kori	**8.03**	10.95	9.80	10.94
AAQ7	Bargaon	8.63	14.18	11.89	14.10
AAQ8	Shrirampur	10.27	13.06	11.81	13.05

AAQ9	Turkaul	12.26	15.58	13.96	15.48
AAQ10	Muzaffarpur	12.14	16.87	14.40	16.67

3.3.4.1 Baseline Scenario

Particulate Matter (PM2.5)

Fine particles include all types of combustion, including motor vehicles, power plants, residential wood burning, forest fires, agricultural burning, and some industrial processes. In general some of the important sources of particulate matter are mines. The following sources of particulate matter in the study area are identified:

- Emission due to vehicular movement
- Dust generation from ground or other mining operations

PM2.5 recorded within the study area was in the range of 25.23 µg/$m^3$to 43.69 µg/m^3. Table 3.3 were compared with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and found that all sampling stations recorded in the study area are within the applicable limits i.e., 60µg/m^3 for $PM_{2.5}$ for industrial, residential, rural and other areas.

Suspended Particulate Matter (PM10)

Suspended particulate matter in general terms is the particulate matter in suspension in ambient air. It includes dust, smoke etc. In general some of the important sources of suspended particulate matter are mines. The following sources of suspended particulate matter in the study area are identified:

- Emission due to vehicular movement
- Dust generation from ground or other mining operations

The minimum and maximum level of PM10 recorded within the study area was in the range of 50.92 µg/$m^3$to 86.64 µg/m^3. The 24 hourly average values of PM10 were compared with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and found that all sampling stations recorded in the study area are within the applicable limits i.e., 100 µg/m^3 for PM10 in industrial, residential, rural and other areas.

Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)

Sulphur dioxide gas is an inorganic gaseous pollutant. Sulphur dioxide emissions are expected to be emitted wherever combustion of any fuel containing Sulphur takes place. The Sulphur in the fuel will combine with oxygen to form Sulphur dioxide. The following sources of Sulphur dioxide in the study area are identified:

- Emissions from domestic/consumption of fuel (coal, diesel, etc)

Sulphur dioxide in atmosphere is significant because of its toxicity; Sulphur dioxide is capable of causing illness and lung injury. Further it can combine with water in the air to form toxic acid aerosols that can corrode metal surfaces, fabrics and the leaves of plants. Sulphur dioxide is an irritant to the eyes and respiratory system. Excessive exposure to Sulphur dioxide causes breathing related diseases as it affects the lungs.

The minimum and maximum concentration of SO_2 recorded within the study area was 6.23 µg/m^{3}to 12.97 µg/m^3.

The 24 hourly average values of SO_2 were compared with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and it was found that all sampling stations recorded values are below the applicable limits 80 µg/m^3 for Residential, Rural and other areas.

Oxides of Nitrogen (NO2)

The important sources of oxides of Nitrogen are from utilities and auto exhaust due to vehicular movement in mine lease area. The following sources of oxides of nitrogen in the study area are identified.

- Emissions from vehicular movements in the study area.

Oxides of Nitrogen in the presence of sunlight will undergo reactions with a number of organic compounds to produce all the effects associated with photochemical smog. NO2 has inherent ability to produce deleterious effects by themselves like toxicity. It causes asphyxiation when its concentration is great enough to reduce the normal oxygen supply from the air. The minimum and maximum level of NO2 recorded within the study area was in the range of was 8.03 µg/m^{3}to 19.87 µg/m^3.

The 24 hourly average values of NO_2 were compared with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and it was found that all sampling stations recorded values are below the applicable limits 80 µg/m^3 for Residential, Rural and other areas.

Ambient Air Quality in the Study Area, Free Silica

Location Code	Free silica (µg/m^3)		
	Name of the station	Min	Max
AAQ1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	1.25	1.45

AAQ2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	1.50	1.85
AAQ3	Mahabalipur	1.30	1.55
AAQ4	Paliganj	1.40	1.61
AAQ5	Jalpura	1.31	1.42
AAQ6	Kori	1.36	1.45
AAQ7	Bargaon	1.40	1.80
AAQ8	Shrirampur	1.35	1.63
AAQ9	Turkaul	1.38	1.66
AAQ10	Muzaffarpur	1.20	1.50

3.4 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

Soil may be defined as a thin layer of earth's crust, a medium for the growth of plants. The soil characteristics include both physical and chemical properties. The soil survey and soil sample were carried out / collected to assess the soil characteristics of the study area. Soil samples were collected from10 locations and analyzed as per CPCB norms. The soil sampling locations are marked in **Figure 3.5**and shown in **Table 3.12.** Thephysico-chemical characteristic of these soil samples is given in **Table 3.13.**

Table 3.13: Description of soil sampling locations

Soil monitoring locations		
SQ 1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	0.40 Km,West
SQ 2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	0.69 Km, NE (From Block 23)
SQ 3	Mahabalipur	0.5 Km,ESE
SQ 4	Paliganj	7.47 Km, NE
SQ 5	Jalpura	4.70 Km,NE
SQ 6	Kori	6.11 Km,NW
SQ 7	Bargaon	5.83 Km, WSW
SQ 8	Shrirampur	4.23 Km, SE

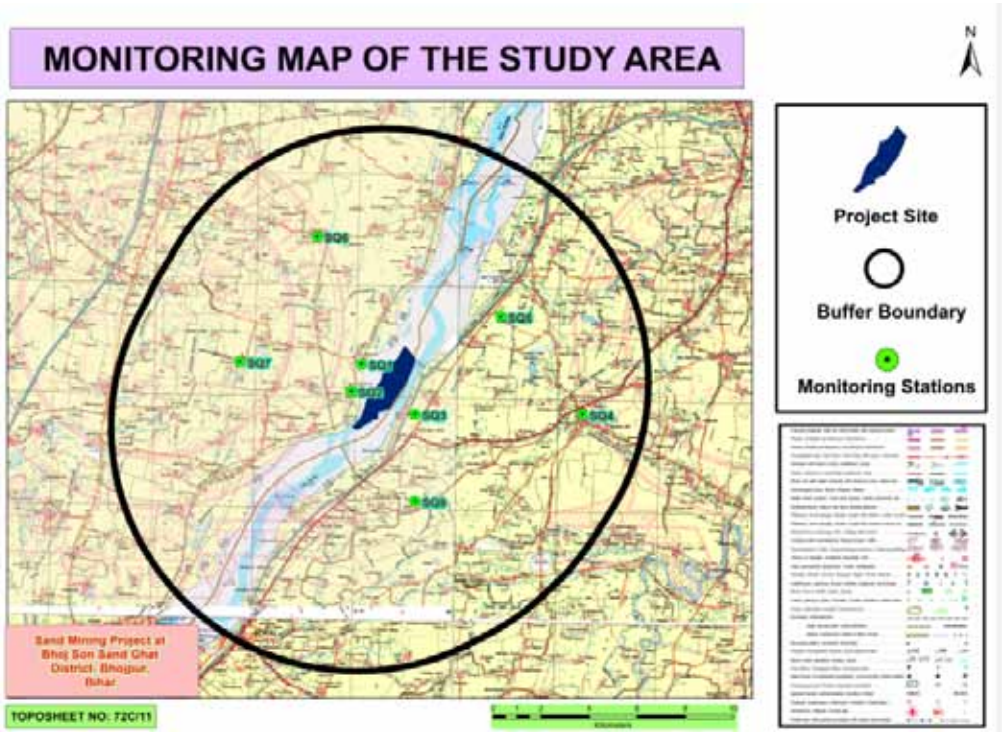

Figure 3.5, Soil Sampling Locations

Table 3.14 (a) :Physico-chemical properties of soil (SQ1-SQ4)

		Location	SQ1	SQ2	SQ3	SQ4
Sr. No.	**Parameters**	**Units**	**Results**	**Results**	**Results**	**Results**
1	pH	-	7.89	7.54	8.23	7.80
2	Conductivity	µmhos/cm	518.0	460.0	440.0	521.0
3	Sodium (as Na)	mg/kg	64.70	75.40	78.21	64.80
4	Water holding capacity	%	32.0	28.6	28.8	30.1
5	Potassium (as K)	mg/kg	298.0	260.5	254.0	278.2
6	Sand	%	85.00	86.50	89.00	85.40
7	Clay	%	8.00	4.80	3.60	4.60
8	Silt	%	7.00	8.70	7.40	10.0
9	Calcium (as Ca)	mg/kg	454.00	441.00	445.00	542.00
10	Magnesium (as Mg)	mg/kg	168.10	173.09	153.56	203.34
11	SAR	-	0.95	1.49	1.55	1.40
12	CEC	meq/100gm	2.12	2.12	2.34	2.20
13	Phosphorus (as P)	mg/kg	10.80	12.50	12.76	12.44
14	Organic carbon	%	0.43	0.41	0.35	0.42
15	Porosity	%	38.00	36.89	45.6	35.6
16	Permeability	cm/hr	1.82	1.60	1.88	1.76
17	Bulk Density	kg/cm^3	1.41	1.44	1.38	1.45
18	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	%	0.026	0.034	0.039	0.028

Table 3.14 (B) :Physico-chemical properties of soil (SQ5-SQ8)

		Location	SQ5	SQ6	SQ7	SQ8
Sr. No.	Parameters	Units	Results	Results	Results	Results
1	pH	-	7.64	7.51	7.49	7.35
2	Conductivity	µmhos/cm	398.0	410.0	421.0	374.0
3	Sodium (as Na)	mg/kg	58.21	78.63	71.91	56.20
4	Water holding capacity	%	34.45	32.87	35.18	32.10
5	Potassium (as K)	mg/kg	241.03	197.46	238.20	249.50
6	Sand	%	61.00	64.00	68.00	64.00
7	Clay	%	18.00	22.00	19.00	22.00
8	Silt	%	21.00	16.00	13.00	16.00
9	Calcium (as Ca)	mg/kg	298.06	240.35	276.12	280.00
10	Magnesium (as Mg)	mg/kg	67.29	65.91	63.75	74.10
11	SAR	-	0.97	0.94	0.98	1.08
12	CEC	meq/100gm	2.15	2.27	2.17	2.27
13	Phosphorus (as P)	mg/kg	10.84	10.93	11.23	12.80
14	Organic carbon	%	0.46	0.46	0.48	0.48
15	Porosity	%	40.98	42.81	38.63	46.20
16	Permeability	cm/hr	1.95	1.83	1.92	1.97
17	Bulk Density	kg/cm^3	1.38	1.42	1.35	1.28
18	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	%	0.041	0.036	0.025	0.045

Observations:

Samples collected from identified locations indicate the soil is sandy type and the pH value ranging from 7.35 to 8.23, which shows that the soil is alkaline in nature. Potassium is found to be from 197 mg/kg to 298 mg/kg.

3.5NOISE ENVIRONNENT

The noise levels within the study area were recorded using Sound Level Meter and noise monitoring results were compared with the Ambient Noise Quality Standard notified under Environment Protection Act, 1986. The levels recorded are as stated in **Table 3.15.** The noise level monitoring locations are marked in**Figure 3.6**and shown in **Table 3.14.**

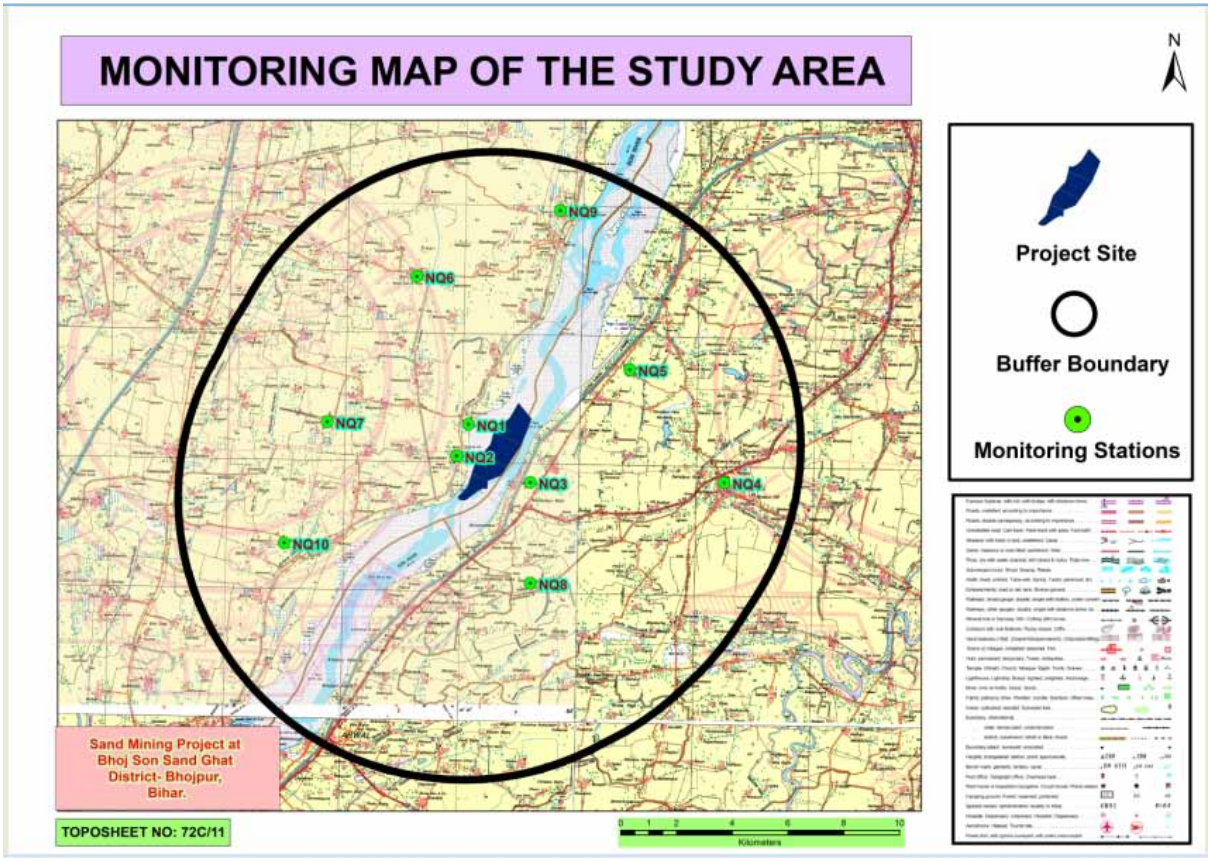

Figure 3.6 Noise Monitoring Stations

Table 3.15: NoiseQuality Monitoring Stations

Noise Monitoring Locations		
NQ 1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	0.40 Km,West
NQ 2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	0.69 Km, NE (From Block 23)
NQ 3	Mahabalipur	0.5 Km,ESE
NQ 4	Paliganj	7.47 Km, NE
NQ 5	Jalpura	4.70 Km,NE
NQ 6	Kori	6.11 Km,NW
NQ 7	Bargaon	5.83 Km, WSW
NQ 8	Shrirampur	4.23 Km, SE
NQ 9	Turkaul	8.27 Km, NW
NQ 10	Muzaffarpur	6.39 Km, SW (From Block 23)

Table 3.16: NoiseMonitoring Results

S. No.	Locations		Equivalent Noise Level, dB (A)			
			Limit (as per CPCB Guidelines),Leq, dB(A)		Observed value Leq, dB(A)	
			DAY*	NIGHT*	DAY*	NIGHT*
1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	Industrial Zone	75	70	58.9	46.4
2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	Residential Zone	55	45	50.2	43.0
3	Mahabalipur	Residential Zone	55	45	50.4	40.2
4	Paliganj	Residential Zone	55	45	51.1	40.1
5	Jalpura	Residential Zone	55	45	52.0	41.5
6	Kori	Residential Zone	55	45	51.5	38.8
7	Bargaon	Residential Zone	55	45	50.6	36.4
8	Shrirampur	Residential Zone	55	45	52.3	40.6
9	Turkaul	Residential Zone	55	45	53.4	42.5
10	Muzaffarpur	Residential Zone	55	45	50.1	41.8

Results

Noise monitoring reveals that the minimum & maximum noise levels at day time were recorded as 58.9 dB(A) to 50.1dB(A) respectively. The minimum&maximum noise levels at night time were found to be 46.4 dB (A) & 36.4 dB(A) respectively.

There are several sources in the 10 km radius of study area, which contributes to the local noise level of the area. On the commencement of the project, the sound from traffic activities will add to the ambient noise level of the area. This will be kept under check by taking proper suggestive measures.

3.6 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

3.6.1.1 Introduction

The ecological study reflects the potential of a regional ecosystem and its biological components. In India, the biological diversity of plants and animals varies from region to region on account of their diversity and density. Producers (plants), consumers (animals), and decomposers (microbes) govern the whole cycle of ecology. Plant and animals both are interdependent on each other.

The biological study is essential to understand the impact of any developmental project on the existing flora and fauna present in the study area. Hence, studies on various aspects of the ecosystem play an important role in identifying sensitive issues for undertaking appropriate action to mitigate the impact if required.

The Environment baseline data generation report in respect of flora-fauna has been prepared to assess the current ecology & biodiversity scenario of the area; and to carry out Environmental Management Plan based on the proposed project activities. The plan will identify and address the environmental and ecological conservation implications of the area. Conservation of biodiversity is essential for sustainable development.

The main objective of the ecological survey is aimed to find out the baseline status of flora and fauna (terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem) of the study area before the start of Sand Mining Project, On Son River AtSon Block No.-23Sand Ghat.

3.6.2 Description of the study area

The Proposed Sand Mining Project was located on Son River at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar).

The proposed mining was a cluster of 4 mining lease area of block 20,21,22&23 cluster over an combined area of 306 Ha is for river bed sand mining on Son River at Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar).

3.6.2.1 Description of Eco-sensitive zones in the Study Area (Wildlife Sanctuary/ National Parks/Animal or Elephant Corridors/ Protected Wetlands etc.)

There are no National parks, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife corridors, Tiger/Elephant reserves (existing as well as proposed), within 5 km from the present project**.**

Also, areas protected under international conventions, national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other related value are doesn't exist in the core and buffer zone of the present project. On the other hand, the proposed alignment will cross over some riverine channel in the core zone. Adequate structure for cross drainage shall be constructed

in order to maintain the natural hydrology and protection of all forms of biota found there in all the water bodies of the area.Apart from the above, the proposed project the area will promote tourism activities due to the existing Beraila Wildlife Sanctuaries (Bird Sanctuary).

3.6.3 Drainage /Water Bodies of the Study Area

Apart from these, some seasonal (monsoon-fed) riverine streams and Nallas are also present in the study area. Few ponds are also recorded nearby the different villages mainly used for fish farming, Cattle feeding, Irrigation purpose by the villagers, etc.

Scope and Objectives of the Study

The above study aims in identifying potential impacts on flora and fauna and to suggest relevant compensatory and mitigatorymeasures to protect/conserve biodiversity in the likely impacted area due to the project activity. Following points to be covered under the scope of work:

- Survey of terrestrial & aquatic flora & fauna for core & buffer zone separately.
- Details of endemic species found in the study area and their IUCN status, Schedule status (as per WPA, 1972).
- Survey of the study area in terms of features like breeding &spawning grounds, habitats, flight paths, and the migratory path of the animals.
- Survey of flora covering types e.g. agriculture crop, commercial crop, plantation, natural vegetation/forest type, grass land. The endangered & endemic species of flora & fauna beside any other flora, if present are also to be identified.
- The survey has been coveringa total listing of the faunal population. The survey has also covered endangered, endemic, migratory & detail of aquatic fauna.
- The assessment of potential damage to terrestrial & aquatic flora and fauna. The impact should be categorized as primary & secondary, temporary and long term, unavoidable & risk transboundary impacts, possible irreversible change.

3.6.4 Methodology/ Data Collection

A primary field survey was carried out within a 10 km radius of the proposed project in winter period (Dec-Feb 2023). Both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems have been studied to understand the biological environment. Secondary data were collected from authentic sources like the Forests Department, Fisheries Department, Agriculture Department of Son , and available published literature.

3.6.5 Flora (Aquatic and Terrestrial)

For the collection of data for aquatic flora, the methodology prescribed in the standard book of Adoni (1985), NEERI (1998), and APHA (2015) has been adopted. A total of 05 sampling sites were selected for the collection of samples to analyze the aquatic flora.

On the other hand, for the terrestrial data, community analysis was carried out during the summer season. For the collection of terrestrial data, a total of 05 sampling points were selected. At every sampling site, quadrates of 10m X 10m (100 sq.m.) size were randomly laid to study tree species. The circumference of all the adult individuals [(≥30 cm circumference at breast height (CBH)] was measured with Freeman's tape. The study of communities was carried out by using qualitative characteristics, and quantitative characteristics. Qualitative characteristic mainly involved presence/absence of the species, genera, and family. This showed the community structures, composition and other characteristic can be readily described by visual observation without actual measurements. The quantitative analysis involved the structure and composition of vegetation across vegetation types and compared in terms of frequency, density, abundance, and basal area of tree species.

3.6.6 Fauna (Aquatic and Terrestrial)

For the collection of data for aquatic fauna, the methodology prescribed in the standard book of Adoni (1985), NEERI (1998), and APHA (2015) has been adopted. A total of 05 sampling points were selected for the collection of samples to identify the the aquatic fauna.

On the other hand, for the terrestrial data,the assessment of fauna was done by an extensive field survey in the area at 05 locations. During the survey, the Line Transect method was used for the study of mammals and Transact & Patch sampling were used for Amphibians, visual encountered methods was used for reptiles and butterflies. The presence of wildlife was also confirmed from the animal calls, footmarks, excreta, and from the local inhabitants depending on the animal sightings and the frequency of their visits in the project area which was later confirmed from the different government offices like the forest department or wildlife department, etc.

Observations of birds were made during a walk-through in the chosen transect for sighting birds. The number of birds observed in each sampling location was listed. Birds were noted and identified with the help of binocular and standard field identification guides.

3.6.7 Sampling Sites

A total of 05 samplingsitewere selected for the terrestrial vegetation, avian fauna, and other terrestrial animals like reptiles, mammals, etc. For the collection of samples and data of aquatic flora and fauna, 05 separate sampling sites were also selected at different locations in the study area.

3.6.8Flora of the Study Area

The core zone of the proposed project area doesn't have any major natural forest land.

A major part of the core and buffer zone of the project is agricultural land having some major vegetation in the form of agro forestry. Vegetation patterns in villages and surrounding areas are slightly different from the rest of the areas in the Bhojpur District. The common species grown near the villages are mostly edible, fruits bearing or useful plants. Purposely planted tree patches (mostly fruit-bearing) are available nearby several villages in the study area. The most dominant tree species in the study area are *Aegle marmelos* (Bel), *Azadirachta indica* (Neem), *Emblica officinalis* (Amla), *Dalbergia sissoo* (Sisam), *Ficus bengalensis* (Bargad), *Musa paradisiacal* (Kela), *Syzygiumcumini* (Jamun), *Cassia siamea* (Kasod/Siris), *Litchi chinensis* (Litchi), *Mangifera indica* (Aam) and in case of shrubs *Antigonum leptopus*, *Ricinus communis*, *Lantana camara*, *Jatropha gossipifolia* and *Cassia auriculata* etc. The most dominant species in the study area of both the district was *Mangifera indica* (Aam) and its different varieties.

3.6.9 Flora of Core zone

3.6.9.1 Terrestrial Flora of Core zone (Natural vegetation etc.).

There is no flora found in the core zone

3.6.9.2 Agricultural Crops/ Commercial Crops of the Core zone and Buffer Zone

Details of the agricultural vegetation and commercial crops were collected from the 09 selected sites of the core (Bhojpur district)and the details are given in table 4. These crops are similar to the crops of buffer zone also. So, the same information is applicable for the core and buffer zone.

Table 3.18: List of Crops seasonally planted by respective farmers in the Core and Buffer Zone

S.No.	Botanical Name	Local/Trade Name	Family Name
1	*Zey mays*	Makkha/Maize	Poaceae
2	*Triticum aestivum*	Wheat	
3	*Oryza sativa*	Paddy	
4	*Cicer arietinum*	Channa	Fabacea
5	*Coriander sativum*	Dhaniya	Apiaceae
6	*Abelmoschus esculentus*	Bhendi	Amaranthacea
7	*Mamordica charanta*	Karela	Cucurbiataceae
8	*Capsicum annum*	Mirchi	Solanaceae
9	*Lycopersicon lycopersicum*	Tomato	
10	*Solanum melongena*	Brinjal	
11	*Capsicum annuum*	Mirchi	
12	*Solanum tuberosum*	Potato	
13	*Allium cepa*	Onian	Amaryllidaceae
14	*Cajanus cajan*	Pigeon pea	Fabaceae
15	*Carica papaya*	Papaya	Caricaceae
16	*Okra*	Ladyfinger/ Bhindi	Malvaceae
17	*Lagenaria siceraria*	Bottle gourd/ Lauki	Cucurbitaceae
	Source: Present Survey Data Supported by District Agriculture Department, Bhojpur		

3.6.9.3 Aquatic Flora of Core zone (Phytoplankton/ Macrophytes).

Aquatic floral details of the core zone were collected from 08 selected sites of the study area.Some sites were located buffer zone adjacent to the present alignment, however some were located in the core & buffer zone. Details of phytoplankton and macrophytic vegetation of the core and the buffer zone are given in tables3.19, 3.20 & 3.21, and Figures3.10 & 3.11.

Phytoplankton: Most of thethe phytoplankton species recorded from the core zone was similar to the buffer zone also. So, the same information is applicable for the core and buffer zone. Phytoplankton species were collected and identified from 08 selected sampling sites of the study area. A total of 69 phytoplankton species were recorded from the different water bodies of the study area, out of which 27 species were of class Chlorophyceae, 17 species of

Cyanophyceae, 19 species of Bacillariophyceae, and 6 species of Euglenophyceae. Details of Phytoplankton species are given in table 3.19.

Table 3.19: List of Phytoplankton species present in different water bodies in study area (Core and Buffer Zone).

S.N.	Taxonomic Details	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	S-7	S-8	Schedule Status in WPA (1972)	IUCN Status
	Chlorophyceae									NA	NA
1	*Arthrodesmus* sp.	+		+	+		+		+	NA	NA
2	*Ankistrodesmus falcatus*		+	+			+	+	+	NA	NA
3	*Chlorococcum* sp.	+	+	+			+		+	NA	NA
4	*Closteriopsis* sp.	+	+		+	+		+		NA	NA
5	*Cosmarium formii*	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	NA	NA
6	*Cosmarium margaritatum*	+		+	+		+	+		NA	NA
7	*Crucigenia* sp.	+	+	+	+		+			NA	NA
8	*Chlorella vulgaris*	+		+	+	+			+	NA	NA
9	*Oocystis crassa*	+	+			+	+	+	+	NA	NA
10	*Pediastrum simplex*			+	+	+				NA	NA
11	*Scenedesmus armatus*	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	NA	NA
12	*Scenedesmus bijugatus*	+		+	+	+	+		+	NA	NA
13	*Spirogyra* sp.	+	+	+		+	+	+		NA	NA
14	*Tetraedron trigonum*				+		+		+	NA	NA
15	*Tetrastrum* sp.	+	+	+		+	+		+	NA	NA
16	*Ulothrix* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
17	*Ulothrix zonata*	+		+		+	+		+	NA	NA
18	*Volvox* sp.	+	+	+		+	+			NA	NA
	Total	19	**15**	**23**	**16**	**17**	**24**	**12**	**17**		
	Cyanophyceae									NA	NA
1	*Anabaena* sp.		+	+	+	+	+		+	NA	NA

2	*Anabaena circinalis*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
3	*Aphanocapsa* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Aphanothece* sp.	+	+		+	+			+	NA	NA
5	*Chroococcus* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
6	*Gloeocapsa* sp.	+	+	+			+		+	NA	NA
7	*Lyngbya* sp.	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
8	*Merismopedia* sp.	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	NA	NA
9	*Merismopedia tenuissima*	+		+	+	+	+			NA	NA
10	*Microcystis* sp.		+		+			+	+	NA	NA
11	*Microcystis aeruginosa*	+		+			+			NA	NA
12	*Nostoc* sp.		+		+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
	Total	**12**	**11**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**15**	**9**	**12**		
	Bacillariophyceae									NA	NA
1	*Amphora ovalis*	+				+	+		+	NA	NA
2	*Amphora* sp.	+	+	+	+	+		+		NA	NA
3	*Cyclotella* sp.			+		+	+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Cymbella affinis*	+		+	+		+		+	NA	NA
5	*Eunotia major*	+	+		+	+		+		NA	NA
6	*Fragillaria pinnata*		+	+		+	+		+	NA	NA
7	*Gomphonema* sp.	+			+		+	+	+	NA	NA
8	*Gomphonema lanceolatum*	+	+	+	+	+			+	NA	NA
9	*Melosira* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+			NA	NA
10	*Navicula similis*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	NA	NA
11	*Navicula subrhyncocephala*	+	+		+		+		+	NA	NA
12	*Nitzschia palea*	+	+		+	+	+			NA	NA
13	*Pinnularia sp.*	+	+	+				+	+	NA	NA
14	*Synedra acus*	+				+	+		+	NA	NA
15	*Synedra ulna*		+		+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
	Total	**16**	**12**	**9**	**13**	**11**	**15**	**10**	**13**		
	Euglenophyceae									NA	NA
1	*Euglena acus*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
2	*Euglena* sp.	+			+	+	+		+	NA	NA
3	*Euglepha* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA

4	*Phacus* sp.		+				+			NA	NA
5	*Phacus caudatus*	+			+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
6	*Trachelomonas* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
	Total	**5**	**4**	**3**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**4**		
	Source: Primary Survey Data of P&M Solution Pvt. Ltd., Noida										

Table 3.20: Site wise Qualitative list of Phytoplankton species recorded from the Core and Buffer Zone

Class	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	S-7	S-8
Chlorophyceae	19	15	23	16	17	24	12	17
Bacillariophyceae	16	12	9	13	11	15	10	13
Euglenophyceae	5	4	3	5	5	6	4	4
Total No. of Species	**52**	**42**	**46**	**46**	**46**	**60**	**35**	**46**

Macrophytes: The aquatic vegetation recorded from the core zone was similar to the aquatic vegetation of the buffer zone also. So, the same information is applicable for the core and buffer zone.The maximum number of aquatic vegetation was recorded at sites 06 and 08 due to the perennial nature of the water bodies. On the other hand, other water bodies support less vegetation due to a lack of water (monsoon-fed streams), and moisture. The details of Macrophytes species are given in table 3.21.

Table 3.21: List of Aquatic Macrophytic vegetation of Core and Buffer Zone

S.No.	Name of the Taxa	Family Name	IUCN Status	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	S-7	S-8
1	*Azolla pinnata*	Salviniaceae	LC	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	*Cyperus alopecuroides*	Cyperaceae	LC	+	+			+	+	+	+
3	*Cyperus difformis*	Cyperaceae	LC	+		+	+		+	+	+
4	*Eichhornia crassipes*	Pontederiaceae	LC	+	+	+		+	+		+
5	*Hydrilla verticillata*	Hydrocharitaceae	LC				+			+	+
6	*Ipomea aquatica*	Convolvulaceae	LC		+	+	+	+	+		+
7	*Ipomea carnea*	Convolvulaceae	LC	+	+	+	+		+	+	+

8	*Lemna minor*	Araceae	LC	+	+			+	+	+	+
9	*Ludwigia parviflora*	Onagraceae	LC	+	+	+	+		+	+	+
10	*Nelumbo sp.*	Nelumbonaceae	LC		+			+			
11	*Nymphoides aquatica*	Menyanthaceae	LC	+		+		+	+	+	+
12	*Phragmites karka*	Poaceae	LC						+		
13	*Pistia stratiotes*	Araceae	LC		+		+			+	+
14	*Polygonum glabrum*	Polygonaceae	LC	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
15	*Typha latifolia*	Typhaceae	LC						+		+
16	*Typha orientalis*	Typhaceae	LC		+		+	+	+	+	
Total No. of Species				**9**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**9**	**13**	**11**	**13**

3.6.10 Flora of Buffer zone

3.6.10.1 Terrestrial Flora of Buffer zone (Natural vegetation/Commercial vegetation).

During the present survey,a total of 77 species of plant species were observed from the study area. Out of 77 plant species,42species of tree, 18 species of shrubs/herbs, 6 species of climbers, and 10 species of Grass species were recorded from the buffer zone of the present study area. The below-mentioned vegetation details have been collected from the Core as well as Buffer zone of the present study area. All the details have been furnished based on the field survey at different locations and data supported by the Department of Forest, Bhojpur of Bihar. The details of vegetation of the buffer zone is given in Table 3.22.

Table 3.22: List of Trees, Shrubs, Herbs and Grasses observed in Buffer Zone

S.No.	Botanical Name	Common/ Hindi Name	Name of family
	Trees		
1	*Acacia nilotica*	Babool	Mimosaceae
2	*Acacia nilotica*	Desi babool	Fabaceae
3	*Acacia leucophloea*	Safed babul	Mimosaceae
4	*Aegle marmelos*	Bel	Rutaceae
5	*Ailanthus excels*	Adusa	Simaroubaceae
6.	*Albizzia amara*	Siris	Mimosoideae
7	*Albizzia lebbeck*	Sirish	Mimosaceae

8	*Alstonia scholaris*	Saptaparni	Apocynaceae
9	*Anogeissus latifolia*	Dhaura,	Combretaceae
10	*Anthocephalus cadamba*	Kadamb	Rubiaceae
11	*Artocorpus heterophyllus*	Jack fruit	Moraceae
12	*Azadirachta indica*	Neem	Meliaceae
13	*Bauhinia racemosa*	Apta	Leguminosae
14	*Bauhinia variegata L.*	Kachnar	Leguminosae
15	*Bombax ceiba*	Semal	Malvaceae
16	*Bombax malabaricum*	Semal tree	Malvaceae
17	*Borassus flabellifer*	Nariyal	Palmae
18	*Butea monosperma*	Palas	Leguminosae
19	*Dalbergia latifolia*	Shisam	Leguminosae
20	*Dalbergia sissoo*	Shisam	Leguminosae
21	*Delonix regia*	Gulmohar	Fabaceae
22	*Dendrocalamus strictus*	Bamboo	Poaceae
23	*Diospyros melanoxylon*	Tendu	Ebenaceae
24	*Ficus benghalensis*	Bargad	Moraceae
25	*Ficus religiosa*	Pipal	Moraceae
26	*Madhuca longifolia*	Mohua tree	Sapotaceae
27	*Magnifera indica*	Aam	Anacardiaceae
28	*Melia azedarach*	Bukkam Neem	Meliaceae
29	*Moringa olerifera*	Munga	Moringanaceae
30	*Nerium oleamder*	Kaner	Apocynaceae
31	*Phoenix sylvestris*	Date palm	Arecaceae
32	*Phyllanthus emblica*	Awla	Euphorbiaceae
33	*Pisidium guava*	Guava	Myrtaceae
34	*Pongamia pinnata*	Karanj	Leguminosae
35	*Prosopis juliflora*	Vilayati babool	Fabaceae
36	*Sarracca indica*	Ashok	Annonaceae
37	*Shorea robusta*	Sal	Depterocarpaceae
38	*Syzygium cumini*	Jamun	Myrtaceae
39	*Tectona grandis*	Sagwan	Verbenaceae
40	*Terminalia arjuna*	Arjun	Combretaceae

41	*Terminalia chebula*	Harhar	Combretaceae
42	*Zizyphus jujube*	Ber	Rhamnaceae
Shrub & Herbs			
43	*Acanthospermum hispidum*	Kanti	Asteraceae
44	*Acheranthus aspera*	Aghada	Amaranthaceae
45	*Argemone mexicana*	Pila dhtura	Papaveraceae
46	*Baugainvellia glabra*	Paper flower	Nyctaginaceae
47	*Calotropis procera*	Aakra	Asclepiadaceae
48	*Cassia auriculata*	Tarwar	Fabaceae
49	*Cassia tora*	Tarota /Takla	Caesalpiniaceae
50	*Chenopodium album*	manure weed	Amaranthaceae
51	*Dalura metel*	Dhotra	Solanaceae
52	*Ipomoea carnea*	Besharam	Convolvulaceae
53	*Jatropha gossipifolia*	cotton-leaf	Euphorbiaceae
54	*Lantana camara*	Ghaneri	Verbenaceae
55	*Mimosa pudica*	Chui Mui	Mimosaceae
56	*Ocimum sanctum*	Tulsi	Labiatae
57	*Parthenium hysterophorus*	Gajar grass	Asteraceae
58	*Ricinus communis*	Arand	Euphorbiaceae
59	*Ricinus communis*	castor oil plant	Euphorbiaceae
60	*Tridax procumbens*	Kambarmodi	Asteraceae
Grasses			
61	*Apluda mutica*	Mauntian grass	Poaceae
62	*Commelina benghalensis*	Bokna	Commelinaceae
63	*Cynodon dactylon*	Doob	Poaceae
64	*Cyperus rotundus*	Motha	cyperaceae
65	*DactylSeptemberenum aegyptium*	Crow foot grass	Poaceae
66	*Pennisetum purpureum*	Elephant grass	Poaceae
Climbers			
67	*Antigonon leptopus*	Anantalata	Polygonaceae
68	*Bougainvillea glabra*	Booganbel	Nyctaginaceae
69	*Celastrus paniculata*	Kujari	Celastraceae
70	*Cissampelos pareira*	Khariya lata	Menispermaceae

71	*Clitoria ternatea*	Blue pea	Fabaceae
72	*Coccinia grandis*	Jungli Kundru	Cucurbitaceae
73	*Combretum indicum*	Madhu Malati	Combretaceae
74	*Cuscuta reflexa*	Amarbel	Convolvulaceae
75	*Cuscuta reflexa*	Amar bel	Convolvulaceae
76	*Ipomoea cairica*	Neeli Bel	Convolvulaceae
77	*Tilospora cordifolia*	Giloy	Menispermaceae
Source: Primary data of P&M Solution, Noida and data supported by the Department of Forest, Bhojpur district of Bihar**.**			

3.6.10.2 Agricultural vegetation/ Commercial vegetation of the Buffer zone.

The variety of Crops and cropping patternsin the core and the buffer zone was the same in the study area. Vegetation details of the buffer zone were collected from 05 selected sites (TS-1 to TS-05)and the details are given in Table 3.17.

3.6.10.3 Aquatic Flora of Buffer zone (Phytoplankton/ Macrophytes/ Aquatic Weeds)

Phytoplankton: The diversity of Phytoplankton species was similar in the core and buffer zone. The details of macrophytic vegetation of the buffer zone are given in Table 3.19 & 3.20 and Figure 3.10.

Macrophytes: The diversity of aquatic macrophytes was similar in both core and buffer zone. The details of macrophytic vegetation of the buffer zone are given in Table 3.21 and Figure 3.11.

3.6.11 Fauna of the Study Area

Proposed alignment passing through the rural and purely in the agricultural field. At some places, it will cross from adjacent to some villages in the study area. The study area is devoid of any natural forest, so, major wildlife animals are rarely found in the area. Only some moving animals were observed. Domesticated animals mainly constitute the faunal population within the project area.

The assessment of fauna was done on the bases of secondary data collected from different government offices like the forest department, wildlife department, etc. The presence of wildlife was also confirmed by the local inhabitants depending on the animal sightings and the frequency of their visits in the project area.

During the present study period, a large number of local birds are noticed in the buffer zone of the study area. But, there are no bird habitats like nesting, breeding, and foraging patterns are noticed in the core zone.

3.6.12 Fauna of the Core Zone

3.6.12.1 Terrestrial fauna of core zone (Mammals/Reptiles/amphibians/birds/insects etc.).

The domesticated animals like; Buffalo (*BuSands bubalis*); Ass (*Equus hemionus*) , Cow (*Bos primigenius)*; Goat (*Capra aegagrus*) Horse (*Equus caballus*); and Dog (*Canis lupus familaris*) were observed moving in different parts of the study area (including core and buffer zone),especially nearby town and villages. Other mammals and reptiles found in the study area are listed in Table 3.23.

Table 3.23: List of Mammals/Reptiles/Amphibians/Birds recorded from the Core Zone

S. No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family	Schedule status (as per WPA-1972)	IUCN status
Mammals					
1.	Jungle cat	*Fellis chaus*	Felidae	II	LC
2.	Five striped palm squirrel	*Funambulus pennanti*	Sciuridae	IV	LC
3.	Indian Fulvous Fruit-Bat	*Rousettus leschenaultia*	Pteropodidae	V	LC
4.	Indian Field Mouse	*Mus booduga*	Muridae	V	LC
5.	Common House Rat	*Rattus rattus*	Muridae	V	LC
6.	Bandicoot Rat	*Bandicotabengalensis*	Muridae	V	LC
7.	Indian Grey Mongoose	*Herpestesedwardsi edwardsi*	Herpestidae	II	LC
Reptiles & Amphibians					
8.	Garden lizard	*Calotes versicolor*	Agamidae	IV	NE
9	King cobra	Ophiophagus hannah	Elapidae	II	LC
10	Cobra	Naja naja	Elapidae	II	LC

11.	Pit viper	Crotolus sp	Viperadae	II	LC
12	Garden lizard	Calotes versicolor	Agamidae	IV	NE
Bird Species					
1	*Acridotheres tristis*	Myna	Sturnidae	IV	LC
2	*Acridotheres tristis*	Common myna	Sturnidae	IV	LC
3	Amandava amandava	Red munia	Estrildidae	IV	LC
4	*Ardea cinerea*	Grey heron	Ardeidae	IV	LC
6	Bubulcus ibis	Cattle egret	Ardeidae	IV	LC
7	*Columba livia*	Pigeon	Columbidae	IV	LC
5	*Corvus macrorhynchos*	Jungle crow	Corvidae	IV	LC
6	*Corvus splendens*	Crow	Corvidae	V	LC
7	*Gallinule chloropus*	Common moorhen	Rallidae	IV	LC
8	*Milvus migrans*	Black Kite	Accipitridae	IV	LC
9	*Passer domesticus*	House sparrow	Passeridae	IV	LC
10	*Pycnonotus cafer*	Red-vented bulbul	Pycnonotidae	IV	LC
11	Saxicoloides fulicatus	Indian robin	Psittaculidae	IV	LC
12	*Turdoides caudate*	Common babbler	Leiothrichidae	IV	LC
IUCN Status =LC: Least Concern**, NE:** Not Evaluated.					
Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida and the data supported by Department of Forest, Bhojpur district of Bihar					

Table 3.24: Butterflies observed in the Core zone

S. No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family	IUCN Status
1.	Plain Tiger	*Danaus chrysippus*	Nymphalidae	LC
2.	Common emigrant	Catopsilia pomona	Pieridae	LC
3.	Common crow	*Euploea core*	Nymphalidae	LC
4.	Small grass yellow	Eurema brigitta	Pieridae	LC
Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida and the data supported by Department of Forest, Bhojpur district of Bihar				

3.6.12.3 Aquatic Fauna of Core zone (Zooplankton/ Macro-invertebrates/ Fishes/ Amphibians/ Turtles etc.)

All the aquatic fauna recorded from the core zone were also recorded from the buffer zone and most of the sampling sites are the same for the core and buffer zone as given in table 3.17. So, the list of aquatic fauna of the core zone is merged with the details of the buffer zone and is given in Table 3.25 to 3.27.

3.6.12.4 Fauna of Buffer zon

To prepare a detailed report on the status of faunal biodiversity of the present study area (1 km buffer) of Bhojpur district of Bihar and to assess the impacts due to digging/ leveling of alignment route/ construction of bridge/ operational activity which evolves suitable mitigation measures to protect & conserve biodiversity following components were studied: terrestrial biodiversity, wildlife survey (diversity), habitat study (feeding, breeding, roosting areas), distribution of birds, rare & endangered species of the study area.

The fauna of the study area (Core and Buffer zone) vary upon the local topography and different types of habitats. The fauna of the study area has been categorized into two categories based on their habitat, i.e.

(i) Aquatic fauna and

(ii) Terrestrial fauna.

During the present survey, there are some seasonal, perennial and private water body was observed along with the proposed alignment, which will be affected due to the present project activities. The alignment of the project will cross a few seasonal and perennial streams.

3.6.12.6 Terrestrial Fauna of Buffer zone (Mammals/Reptiles/Amphibians/Birds/ Insects etc.)

The major part of the study area lies under agricultural fields and barren land which restricts the wildlife habitat significantly. There is neither any wildlife sensitive area nor any corridor for the movement of wildlife in the study area. A list of the animals of the study area has been prepared on the basis of the survey and also inquire from the local people. The animals, thus recorded were cross-checked with Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for their schedule status. Faunal details of thestudy area are given in Tables 3.25 to 3.27**.**

i. Mammals and Reptiles/ Amphibians

The domesticated animals like Goat (*Capra aegagrus*); Buffalo (*BuSands bubalis*); Cow (*Bos primigenius)*; Horse (*Equus caballus*); Ass (*Equus hemionus*) and Dog (*Canis lupus familaris*) were observed moving in different parts of the study area, especially nearby town and villages. Other mammals and reptiles found in the study area are listed in Table 3.25.

Table 3.25: List Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians recorded from the Buffer Zone

S. No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family	Status as per WPA-1972	IUCN status
Mammals					
1	*Bandicota bengalensis*	Bandicoot Rat	Sciuridae	IV	LC
2	*Canis aurius*	Jackal	Pteropodidae	V	LC
3	*Fellis chaus*	Jungle cat	Soricidae	IV	LC
4	*Funambulus palmarum*	Three-striped Squirrel	Suidae	III	LC
5	*Funambulus pennanti*	Five striped palm squirrel	Hyaenidae	III	LC
6	*Herpestes edwardsi*	Indian Grey Mongoose	Canidae	II	LC
7	*Hyaena hyaena*	Stripped hyena	Leporidae	V	LC
8	*Lepus nigricollis*	Indian Hare	Canidae	II	LC
9	*Mus booduga*	Indian Field Mouse	Sciuridae	IV	LC
10	*Presbytis entellus*	Common langur	Cercopithecidae	II	LC
11	*Pteropus giganteus*	Indian Flying Fox	Pteropodidae	V	LC
12	*Rattus rattus*	Common House Rat	Muridae	V	LC
13	*Rousettus leschenaultia*	Indian Fulvous Fruit- Bat	Muridae	V	LC
14	*Suncus murinus*	Grey musk Shrew	Muridae	V	LC
15	*Sus scrofa*	Wild Boar	Canidae	III	LC

16	*Vulpes bengalensis*	Indian fox	Felidae	II	LC
Reptiles and Amphibians					
1	*Bufo melanostictus*	Common toad	Bufonidae	IV	LC
2	*Bungarus caeruelus*	Krait	Elapidae	IV	NE
3	*Calotes versicolor*	Garden lizard	Agamidae	IV	NE
4	*Crotolus* sp.	Pit viper	Viperadae	II	LC
5	*Enhydris enhydris*	Smooth water snake	Homalopsidae	IV	LC
6	*Euphlyctis hexadactyla*	Common frog	Dicroglossidae	IV	LC
7	Hemidactylus flaviviridis	House Gecko	Gekkonidae	--	NE
8	*Naja naja*	Cobra	Elapidae	II	LC
9	Ophiophagus hannah	King cobra	Elapidae	II	LC
10	Ptyas mucosa	Rat Snake	Colubridae	II	NE
11	Rana temporaria	Common frog	Ranidae	IV	LC
12	Varanus sp.	Monitor lizzard	Varanidae	II	LC

IUCN Status =LC: Least Concern**, VU:** Vulnerable. **NT:** Near Threatened**, NE:** Not Evaluated**,**
Source: Primary Survey data of P&M solution, Noida and the data supported by Department of Forest, Bhojpur District.

ii. Avian Fauna

Table 3.26: Avian Fauna observed from the study area (01 KM Buffer area)

S.No	Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Schedule Status (WPA-1972	IUCN Status
1	*Acridotheres tristis*	Myna	Sturnidae	IV	LC
2	*Acridotheres tristis*	Common myna	Sturnidae	IV	LC
3	Alcedo atthis	Small blue kingfisher	Alcedinidae	IV	LC
4	Amandava amandava	Red munia	Estrildidae	IV	LC
5	*Ardea cinerea*	Grey heron	Ardeidae	IV	LC
6	Ardeola grayii	Indian pond heron	Ardeidae	IV	LC

7	Athene brama	Spotted Owlet	Strigidae	IV	LC
8	Bubulcus ibis	Cattle egret	Ardeidae	IV	LC
9	*Centropus sinensis*	Crow pheasant	Cuculidae	IV	LC
10	*Ceryle rudis*	Pied kingfisher	Alcedinidae	IV	LC
11	*Charadrius dubius*	Little ringed plover	Charadriidae	IV	LC
12	*Ciconia episcopus*	White-necked stork	Ciconidae	IV	NT
13	Cinnyris asiaticus	Purple Sunbird	Psittaculidae	IV	LC
14	*Columba livia*	Pigeon	Columbidae	IV	LC
15	*Corvus macrorhynchos*	Jungle crow	Corvidae	IV	LC
16	*Corvus splendens*	Crow	Corvidae	V	LC
17	*Dicrurus adsimilis*	Black drango	Dicruridae	IV	LC
18	Egretta alba	Larger egret	Ardeidae	IV	LC
19	*Egretta garzetta*	Little egret	Ardeidae	IV	LC
20	*Francolinus pondicerianus*	Titar	Phasianidae	IV	LC
21	*Gallinule chloropus*	Common moorhen	Rallidae	IV	LC
22	*Gallus gallus*	Jungle hen	Phasianidae	IV	LC
23	*Halcyon smymensis*	White-throated kingfisher	Alcedinidae	IV	LC
24	*Milvus migrans*	Black Kite	Accipitridae	IV	LC
25	*Passer domesticus*	House sparrow	Passeridae	IV	LC
26	*Phalacrocorax carbo*	Great cormorant	Phalacrocoracidae	IV	LC
27	*Phalacrocorax niger*	Little cormorant	Phalacrocoracidae	IV	LC
28	*Pluvialis fulva*	Pacific golden plover	Charadriidae	IV	LC
29	*Pseudibis papillosa*	Red-naped ibis	Threskiornithidae	IV	LC
30	*Psittacula krameri*	Rose ringed Parakeet	Psittacidae	IV	LC
31	*Pycnonotus cafer*	Red-vented bulbul	Pycnonotidae	IV	LC
32	Saxicoloides fulicatus	Indian robin	Psittaculidae	IV	LC

IUCN Status =LC: Least Concern**, VU:** Vulnerable.

Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution and the data supported by Department of Forest, Son, Bihar.

iii. Butter Flies

Table 3.27: Butterflies observed from the Buffer zone of the study area

S.No.	Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	IUCN Status
1	*Catopsilia pomona*	Common emigrant	Pieridae	LC
2	*Chlosyne lacinia*	Sunflower/Bordered Patch	Nymphalidae	LC
3	*Danaus chrysippus*	Plain Tiger	Nymphalidae	LC
4	*Danaus genutia*	Stripped Tiger	Nymphalidae	LC
5	*Euploea core*	Common crow	Nymphalidae	LC
Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution and the data supported by Department of Forest, Son, Bihar.				

3.6.12.7 Aquatic Fauna of Buffer zone (Zooplankton/Macro-invertebrates/Fishes/Amphibians /Turtles etc.)

Aquatic fauna is referred to as any form of an animal that has adapted to living in the aquatic environments such as rivers, lakes, ponds, dams, streams, etc.). Son River and its adjoining streams are formed the drainage in the study area. Few other seasonal water bodies like village ponds, streams, and nallas are also present in the study area. In general, faunal account of any water bodies can be divided into following categories, *i.e.*,

(i) zooplankton,

(ii) Macro-invertebrates/Insects/Benthos

(iii) Fishes

(iv) Amphibians/ Reptiles/ etc.

Details of Zooplankton; Macro-invertebrates/insects/benthos; Amphibians/Reptiles and Fishes recorded from the different water bodies of the study area (Bhojpur district) are given in Tables 3.28 to 3.31.

i. Zooplankton

Zooplankton is commonly found in all types of aquatic habitats. These are recognized as secondary producers and considered as one of the best tools for the environmental monitoring program. During the present study period, a total of 49 zooplankton species was recorded and identified comprising of class Protozoa (8 species), Rotifera (20 species), Cladocera (10 species), Copepoda (8 species), and Ostracoda (3 species). The details of the zooplankton diversity of different habitats are given in Table 3.28 and Fig 3.12.

Table 3.28: Zooplankton species found in the different water bodies situated in the buffer zone

S.No.	Name of the Taxa	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	S-7	S-8	Schedule Status in WPA (1972)	IUCN Status
	Protozoa										
1	*Arcella* sp.	+	+	+		+	+		+	NA	NA
2	*Arcella discoides*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
3	*Arcella vulgaris*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Centropyxis* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
5	*Centropyxis ecornis*		+			+	+		+	NA	NA
6	*Euglypha* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
7	*Metopus* sp.		+	+	+		+			NA	NA
8	*Opercularia* sp.	+	+	+		+			+	NA	NA
	Total	**8**	**9**	**8**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**5**	**8**		
	Rotifera										
1	*Anuraeopsis*sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
2	*Anuraeopsis fissa*				+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
3	*Asplanchna* sp.	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Asplanchna brightwelli*		+		+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
5	*Brachionus* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
6	*Brachionus angularis*		+						+	NA	NA
7	*Brachionus calyciflorus*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	NA	NA
8	*Brachionus quadridentata*		+	+	+		+	+		NA	NA
9	*Brachionus falcatus*	+			+	+	+	+		NA	NA
10	*Brachionus forficula*	+		+		+	+		+	NA	NA
11	*Cephlodella gibba*	+	+		+	+	+	+		NA	NA
12	*Filinia* sp.	+					+	+	+	NA	NA
13	*Filinia longiseta*		+	+		+		+	+	NA	NA
14	*Keratella* sp.	+		+		+			+	NA	NA
15	*Keratella Cochlearis*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
16	*Monostyla quadridentatus*		+	+						NA	NA

17	*Mytilina* sp.	+			+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
18	*Polyarthra vulgaris*	+		+		+			+	NA	NA
19	*Testudinella patina*		+		+		+	+		NA	NA
20	*Trichocerca* sp.	+		+		+	+		+	NA	NA
	Total	**15**	**11**	**13**	**13**	**15**	**18**	**16**	**16**		
	Cladocera										
1	*Alona* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
2	*Alona intermediate*		+		+		+	+		NA	NA
3	*Bosmina* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Bosmina longirostris*	+		+			+	+		NA	NA
5	*Ceriodaphnia* sp.		+	+		+	+		+	NA	NA
6	*Chydorus sphaericus*	+	+		+		+	+		NA	NA
7	*Daphnia* sp.	+		+	+		+	+		NA	NA
8	*Leydgia* sp.		+	+		+	+		+	NA	NA
9	*Moina daphnia*	+			+		+	+	+	NA	NA
10	*Simocephalus* sp.	+	+	+		+			+	NA	NA
	Total	**9**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**11**	**8**	**7**		
	Copepoda										
1	*Cyclops* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
2	*Diaptomus* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	NA	NA
3	*Eucyclops* sp.	+	+	+			+	+	+	NA	NA
4	*Heleodiaptomus viduus*	+	+			+	+			NA	NA
5	*Mesocyclops* sp.	+	+		+		+	+	+	NA	NA
6	*Nauplius larvae*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
7	*Neodiaptomus* sp.		+		+		+		+	NA	NA
8	*Nitzii amphibia*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NA
	Total	**10**	**10**	**8**	**9**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**9**		
	Ostracoda										
1	*Cyprinotus* sp.	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA
2	*Cypris sp.*	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	NA	NA
3	*Stenocypris malcolmsoni*	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	NA	NA
	Total	**4**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**4**	3	**4**		

Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida.

ii. Macro-invertebrates (Insects/Benthos)

Macro-invertebrates are commonly found in all types of aquatic habitats such as streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes, and ponds. The term macro-invertebrate is used for those animals that have no backbone and can be seen with the naked eye. These animals generally include insects, crustaceans, mollusks, and annelids. They are significant within the food chain as larger animals such as fish and birds rely on them as a food source. None of the macro-invertebrate species have been observed under the of Rare, Endangered, and threatened category. Various macro-invertebrate species were collected and identified from the present study area and listed in Table 3.29.

Table 3.29: Macro-invertebrates recorded from the Core and Buffer zone

	Insecta										
1	*Baetis nymph*		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
2	*Caenid mayfly*	+			+		+			NA	NE
3	*Chironomus plumosus*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
4	*Chironomus* sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
5	*Damsel flies nymphs*	+			+		+			NA	NE
6	*Hirudineria sp.*	+	+	+			+	+	+	NA	NE
7	*Limnodrillus hoffmeisteri*	+					+			NA	NE
8	*Mayflies nymphs*		+		+		+	+	+	NA	NE
9	*Mosquitos larvae*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
10	*Ranatra elongata*	+	+			+	+	+	+	NA	NE
	Total	**12**	**10**	**10**	**11**	**9**	**16**	**11**	**11**		
	Mollusca										
1	*Bellamya bengalensis*	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
2	*Corbicula fluminalis*		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NE
3	*Corbicula sp.*	+	+	+	+	+	+			NA	NE
4	*Gyraulus convexiculus*	+		+			+	+	+	NA	NE
5	*Gyraulus sp.*	+	+		+	+	+		+	NA	NE
6	*Lymnaea acuminata*	+		+		+		+	+	NA	NE
7	*Lymnaea sp.*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		NA	NE
8	*Melanoides lineatus*		+	+			+		+	NA	NE
9	*Pila globosa(apple snail)*		+		+		+		+	NA	NE

10	*Unio tigridis*			+	+		+	+	+	NA	NE
	Total	**9**	**8**	**12**	**10**	**8**	**13**	**9**	**11**		
	Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida.										

iii. Amphibians

Amphibians and reptiles are commonly found at places along the margin of aquatic and terrestrial systems. The presence of water bodies like rivers, streams, etc. in the study area are providing shelter to many amphibian species. Some of the commonly reported amphibian species in the present study areas are given in Table 3.30.None of the Amphibians and Reptiles have been observed under the Rare, Endangered, and threatened category. Also, none of them are under the Schedule-I category as per Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Table 3.30: Amphibians and Reptilesrecorded from the Core and Buffer zone

S. No	English Name	Scientific Name	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	S-7	S-8	Schedule Status (WPA,1972)	IUCN Status
1	*Bufo melanostictus*	Common toad	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	LC
2	*Bungarus caeruleus*	Common Krait	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	LC
3	*Bungarus fasciatus*	Banded Krait	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	LC
4	*Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*	Indian skipper frog	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	LC
5	*Hoplobatrachus tigerinus*	(Indian bullfrog).	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	IV	LC
6	*Chamelion calcarata*	Chameleon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	II	LC
7	*Naja naja*	Indian Cobra	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	II	LC

Note:DD=Data Deficient, **LC**=Least Concern, **NE=**Not Evaluated.

Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida and Data supported by data of Department of Forest, Bhojpur District, Bihar.

(iii) Fishes

The study area of the present Project development project has several lentic and lotic water bodies in which few are perennial and most of the water bodies are seasonal or monsoon fed. Jammuaririver is a major lotic system in the study area. Some private ponds are also present

in the study area which are mainly used for the culture of fishes. All these water bodies support fish species. Fishes found in the study area are listed in Table 3.31 and their site wise species variation is shown in Fig. 3.14.

Table 3.31: Fish Fauna found in different seasonal and perennial water bodies in the study area

S.No.	Name of the Taxa	Family Name	**S-1**	**S-2**	**S-3**	**S-4**	**S-5**	**S-6**	**S-7**	**S-8**	IUCN Status	**Schedule Status in WPA (1972)**
1	*Catla catla*	Cyprinidae	+	+	+	+		+		+	VU	NA
2	*Channa stiatus*	Chandadae					+	+	+		LC	NA
3	*Channa punctatus*	Chandadae			+	+	+		+	+	LC	NA
4	*Labeo bata*	Cyprinidae		+		+				+	LC	NA
5	*Labeo rohita*	Cyprinidae	+		+	+		+			LC	NA
6	*Macrobrachium malcomsoni*	Palaemonidae	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	LC	NA
7	*Mystus bleekri*	Bagridae		+			+	+			LC	NA
8	*Mystus tengara*	Bagridae	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	LC	NA
9	*Puntius sarana*	Cyprinidae			+			+	+	+	LC	NA
10	*Puntius sophore*	Cyprinidae	+	+	+		+			+	LC	NA
11	*Puntius stigma*	Cyprinidae			+	+		+			LC	NA
12	*Puntius ticto*	Cyprinidae		+	+	+			+	+	LC	NA
		Total	7	7	10	9	7	10	6	9		

Note: VU= Vulnerable, LC= Least Concern and NA= Not Application.

Source: Primary Survey data of P&M Solution, Noida and data supported by Department of Fisheries, Bhojpur District, Bihar.

3.6.13 Observations of Present Study (Flora & Fauna)

3.6.13.1 Flora

Most of the parts of the present study area (Bhojpur district) are agricultural fields, villageland. The forest of the district comprises tropical deciduous vegetation due to high temperature and humidity. No any rare, endangered and threatened floral species have been observed from the core and buffer zone of the present study.

3.6.13.2Fauna

There are no National parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife corridors, Tiger/Elephant reserves (existing as well as proposed), within 1 km buffer area as well as 5 km of the project area.No any endangered and threatened faunal species were observed from the core and buffer zone of the present study area. On the other hand, there is no any Schedule-I fauna was recorded as per the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. However, care will be taken during the developmental activities if found any.

3.7Socio-Economic Environment

Demography& Socio-Economic Features

Demography

Demography is one of the important indicators of environmental health of an area. It includes population, sex ratio, number of households, literacy, population density, etc. In order to assess the Demographic & Socio-economic features of the area, Census data 2011, for the 3 concerned districts i.e. Bhojpur, Patna and ArwalinBiharstate was compiled and placed in the form of tabulation and graphical representation.

Demography of the BhojpurDistrict

As per the census records 2011, Bhojpur district has a population of 27,28,407 persons followed by 14,30,380 males and 12,98,027 females respectively.

The decadal variation of the district has been seen at 21.6% during the decade 2001-11. The Urban area of the district has attained a higher decadal variation of 24.8% as compared to that of rural area at 21.1%. The district has a population density of 1,136 inhabitants per square kilometre (2,940/sq. mi). Its population growth rate over the decade 2001-11 was 21.27%.

As per 2011 census sex ratio of the district is 907 females per 1,000 males. The same for rural and urban areas of the district stands at 910 and 892 respectively. The sex ratio of population in the age group 0-6, which works out to 918, is much higher than the sex ratio of the total population (910) in the district of Bhojpur. While the sex ratio of (0-6) population in the rural areas of the district is 920, the sex ratio of (0-6) population for the urban areas is only 904.

Mother Tongue

The population of the Bhojpur district during 2001 was 22,43,144. As per distribution of different mother tongues (languages mentioned under 8th Schedule of Constitution of India) as returned during the 2001 Census for Bhojpur district, Hindi, the main mother tongue of the district was returned by 96.1 percent (21,55,948 persons) of the population. The corresponding percentage for the Urdu, the second most prominent language spoken in Bhojpur district, was 3.7 percent (84,074 persons). Speakers of other Scheduled languages were very thin in number than the two described above.

Religion

The population of the Bhojpur district during 2011 was 2,728,407. Hindus constitute 92.30 percent (2,518,216 persons) of the population in the district followed by Muslims 7.25%

(197,819 persons). All other four major religious communities have almost negligible percentages.

Methodology

In order to assess the Demographic & Socio-economic features along with the 10km distance based on field surveys and public consultations undertaken during the baseline field study period and Census records 2011, for the 3 concerned districts i.e. Bhojpur, Patnaand Arwal in Bihar state respectively was compiled and placed in the form of tabulation and graphical representation. Entire study area is observed predominantly rural, no town found in the study area.

Purpose of the Study

Socio-economic study was conducted to establish the baseline demographic features and impacts due to this '*SandGhatMining Project'*, as operation phase of any project invariably leads to Socio-economic changes. The construction phase of any kind of project could lead to unplanned and haphazard development of slums of various size and description with little or rudimentary.

Description of Social Environment

As per the Census Records 2011, the study area has a total of 164 villages lying under 3 main districts namely Bhojpur, Patna and Arwal in Bihar state. Overall study area villages are falling mainly under 8 tehsils namely Dulhin Bazar (08 villages) and Paliganj (48 villages) of Patna district, Sandesh (34 villages), Agiaon (42 villages), Tarari (01 village) and Sahar (05 village) of Bhojpur district, Arwal (18 village) and Karpi (08) under Arwal district respectively in Bihar State. No town found in the study area. There are twelve (12) villages of above mentioned 3 districts of Bihar state found as uninhabited villages in the study area.

Population Distribution within 10 km radial Study Zone

As per the Census Records 2011, the total population of 10 km study zone was recorded as 357029persons of 164villages/townsof 3 main districts named Patna, Bhojpur and ArwalinBihar state. Male-female wise total population was recorded as 185035 males (51.8%) and 171994(48.2%) females respectively.

Total number of 'Households' was observed as 58228in the 10 km radius study zone. Scheduled Caste ('SC') population was observed as 68039persons consisting of 35052males (51.5%) and 32987females (48.5%) in the 10km study zone. Scheduled Tribes ('ST') population was also observed as 103 persons (0.03%) consisting 50 males (48.5%) and 53 females (51.5%) in the 10 km study zone.The child population (0-6 Age) of the study area is recorded as 62130(17.4%) and comprising of 31942 (51.4%)males&30188 (48.6%) females respectively.

Village wise details of population distributionare given as follows in**Table3.32 & 3.33**

Table 3.32 : Village-wise Population Distribution (10km)

Name of Village/Town	No of Households	Total Population			Child Population (0-6 Years)		
		Persons	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female

1. District Patna, Bihar

Baijalpur	100	778	420	358	138	78	60
Nisarpura	543	3458	1791	1667	629	334	295
Kab	1658	10141	5277	4864	1656	831	825
Baduri	158	895	447	448	146	76	70
Paipura Khurd	183	1088	553	535	205	115	90
Rajipur	765	4509	2315	2194	859	418	441
Saraiya	452	2670	1392	1278	581	310	271
Achhua	534	3052	1556	1496	525	285	240
Kalyanpur	517	3450	1866	1584	583	321	262
Jalpura	216	1570	828	742	245	140	105
Masaurha	442	2413	1203	1210	397	207	190
Udaipur	367	2130	1073	1057	391	191	200
Mohbalipur	1251	6863	3466	3397	1273	640	633
Mohabbatpur	110	634	336	298	117	54	63
Ranipur	258	1584	828	756	263	140	123
Fatehpur	276	1630	856	774	265	143	122
Hasanpur	62	269	128	141	40	20	20
Dariapur Pem	302	1697	880	817	290	142	148
Paipura Kalan	304	1783	877	906	295	137	158
Ijarta	186	1117	536	581	182	78	104
Dharahra	792	4538	2421	2117	673	354	319
Milki	349	1856	961	895	342	162	180
Dariapur Anant	309	1791	919	872	281	148	133
Nirakpur Pali	1977	11798	6170	5628	2066	1091	975
Akhtiarpur Pali	614	3776	1970	1806	661	386	275
Kurkuri	701	4444	2248	2196	763	386	377
Bibipur	198	1157	576	581	192	103	89
Harpur Ankuri	581	2810	1342	1468	576	287	289
Sarsi	385	2471	1293	1178	401	225	176
Muhammadpur	264	1452	751	701	262	128	134
Bherharia	846	5419	2849	2570	1015	508	507
Mohibalipur Chak	Uninhabited Village						
Ghurna Bigha	191	1218	622	596	225	112	113
Habsapur	103	712	370	342	120	66	54
Pipardaha	652	4007	2055	1952	792	395	397
Belaunra	550	3078	1617	1461	500	274	226
Kansopur	197	1393	726	667	262	144	118
Bela	240	1729	887	842	283	149	134
Korra	691	4249	2159	2090	699	345	354
Lakhnipur	195	1196	623	573	209	107	102
Akbarpur	682	4399	2330	2069	665	342	323
Ajda	209	1010	505	505	158	82	76
Thakuri	205	1271	671	600	197	110	87
Sikaria	916	4768	2444	2324	910	471	439
Sedura	261	1787	900	887	334	163	171
Taranpur	290	1777	905	872	355	161	194
Chauri	153	917	472	445	157	81	76
Banauli Buzurg	114	687	384	303	99	48	51

Hemanpur	145	867	431	436	145	59	86
Khanpura	312	1597	841	756	315	169	146
Mankurha	278	1799	912	887	298	164	134
Torni	250	1363	674	689	298	133	165
Rampur Nagwan	710	4535	2348	2187	827	428	399
Mera	418	2449	1254	1195	441	232	209
Nirakhpur	283	1621	860	761	280	170	110
Patauna	341	2184	1115	1069	376	182	194
2. District Bhojpur, Bihar							
Turkaul	591	3817	2066	1751	663	352	311
Ahpura	531	3321	1752	1569	563	300	263
Salempur	139	543	291	252	85	50	35
Sandesh	1037	6874	3573	3301	1219	616	603
Panpura	54	483	255	228	82	35	47
Kanharpur	209	1319	729	590	182	110	72
Chela	377	2139	1115	1024	365	188	177
Panrepur	97	594	335	259	66	36	30
Basauri	69	484	254	230	74	38	36
Gaighat	Uninhabited Village						
Bhanpura	Uninhabited Village						
Dihra	489	3371	1786	1585	608	317	291
Dharampur	318	1942	1015	927	343	168	175
Surungapur	252	1756	900	856	282	140	142
Chauria	Uninhabited Village						
Dalelganj	225	1802	939	863	360	192	168
Udaibhanpur	23	156	86	70	19	11	8
Bara	171	997	514	483	166	92	74
Bartiar	305	1788	942	846	330	184	146
Kosdihra	116	766	394	372	149	74	75
Kori	1067	6821	3434	3387	1208	589	619
Baranhpur	18	84	45	39	12	7	5
Khandaul	846	5179	2686	2493	791	429	362
Phulari	762	5036	2682	2354	762	387	375
Bhatauli	431	2482	1324	1158	345	169	176
Chanchar	Uninhabited Village						
Raman Sanrh	837	5613	3003	2610	890	478	412
Patkhaulia	85	552	273	279	103	54	49
Pinjroi	110	689	334	355	112	58	54
Mahadeopur	Uninhabited Village						
Ahiman Chak	230	1457	736	721	282	131	151
Khemkaranpur	Uninhabited Village						
Baga	472	2697	1316	1381	473	243	230
Bhikham Chak	8	39	16	23	7	2	5
Seothara	161	978	496	482	145	76	69
Chhaprapur	334	2158	1092	1066	380	188	192
Dihra	106	981	505	476	175	88	87
Mahpur	Uninhabited Village						
Chansi	624	3810	2005	1805	662	362	300
Banauli	448	2441	1301	1140	365	197	168

Keshwarpur	111	833	435	398	116	52	64
Chauria	80	582	286	296	109	52	57
Ekauna	163	1077	555	522	211	111	100
Agiaon	835	4801	2481	2320	863	446	417
Kharainacha	243	1544	821	723	264	134	130
Isarpura	108	714	376	338	117	53	64
Paswan	590	3490	1863	1627	603	311	292
Ahila	407	2477	1280	1197	488	245	243
Kheri	248	1706	858	848	330	160	170
Bargaon	1711	10748	5650	5098	1873	942	931
Megharia	227	1278	599	679	260	133	127
Kamaria	271	2004	1029	975	330	170	160
Kirkiri	686	4247	2194	2053	785	398	387
Chipura	101	641	326	315	123	59	64
Narainaganj	58	279	159	120	63	35	28
Dundhua	Uninhabited Village						
Barhampur Mehdanra	511	3044	1568	1476	473	252	221
Chilhar	685	4188	2221	1967	711	379	332
Tara Chak	256	1748	927	821	283	153	130
Karbasin	450	2846	1450	1396	566	291	275
Gordiha	166	1218	641	577	189	92	97
Amarpur	Uninhabited Village						
Nadhi	511	3469	1845	1624	579	316	263
Nonaur	744	4691	2469	2222	820	433	387
Muzaffarpur	149	1450	779	671	241	134	107
Madhopur	87	591	308	283	119	65	54
Baghi	235	1724	885	839	304	154	150
Sewantha	307	1992	1012	980	328	178	150
Dhobha	271	1713	877	836	310	150	160
Khaneth	291	1732	887	845	302	148	154
Misraulia	149	757	394	363	122	63	59
Lahauripur	Uninhabited Village						
Panwar	450	3236	1676	1560	617	304	313
Paharpur Khurd	60	427	208	219	62	28	34
Rudarpur	64	434	221	213	77	33	44
Ekauni	44	269	126	143	55	24	31
Ramnagar	291	1749	893	856	338	163	175
Bajrean	283	2160	1125	1035	373	203	170
Bishunpura	89	450	222	228	66	32	34
Baruhi	1210	7021	3673	3348	1217	615	602
Ekwari	1877	11561	5976	5585	2111	1070	1041
Bansi Dehri	304	1472	699	773	238	114	124
3. District Arwal, Bihar							
Koriam	703	3935	1994	1941	728	349	379
Bara	199	998	522	476	109	64	45
Satpura	233	1307	665	642	161	77	84
Konika	370	1964	1034	930	405	212	193
Sonbarsa	849	4994	2605	2389	844	442	402
Sakri	436	2561	1351	1210	351	182	169

Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin	221	1199	620	579	216	104	112
Madan Singhka Bigha	120	798	409	389	144	75	69
Sonbarsa	Uninhabited Village						
Aslampur Dullah	Uninhabited Village						
Bhusura	282	1665	869	796	304	160	144
Gaddopur	390	2474	1275	1199	518	254	264
Madanpur Dhawa	94	598	302	296	107	47	60
Bhermpur Khapura	41	198	102	96	31	17	14
Fakharpur	542	3120	1540	1580	541	277	264
Jalpura	197	1271	683	588	157	90	67
Piare Chak	359	2191	1148	1043	386	200	186
Darwesh pura	38	261	142	119	32	15	17
Dariyapur	89	502	265	237	68	41	27
Inglish Gulab Singh	248	1505	809	696	251	138	113
Patak Chak	86	603	339	264	113	62	51
Aiyara	1173	7815	4034	3781	1334	657	677
Laraua	62	379	195	184	80	39	41
Latifpur Paraha	274	1487	778	709	307	158	149
Lodipur	162	1066	543	523	235	126	109
Masudpur Bara	109	750	390	360	147	75	72
TOTAL (10km)	**58228**	**357029**	**185035**	**171994**	**62130**	**31942**	**30188**
Source-Census of India, 2011							

Table 3.33: Village-wise SC & STPopulation Distribution (10km)

Name of Village/Town	Total Population	Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
		Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
1. District Patna, Bihar							
Baijalpur	778	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nisarpura	3458	775	394	381	1	0	1
Kab	10141	2234	1139	1095	2	1	1
Baduri	895	96	48	48	0	0	0
Paipura Khurd	1088	253	129	124	0	0	0
Rajipur	4509	1281	654	627	0	0	0
Saraiya	2670	984	525	459	0	0	0
Achhua	3052	385	204	181	1	1	0
Kalyanpur	3450	329	177	152	0	0	0
Jalpura	1570	91	45	46	0	0	0
Masaurha	2413	600	310	290	0	0	0
Udaipur	2130	75	44	31	0	0	0
Mohbalipur	6863	1729	878	851	2	2	0
Mohabbatpur	634	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ranipur	1584	198	110	88	1	1	0
Fatehpur	1630	803	413	390	1	0	1
Hasanpur	269	54	23	31	0	0	0
Dariapur Pem	1697	853	438	415	1	0	1
Paipura Kalan	1783	307	151	156	0	0	0
Ijarta	1117	374	160	214	0	0	0
Dharahra	4538	436	229	207	1	0	1

Milki	1856	850	442	408	0	0	0
Dariapur Anant	1791	438	229	209	0	0	0
Nirakpur Pali	11798	1814	936	878	1	0	1
Akhtiarpur Pali	3776	341	172	169	0	0	0
Kurkuri	4444	563	284	279	0	0	0
Bibipur	1157	320	158	162	0	0	0
Harpur Ankuri	2810	834	402	432	1	1	0
Sarsi	2471	597	318	279	0	0	0
Muhammadpur	1452	148	76	72	0	0	0
Bherharia	5419	1251	640	611	8	5	3
Mohibalipur Chak	Uninhabited Village						
Ghurna Bigha	1218	468	246	222	0	0	0
Habsapur	712	49	26	23	0	0	0
Pipardaha	4007	1484	756	728	1	1	0
Belaunra	3078	757	406	351	0	0	0
Kansopur	1393	96	46	50	0	0	0
Bela	1729	36	17	19	0	0	0
Korra	4249	953	485	468	0	0	0
Lakhnipur	1196	446	229	217	1	0	1
Akbarpur	4399	858	428	430	0	0	0
Ajda	1010	237	117	120	0	0	0
Thakuri	1271	534	281	253	0	0	0
Sikaria	4768	1542	766	776	1	0	1
Sedura	1787	197	93	104	0	0	0
Taranpur	1777	836	425	411	1	1	0
Chauri	917	184	98	86	1	0	1
Banauli Buzurg	687	74	37	37	0	0	0
Hemanpur	867	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khanpura	1597	630	320	310	0	0	0
Mankurha	1799	283	156	127	4	2	2
Torni	1363	180	87	93	0	0	0
Rampur Nagwan	4535	534	277	257	6	2	4
Mera	2449	588	305	283	0	0	0
Nirakhpur	1621	332	177	155	1	1	0
Patauna	2184	909	466	443	1	1	0
2. District Bhojpur, Bihar							
Turkaul	3817	335	193	142	0	0	0
Ahpura	3321	695	364	331	0	0	0
Salempur	543	293	153	140	0	0	0
Sandesh	6874	1826	929	897	1	0	1
Panpura	483	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kanharpur	1319	96	51	45	0	0	0
Chela	2139	723	399	324	0	0	0
Panrepur	594	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basauri	484	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaighat	Uninhabited Village						
Bhanpura	Uninhabited Village						
Dihra	3371	793	431	362	0	0	0
Dharampur	1942	329	171	158	0	0	0

Surungapur	1756	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chauria	Uninhabited Village						
Dalelganj	1802	180	89	91	0	0	0
Udaibhanpur	156	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bara	997	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bartiar	1788	402	214	188	0	0	0
Kosdihra	766	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kori	6821	1098	554	544	0	0	0
Baranhpur	84	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khandaul	5179	231	115	116	0	0	0
Phulari	5036	586	297	289	0	0	0
Bhatauli	2482	540	275	265	0	0	0
Chanchar	Uninhabited Village						
Raman Sanrh	5613	887	476	411	0	0	0
Patkhaulia	552	257	126	131	0	0	0
Pinjroi	689	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mahadeopur	Uninhabited Village						
Ahiman Chak	1457	77	44	33	0	0	0
Khemkaranpur	Uninhabited Village						
Baga	2697	295	140	155	0	0	0
Bhikham Chak	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seothara	978	359	170	189	0	0	0
Chhaprapur	2158	134	72	62	0	0	0
Dihra	981	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mahpur	Uninhabited Village						
Chansi	3810	254	126	128	0	0	0
Banauli	2441	450	239	211	0	0	0
Keshwarpur	833	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chauria	582	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekauna	1077	352	179	173	0	0	0
Agiaon	4801	1239	642	597	2	1	1
Kharainacha	1544	591	307	284	0	0	0
Isarpura	714	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paswan	3490	871	453	418	0	0	0
Ahila	2477	360	190	170	0	0	0
Kheri	1706	138	75	63	0	0	0
Bargaon	10748	987	531	456	1	0	1
Megharia	1278	122	61	61	0	0	0
Kamaria	2004	98	49	49	0	0	0
Kirkiri	4247	201	102	99	0	0	0
Chipura	641	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narainaganj	279	181	100	81	0	0	0
Dundhua	Uninhabited Village						
Barhampur Mehdanra	3044	416	210	206	0	0	0
Chilhar	4188	1095	577	518	0	0	0
Tara Chak	1748	296	148	148	0	0	0
Karbasin	2846	693	348	345	1	0	1
Gordiha	1218	235	115	120	0	0	0

Amarpur	Uninhabited Village						
Nadhi	3469	884	481	403	0	0	0
Nonaur	4691	917	481	436	11	7	4
Muzaffarpur	1450	292	159	133	0	0	0
Madhopur	591	107	58	49	1	0	1
Baghi	1724	55	32	23	0	0	0
Sewantha	1992	494	250	244	0	0	0
Dhobha	1713	231	116	115	0	0	0
Khaneth	1732	509	266	243	1	1	0
Misraulia	757	309	163	146	0	0	0
Lahauripur	Uninhabited Village						
Panwar	3236	1065	561	504	0	0	0
Paharpur Khurd	427	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rudarpur	434	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekauni	269	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramnagar	1749	608	301	307	0	0	0
Bajrean	2160	112	59	53	0	0	0
Bishunpura	450	34	20	14	0	0	0
Baruhi	7021	1973	1037	936	0	0	0
Ekwari	11561	1750	915	835	1	0	1
Bansi Dehri	1472	631	299	332	13	6	7
3. District Arwal, Bihar							
Koriam	3935	1109	560	549	0	0	0
Bara	998	105	48	57	0	0	0
Satpura	1307	196	89	107	0	0	0
Konika	1964	848	436	412	0	0	0
Sonbarsa	4994	910	485	425	1	1	0
Sakri	2561	958	499	459	0	0	0
Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin	1199	119	65	54	21	12	9
Madan Singhka Bigha	798	194	100	94	0	0	0
Sonbarsa	Uninhabited Village						
Aslampur Dullah	Uninhabited Village						
Bhusura	1665	129	65	64	0	0	0
Gaddopur	2474	766	383	383	0	0	0
Madanpur Dhawa	598	16	8	8	0	0	0
Bhermpur Khapura	198	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fakharpur	3120	775	391	384	8	3	5
Jalpura	1271	119	57	62	0	0	0
Piare Chak	2191	392	213	179	0	0	0
Darwesh pura	261	47	28	19	0	0	0
Dariyapur	502	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inglish Gulab Singh	1505	325	172	153	0	0	0
Patak Chak	603	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aiyara	7815	510	243	267	4	0	4
Laraua	379	74	37	37	0	0	0
Latifpur Paraha	1487	483	255	228	0	0	0
Lodipur	1066	58	33	25	0	0	0
Masudpur Bara	750	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL (10km)	**357029**	**68039**	**35052**	**32987**	**103**	**50**	**53**
Source-Census of India, 2011							

Sex Ratio

The 'Sex Ratio' of the study area is a numeric relationship between females and males of an area and bears paramount importance in the present day scenario where the un-ethnic pre-determination of sex and killing of female foetus during pregnancy is practiced by unscrupulous medical practitioners against the rule of the law of the country. It is evident that by contrast the practice of female foeticide is not prevalent in the study area.

The '*Sex Ratio'* was observed as 907females per 1000 males in the District. The same was recorded as 929females for every 1000 males in the study area. The child (0-6 yr age) sex ratio of the study area was observed as 945 female children per 1000 male children.

The village wise male-female population distribution for the study area is depicted and shown by graphical representation in**Table 3.34 & Figure 3.7**

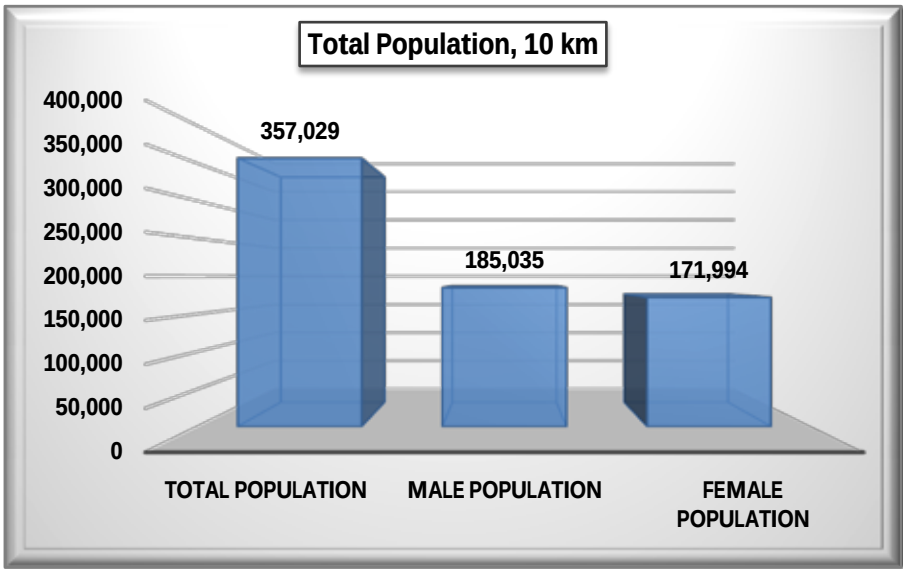

Figure3.7 :Male-Female Wise Population Distribution

Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Population

On the basis of the village wise SC & ST population distribution of the study area during 2011, the *'Scheduled Castes'*population was observed as 68039persons consisting of 35052 males and 32987females respectively in the study area which accounts as 19.0% to the total population (357029persons) of the study area. Scheduled Tribes ('ST') population was observed as 103persons,accounts as 0.03% to the total population of the study zone consisting of 50males and 53females in the 10 km radius study zone.It implies that the rest 81.0% of the total population belongs to the general category.

Male-female wise distribution of *'SC' & 'ST'*population in the study area is graphically shown in**Figure 3.8 .& 3.9**as follows.

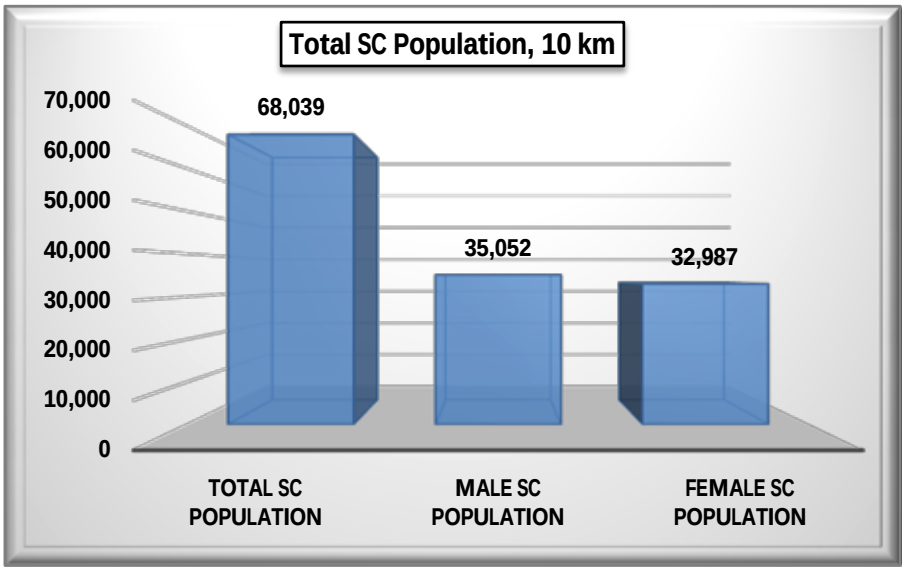

Figure 3.8 :Scheduled Caste Population in the Study Area

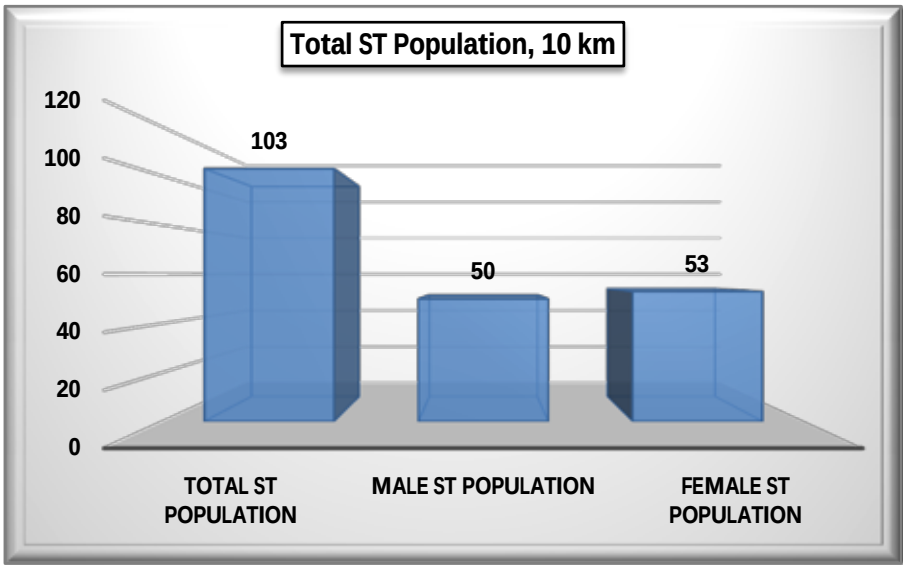

Figure 3.9 :Scheduled Tribes Population in the Study Area

Literacy Rate

Literacy level is quantifiable indicator to assess the development status of an area or region. Male-Female wise literates and illiterate's population is represented in**Table 3.34** Total literate's population was recorded as198965 persons (55.7%) in the study area.**Table 3.34** reveals that Male-Female wise literates are observed as 122114&76851 persons respectively, implies that the 'Literacy Rate' is recorded as 55.7% with male-female wise percentages being 34.2% &21.5% respectively.

The Male-Female wise graphical representation of literates &illiterate's population in study area villages/town is shown in **Figure 3.10**

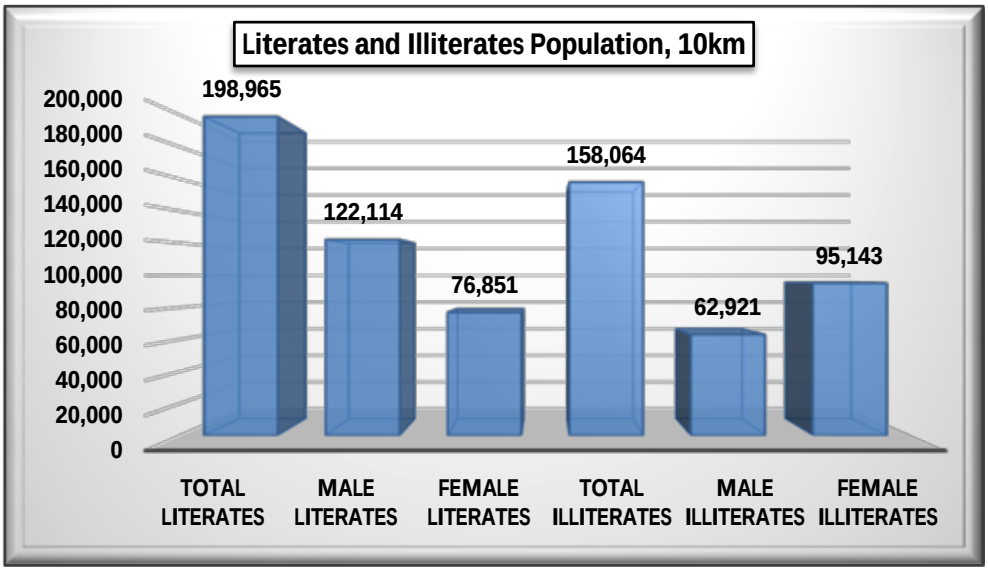

Figure3.10 :Male-Female Wise Distribution of Literates & Illiterates

Table 3.34 :Male-Female Wise Literates and Illiterates(10km)

Name of Village/Town	Total Population	Literates			Illiterates		
		Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
1. District Patna, Bihar							
Baijalpur	778	428	288	140	350	132	218
Nisarpura	3458	1688	1058	630	1770	733	1037
Kab	10141	6091	3611	2480	4050	1666	2384
Baduri	895	500	303	197	395	144	251
Paipura Khurd	1088	637	366	271	451	187	264
Rajipur	4509	2403	1489	914	2106	826	1280
Saraiya	2670	1099	697	402	1571	695	876
Achhua	3052	1706	999	707	1346	557	789
Kalyanpur	3450	1731	1136	595	1719	730	989
Jalpura	1570	1085	622	463	485	206	279
Masaurha	2413	1425	831	594	988	372	616
Udaipur	2130	1066	693	373	1064	380	684
Mohbalipur	6863	3804	2316	1488	3059	1150	1909
Mohabbatpur	634	342	243	99	292	93	199
Ranipur	1584	917	555	362	667	273	394
Fatehpur	1630	842	513	329	788	343	445
Hasanpur	269	133	83	50	136	45	91
Dariapur Pem	1697	720	481	239	977	399	578
Paipura Kalan	1783	1031	620	411	752	257	495
Ijarta	1117	557	320	237	560	216	344
Dharahra	4538	3024	1771	1253	1514	650	864
Milki	1856	897	583	314	959	378	581
Dariapur Anant	1791	1095	642	453	696	277	419
Nirakpur Pali	11798	6962	4033	2929	4836	2137	2699
Akhtiarpur Pali	3776	2360	1382	978	1416	588	828
Kurkuri	4444	2692	1596	1096	1752	652	1100
Bibipur	1157	704	420	284	453	156	297

Harpur Ankuri	2810	1381	813	568	1429	529	900
Sarsi	2471	1549	939	610	922	354	568
Muhammadpur	1452	656	411	245	796	340	456
Bherharia	5419	3023	1864	1159	2396	985	1411
Mohibalipur Chak	Uninhabited Village						
Ghurna Bigha	1218	460	330	130	758	292	466
Habsapur	712	460	263	197	252	107	145
Pipardaha	4007	1851	1205	646	2156	850	1306
Belaunra	3078	1656	1008	648	1422	609	813
Kansopur	1393	708	445	263	685	281	404
Bela	1729	988	601	387	741	286	455
Korra	4249	2521	1487	1034	1728	672	1056
Lakhnipur	1196	561	340	221	635	283	352
Akbarpur	4399	2781	1673	1108	1618	657	961
Ajda	1010	579	349	230	431	156	275
Thakuri	1271	736	444	292	535	227	308
Sikaria	4768	2561	1523	1038	2207	921	1286
Sedura	1787	1123	636	487	664	264	400
Taranpur	1777	828	535	293	949	370	579
Chauri	917	472	309	163	445	163	282
Banauli Buzurg	687	534	310	224	153	74	79
Hemanpur	867	379	258	121	488	173	315
Khanpura	1597	664	403	261	933	438	495
Mankurha	1799	934	567	367	865	345	520
Torni	1363	575	385	190	788	289	499
Rampur Nagwan	4535	2230	1410	820	2305	938	1367
Mera	2449	1195	704	491	1254	550	704
Nirakhpur	1621	823	524	299	798	336	462
Patauna	2184	1257	727	530	927	388	539
2. District Bhojpur, Bihar							
Turkaul	3817	2201	1396	805	1616	670	946
Ahpura	3321	2040	1247	793	1281	505	776
Salempur	543	253	154	99	290	137	153
Sandesh	6874	4021	2453	1568	2853	1120	1733
Panpura	483	304	196	108	179	59	120
Kanharpur	1319	866	520	346	453	209	244
Chela	2139	1037	672	365	1102	443	659
Panrepur	594	176	132	44	418	203	215
Basauri	484	316	201	115	168	53	115
Gaighat	Uninhabited Village						
Bhanpura	Uninhabited Village						
Dihra	3371	1951	1253	698	1420	533	887
Dharampur	1942	1016	611	405	926	404	522
Surungapur	1756	977	636	341	779	264	515
Chauria	Uninhabited Village						
Dalelganj	1802	953	636	317	849	303	546
Udaibhanpur	156	57	43	14	99	43	56
Bara	997	678	393	285	319	121	198
Bartiar	1788	1009	640	369	779	302	477

Kosdihra	766	353	246	107	413	148	265
Kori	6821	3549	2261	1288	3272	1173	2099
Baranhpur	84	59	38	21	25	7	18
Khandaul	5179	2624	1657	967	2555	1029	1526
Phulari	5036	3194	1990	1204	1842	692	1150
Bhatauli	2482	1427	928	499	1055	396	659
Chanchar	Uninhabited Village						
Raman Sanrh	5613	3301	2080	1221	2312	923	1389
Patkhaulia	552	318	189	129	234	84	150
Pinjroi	689	436	240	196	253	94	159
Mahadeopur	Uninhabited Village						
Ahiman Chak	1457	727	475	252	730	261	469
Khemkaranpur	Uninhabited Village						
Baga	2697	1668	948	720	1029	368	661
Bhikham Chak	39	20	9	11	19	7	12
Seothara	978	490	284	206	488	212	276
Chhaprapur	2158	1238	773	465	920	319	601
Dihra	981	524	351	173	457	154	303
Mahpur	Uninhabited Village						
Chansi	3810	1949	1267	682	1861	738	1123
Banauli	2441	1334	859	475	1107	442	665
Keshwarpur	833	461	325	136	372	110	262
Chauria	582	344	223	121	238	63	175
Ekauna	1077	634	396	238	443	159	284
Agiaon	4801	2798	1672	1126	2003	809	1194
Kharainacha	1544	850	544	306	694	277	417
Isarpura	714	438	293	145	276	83	193
Paswan	3490	1935	1212	723	1555	651	904
Ahila	2477	1261	810	451	1216	470	746
Kheri	1706	1041	629	412	665	229	436
Bargaon	10748	5758	3670	2088	4990	1980	3010
Megharia	1278	711	401	310	567	198	369
Kamaria	2004	1085	696	389	919	333	586
Kirkiri	4247	2532	1498	1034	1715	696	1019
Chipura	641	361	247	114	280	79	201
Narainaganj	279	75	55	20	204	104	100
Dundhua	Uninhabited Village						
Barhampur Mehdanra	3044	1553	958	595	1491	610	881
Chilhar	4188	2377	1437	940	1811	784	1027
Tara Chak	1748	998	637	361	750	290	460
Karbasin	2846	1563	953	610	1283	497	786
Gordiha	1218	589	402	187	629	239	390
Amarpur	Uninhabited Village						
Nadhi	3469	1911	1253	658	1558	592	966
Nonaur	4691	2639	1645	994	2052	824	1228
Muzaffarpur	1450	864	545	319	586	234	352
Madhopur	591	321	210	111	270	98	172
Baghi	1724	1043	632	411	681	253	428

Sewantha	1992	1335	745	590	657	267	390
Dhobha	1713	818	513	305	895	364	531
Khaneth	1732	950	582	368	782	305	477
Misraulia	757	430	253	177	327	141	186
Lahauripur	Uninhabited Village						
Panwar	3236	1223	806	417	2013	870	1143
Paharpur Khurd	427	154	97	57	273	111	162
Rudarpur	434	275	160	115	159	61	98
Ekauni	269	112	71	41	157	55	102
Ramnagar	1749	953	611	342	796	282	514
Bajrean	2160	1192	793	399	968	332	636
Bishunpura	450	204	131	73	246	91	155
Baruhi	7021	3579	2184	1395	3442	1489	1953
Ekwari	11561	6897	4005	2892	4664	1971	2693
Bansi Dehri	1472	812	455	357	660	244	416
3. District Arwal, Bihar							
Koriam	3935	2196	1368	828	1739	626	1113
Bara	998	778	442	336	220	80	140
Satpura	1307	848	507	341	459	158	301
Konika	1964	1008	634	374	956	400	556
Sonbarsa	4994	3144	1855	1289	1850	750	1100
Sakri	2561	1762	1069	693	799	282	517
Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin	1199	609	393	216	590	227	363
Madan Singhka Bigha	798	306	197	109	492	212	280
Sonbarsa	Uninhabited Village						
Aslampur Dullah	Uninhabited Village						
Bhusura	1665	1002	641	361	663	228	435
Gaddopur	2474	1284	817	467	1190	458	732
Madanpur Dhawa	598	312	210	102	286	92	194
Bhermpur Khapura	198	95	64	31	103	38	65
Fakharpur	3120	1682	966	716	1438	574	864
Jalpura	1271	936	549	387	335	134	201
Piare Chak	2191	1158	724	434	1033	424	609
Darwesh pura	261	162	105	57	99	37	62
Dariyapur	502	346	205	141	156	60	96
Inglish Gulab Singh	1505	830	551	279	675	258	417
Patak Chak	603	314	211	103	289	128	161
Aiyara	7815	4909	2896	2013	2906	1138	1768
Laraua	379	113	74	39	266	121	145
Latifpur Paraha	1487	698	437	261	789	341	448
Lodipur	1066	565	330	235	501	213	288
Masudpur Bara	750	342	228	114	408	162	246
TOTAL (10km)	**357029**	**198965**	**122114**	**76851**	**158064**	**62921**	**95143**
Source-Census of India, 2011							

Economic Profile ofBhojpurDistrict:

Agriculture is the main source of income for majority of people of the district. Rice, Wheat & Gram are the three main crops grown in the district. The other major economic activities of the district are dairy, rice-milling, petty trade, transport, etc. The district is major producer of rice and milk.

Sand is major mineral of Bhojpur district of Bihar. Yellow sand in Sone river and Ganga river are major source of revenue collection in district as well as soil/clay is actively mined for bricks and pottery industry. In the financial year, huge amount of clay was produced for these purposes. It is also used as a decorative material in landscaping. Specific types of sand are used in the manufacture of glass and as a molding material for metal casting. Wide flood plains and high banks are the common features in the course of the Ganga and the Sone along with silt and clay deposits.

In 2006 the Indian government named Bhojpur one of the country's 250 most backward districts (out of a total of 640). It is one of the 38 districts in Bihar currently receiving funds from the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF).

Workers Scenario:

Occupational studied to assess the skills of people in the study area. Occupational pattern helps in identifying major economic activities of the area. In the study area the Main and Marginal Workers population was observed as 81742(23.0%) and 42449(12.0%) to the total population (357029), while the remaining 232838(65.0%) persons were recorded as non-workers. Thus it implies that the semi-skilled and non-skilled work-force required in study area for the project is available in aplenty.

The village-wise main and marginal worker’s population with further classification as casual, agricultural, households and other workers is shown as follows in**Table 3.35**

Table 3.35 :Village-wise Occupational Pattern (10km)

Name of the Village	MAIN WORK_P	MAIN_ CL_P	MAIN_ AL_P	MAIN_H H_P	MAIN_ OT_P	MARG WORK_P	MARG_ CL_P	MARG_ AL_P	MARG_ HH_P	MARG_ OT_P
1. District Patna, Bihar										
Baijalpur	392	105	27	146	114	38	2	1	16	19
Nisarpura	1020	357	354	152	157	567	143	389	12	23
Kab	3344	1042	1174	101	1027	865	167	389	74	235
Baduri	227	10	46	0	171	49	14	10	3	22
Paipura Khurd	552	302	204	32	14	77	1	34	26	16
Rajipur	1230	39	287	4	900	387	32	281	9	65
Saraiya	845	385	399	19	42	138	10	87	23	18
Achhua	805	206	503	7	89	577	79	474	6	18
Kalyanpur	877	155	665	1	56	318	11	236	1	70
Jalpura	166	89	20	1	56	240	160	42	1	37
Masaurha	404	183	137	22	62	597	98	360	70	69
Udaipur	240	48	64	33	95	542	38	436	39	29
Mohbalipur	993	386	249	52	306	967	94	725	51	97
Mohabbatpur	93	80	6	0	7	27	17	9	0	1
Ranipur	402	126	201	4	71	130	26	82	1	21
Fatehpur	304	28	230	5	41	331	1	316	5	9
Hasanpur	38	17	13	0	8	52	8	41	0	3
Dariapur Pem	354	84	221	12	37	481	35	245	13	188
Paipura Kalan	540	211	298	1	30	10	8	2	0	0
Ijarta	178	35	87	8	48	216	2	207	2	5
Dharahra	1175	227	323	37	588	302	40	135	67	60
Milki	245	38	137	7	63	399	18	245	6	130
Dariapur Anant	506	321	160	3	22	98	56	41	1	0
Nirakpur Pali	2627	237	478	171	1741	1047	93	412	25	517
Akhtiarpur Pali	772	250	291	94	137	419	62	194	40	123

Kurkuri	1198	529	543	1	125	107	11	77	0	19
Bibipur	252	57	88	1	106	105	5	96	0	4
Harpur Ankuri	587	257	193	1	136	370	17	279	0	74
Sarsi	672	232	326	7	107	33	13	7	0	13
Muhammadpur	226	31	186	2	7	86	48	18	9	11
Bherharia	1261	205	714	29	313	838	65	427	227	119
Mohibalipur Chak	Uninhabited Village									
Ghurna Bigha	148	25	120	0	3	349	39	305	0	5
Habsapur	381	72	273	1	35	10	5	1	0	4
Pipardaha	870	204	604	1	61	517	67	409	13	28
Belaunra	634	325	253	7	49	695	7	621	36	31
Kansopur	313	156	133	3	21	18	0	11	0	7
Bela	117	26	60	8	23	837	39	319	418	61
Korra	1098	291	640	25	142	414	13	336	28	37
Lakhnipur	362	83	247	22	10	31	4	25	1	1
Akbarpur	1520	360	866	40	254	271	13	198	14	46
Ajda	237	80	149	4	4	9	1	7	1	0
Thakuri	307	73	200	3	31	10	1	4	2	3
Sikaria	1109	369	644	6	90	337	42	287	6	2
Sedura	186	53	110	4	19	505	19	442	21	23
Taranpur	297	69	192	4	32	298	8	284	0	6
Chauri	173	31	124	0	18	103	2	99	1	1
Banauli Buzurg	230	4	204	0	22	36	1	33	0	2
Hemanpur	386	11	369	2	4	108	3	101	0	4
Khanpura	445	139	251	0	55	4	1	1	1	1
Mankurha	476	100	315	17	44	184	50	132	1	1
Torni	360	80	249	7	24	54	2	51	1	0
Rampur Nagwan	731	184	474	2	71	944	145	730	26	43
Mera	826	175	601	0	50	50	3	24	1	22
Nirakhpur	519	7	444	14	54	345	154	186	0	5

Patauna	831	235	476	7	113	38	6	24	4	4
2. District Bhojpur, Bihar										
Turkaul	501	120	256	40	85	432	11	334	55	32
Ahpura	1022	119	699	101	103	111	25	41	16	29
Salempur	16	0	4	0	12	244	43	200	0	1
Sandesh	1591	106	507	344	634	684	42	290	66	286
Panpura	123	1	111	0	11	5	0	4	0	1
Kanharpur	240	68	105	0	67	109	10	72	0	27
Chela	368	186	113	3	66	365	135	212	4	14
Panrepur	138	24	80	17	17	16	6	2	2	6
Basauri	128	95	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gaighat	Uninhabited Village									
Bhanpura	Uninhabited Village									
Dihra	484	242	83	29	130	469	15	446	0	8
Dharampur	161	113	15	7	26	493	24	449	3	17
Surungapur	431	123	273	4	31	465	176	170	1	118
Chauria	Uninhabited Village									
Dalelganj	287	99	131	6	51	163	41	105	3	14
Udaibhanpur	24	24	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bara	329	144	93	54	38	53	0	6	38	9
Bartiar	539	132	163	158	86	211	14	119	23	55
Kosdihra	154	125	8	0	21	38	4	30	1	3
Kori	2100	166	1545	52	337	154	4	131	4	15
Baranhpur	15	8	5	0	2	11	2	9	0	0
Khandaul	783	329	331	7	116	767	26	632	11	98
Phulari	912	150	515	5	242	658	200	294	11	153
Bhatauli	239	39	147	20	33	335	27	276	11	21
Chanchar	Uninhabited Village									
Raman Sanrh	1313	452	596	77	188	549	124	171	36	218
Patkhaulia	113	30	70	0	13	5	0	2	1	2

Pinjroi	126	79	18	0	29	0	0	0	0	0
Mahadeopur	Uninhabited Village									
Ahiman Chak	223	37	91	46	49	269	14	208	17	30
Khemkaranpur	Uninhabited Village									
Baga	233	12	123	3	95	328	66	232	9	21
Bhikham Chak	4	0	2	0	2	5	1	2	0	2
Seothara	42	22	7	1	12	354	64	256	1	33
Chhaprapur	622	153	353	14	102	35	5	7	5	18
Dihra	28	20	2	1	5	282	79	195	3	5
Mahpur	Uninhabited Village									
Chansi	1472	582	843	15	32	184	112	62	6	4
Banauli	759	204	522	5	28	28	7	8	1	12
Keshwarpur	211	191	5	0	15	190	190	0	0	0
Chauria	113	50	39	0	24	87	2	85	0	0
Ekauna	320	206	60	2	52	110	10	90	0	10
Agiaon	1112	104	487	214	307	816	94	553	61	108
Kharainacha	515	273	26	52	164	329	33	260	19	17
Isarpura	16	4	3	0	9	369	3	346	8	12
Paswan	747	340	219	39	149	281	35	167	19	60
Ahila	713	213	186	189	125	375	83	229	22	41
Kheri	482	164	156	101	61	177	43	48	33	53
Bargaon	2075	541	1148	70	316	2079	188	1515	46	330
Megharia	192	55	41	45	51	90	13	67	7	3
Kamaria	378	230	112	10	26	327	36	126	10	155
Kirkiri	780	57	175	23	525	196	8	35	20	133
Chipura	131	104	7	8	12	3	1	0	1	1
Narainaganj	82	26	53	0	3	7	3	3	0	1
Dundhua	Uninhabited Village									
Barhampur Mehdanra	861	177	453	21	210	509	80	238	115	76
Chilhar	767	190	242	44	291	318	14	248	39	17

Tara Chak	435	272	121	1	41	385	19	343	2	21
Karbasin	898	115	481	191	111	249	12	135	13	89
Gordiha	36	16	6	3	11	625	74	515	10	26
Amarpur	Uninhabited Village									
Nadhi	815	271	495	6	43	339	170	130	15	24
Nonaur	1009	336	470	12	191	421	107	293	7	14
Muzaffarpur	445	188	203	10	44	201	198	3	0	0
Madhopur	246	159	69	2	16	104	76	26	0	2
Baghi	483	46	229	2	206	395	5	146	16	228
Sewantha	352	122	145	1	84	277	18	112	2	145
Dhobha	397	119	258	2	18	181	3	135	2	41
Khaneth	440	333	52	0	55	309	288	15	1	5
Misraulia	168	22	113	1	32	33	0	9	3	21
Lahauripur	Uninhabited Village									
Panwar	1053	235	764	13	41	331	39	268	1	23
Paharpur Khurd	53	22	25	1	5	48	8	37	1	2
Rudarpur	182	93	76	8	5	68	5	10	0	53
Ekauni	57	37	18	1	1	7	5	2	0	0
Ramnagar	458	96	182	78	102	264	3	252	5	4
Bajrean	549	408	86	2	53	91	32	55	1	3
Bishunpura	6	1	0	0	5	137	66	50	5	16
Baruhi	1809	992	687	34	96	791	104	620	7	60
Ekwari	2360	831	963	83	483	1599	256	1224	19	100
Bansi Dehri	461	372	77	0	12	275	252	1	1	21
3. District Arwal, Bihar										
Koriam	705	153	425	12	115	287	9	260	5	13
Bara	242	123	62	14	43	8	1	3	2	2
Satpura	363	59	231	8	65	55	14	33	6	2
Konika	474	37	403	0	34	334	2	330	0	2
Sonbarsa	975	73	452	85	365	607	27	523	22	35

Sakri	523	215	213	2	93	199	0	184	0	15
Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin	227	96	47	1	83	146	30	72	3	41
Madan Singhka Bigha	86	54	28	0	4	231	0	230	0	1
Sonbarsa	Uninhabited Village									
Aslampur Dullah	Uninhabited Village									
Bhusura	581	170	317	16	78	105	2	88	5	10
Gaddopur	685	87	491	12	95	31	0	27	1	3
Madanpur Dhawa	118	73	29	6	10	4	0	0	4	0
Bhermpur Khapura	47	45	0	0	2	9	0	9	0	0
Fakharpur	500	121	201	23	155	317	40	240	5	32
Jalpura	222	86	83	0	53	127	12	92	8	15
Piare Chak	261	81	69	16	95	446	2	413	12	19
Darwesh pura	54	41	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dariyapur	119	68	21	1	29	5	0	3	0	2
Inglish Gulab Singh	424	159	175	34	56	173	2	166	0	5
Patak Chak	49	14	10	0	25	124	1	118	0	5
Aiyara	1381	767	372	14	228	1244	272	880	9	83
Laraua	11	6	5	0	0	111	0	111	0	0
Latifpur Paraha	374	138	186	1	49	19	0	19	0	0
Lodipur	375	65	250	17	43	3	0	1	0	2
Masudpur Bara	138	5	116	0	17	68	0	61	0	7
TOTAL (10km)	**81742**	**24175**	**37596**	**3670**	**16301**	**42449**	**6267**	**28146**	**2223**	**5813**

Source-Census of India, 2011

ABBREVIATIONS:

MAIN WORKERS POPULATION: MAIN WORK_P: **Main worker's total population, MAIN_CL_P: Main cultivated labour population, MAIN_AL_P: Main agricultural labour population, MAIN_HH_P: Main workers** population involved in household industries, **MAIN_OT_P:** Main other worker's population

MARGINAL WORKERS POPULATION:

MARG WORK_P: Marginal worker's total population, **MARG_CL_P:** Marginal cultivated labors total population, **MARG_AL_P:** Marginal

agricultural labors population, **MARG_HH_P:** Marginal workers involved in household industries, **MARG_OT_P :** Marginal other workers Population

Distribution of work participation rate of the study area population is shown in**Table 3.36** as follows;

Table 3.36 :Distribution of Work Participation Rate(10km)

Occupation Class	Year, 2011
Main Workers	**81742 (23.0%)**
Male	64049(78.4%)
Female	17693(21.6%)
Marginal Workers	**42449(12.0%)**
Male	23960(56.4%)
Female	18489(43.6%)
Non-Workers	**232838(65.0%)**
Male	97026 (41.7%)
Female	135812(58.3%)
Total Population (10km)	**357029**
Source: Census of India Records, 2011	

Graphical representation of Workers Scenario is given below as**Figure 3.11**

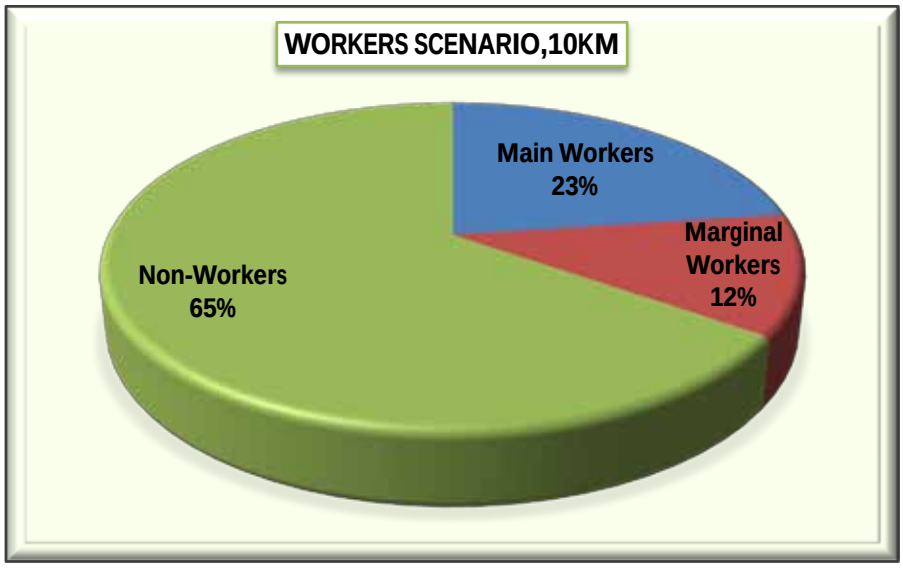

Figure 3.11:Workers Scenario of Study Area

Composition of Main Workers:

The 'Main Workers' were observed as 81742persons (23.0%) to the total population (357029) of the study area and its composition is made-up of Casual laborers as 24175

(30.0%), Agricultural laborers as 37596(46.0%), Household workers 3670(4.0%) and other workers as 16301(20.0%) respectively.

Composition of Main workers is shown below as**Figure 3.12**

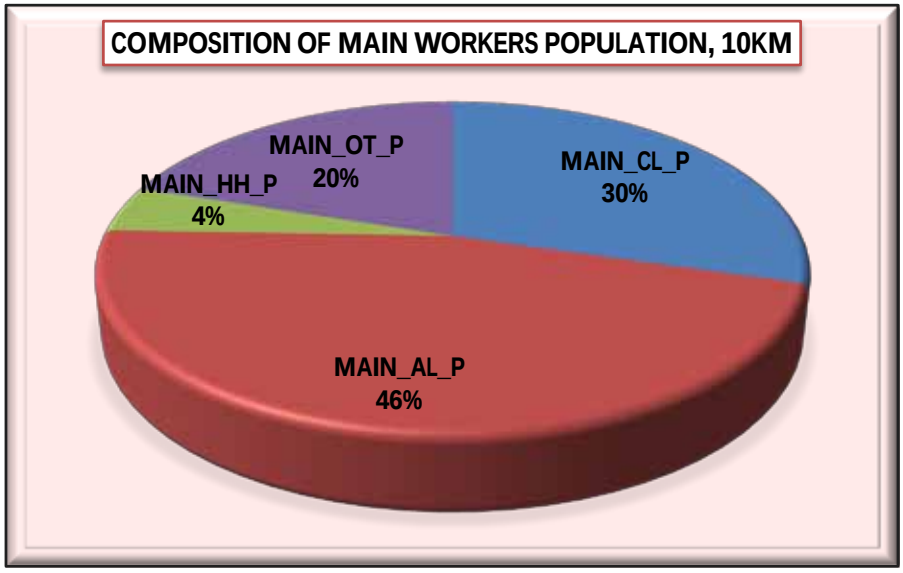

Figure 3.12 :Composition of Main Workers Population

Composition of Marginal Workers:

The total marginal workers are observed as 42449 which constitute 12.0% to the total population (357029) comprising of Marginal Casual Laborers as 6267 (15.0%), Marginal Agricultural Laborers as 28146(66.0%), Marginal Household laborers as 2223 (5.0%) and marginal other workers were also observed as 5813 (14.0%) of the total marginal workers respectively.

Details about marginal workers in the study area are tabulated in**Table 3.37** .Composition of Marginal workers is shown in**Figure 3.13** as follows.

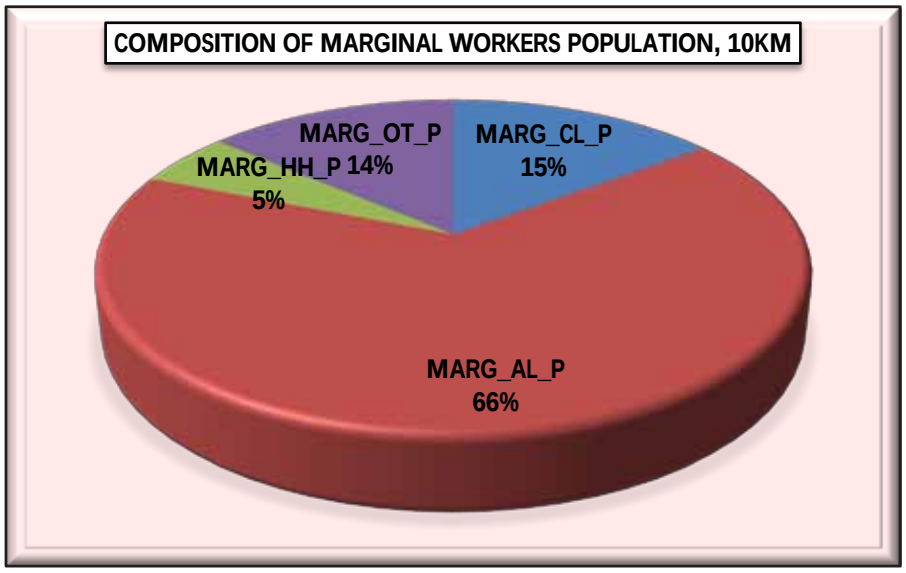

Figure 3.13 :Composition of Marginal Workers

Composition of Non-Workers:

The total Non-worker's population was observed as 232838which accounts65.0% to the total population (357029) of the study area. Male-female wise Non-worker's population was recorded as 97026 Males (41.7%) and 135812Females (58.3%) respectively.

Details about Total Non-workers in the study area are compiled in**Table 3.37** Graphical representation of Non-worker's population is shown as follows in**Figure3.14**

Table 3.37 :Composition of Non-Workers

Non-Workers Population		
Persons	**Males**	**Females**
232838	97026 (41.7%)	135812(58.3%)

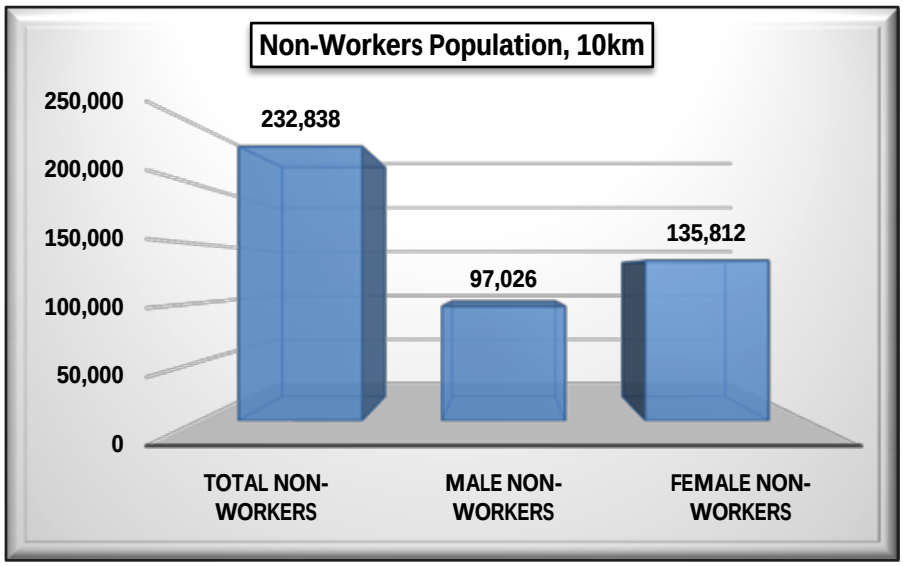

Figure 3.14 : Composition of Non-Workers

Basic Infrastructure Facilities Availability*(as per the census records of 2011)*

A review of basic infrastructure facilities (*Amenities*) available in the study area has been done on the basis of the field survey and Census records, 2011 for the study area inhabited villages of Bhojpur, Patnaand Arwaldistricts in Bihar state.The study area has average level of basic infrastructure facilities like educational, medical, potable water and power supply and transport& communication network.

As per the Census Records 2011, the study area has a total of 164 villages lying under 3 main districts namely Bhojpur, Patna and Arwal in Bihar state. Overall study area villages are falling mainly under 8 tehsils namely Dulhin Bazar (08 villages) and Paliganj (48 villages) of Patna district, Sandesh (34 villages), Agiaon (42 villages), Tarari (01 village) and Sahar (05 village) of Bhojpur district, Arwal (18 village) and Karpi (08) under Arwal district

respectively in Bihar State. No town found in the study area. There are twelve (12) villages of above mentioned 3 districts of Bihar state found as uninhabited villages in the study area.

Educational Facilities

There isa total no. of174 Primary schools existing in the 10km radius study area.About 123 no of Middle schools are foundin the study area. Only eighty-six (86)Higher Secondary School (SS) andEighteen (18)Senior Secondary School (SSS) facility is available in the study area. The educational facilities have been further strengthening now and a number of private public schools and colleges are also functioning in the surroundings of the study area. Besides, there are Engineering and Medical colleges available in Towns and District headquarters only. Higher education facilities are available in Towns of the district. There is a considerable improvement in educational facility. The villages of the study area have no such facilities can reach within 5to 10km range.No town was found in the 10 km radial study area.

Availability of University Education in Bhojpur District

There are several affiliated and constituted colleges of the Veer Kunwar Singh University, Arrah which impart under graduate and post graduate education in the district. IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) has opened study center H D Jain College in Arrah where one can study many distance courses of under graduate, post graduate and vocational etc.

Medical Facilities

The medical facilities are provided by different agencies like Govt. & Private individuals and voluntary organizations in the study area. As per the census 2011, only 15primary health centersexistin the study area; most of the study area villages depend upon the towns & district HQ of the study area having such facility. No community health centre exists in the study area. Only twenty-six (26)Primary Health Sub-Centers exists in the villages of the study area. Only eighteen(18) no of Mother & Child Welfare Centersarefound in the study area. Noallopathic hospitalexists in the study area. Only 7medical dispansaries were found in the study area. Only eighteen (18) Family Welfare Centersare found in the study area. Overall study area villages are served by average medical facilities. Specialized medical facilities are available only in towns and District Headquarter (HQ) only.

Potable Water Facilities

Potable water facility is available in most of the villages of the study area. The entire study area has average level of potable water facilities. Hand Pump(HP) water facility is commonly observed in the study area as potable water facility. Out of the total 164 villages,81 villages (49.4%)are served with River/Canal water in the study area. As per the census records 2011, only4villageswere foundbeing served with Tank/Pond/Lake as potable water facility in the study area.

Communication, Road & Transport Facilities

Apart from Post &Telegraph Office (PTO) services, transport is the main communication linkage in the study area. Compiled census 2011, data shows that the study area has good

postal facilities in the 10km radius zone. About 49 villages(30.0%) were foundserving with Post Office facilities in the study area, remaining villages are depending upon towns of the study area.

The study area has average rail and road network, passes from the area. Only 2 villageswerefound with railway station facility in the study area.Nearest railway station isGarhaniRailway station in NW direction from the mine lease area site. Nearest town and District headquarter Arrah, is situated at approx. 25.0km in Northwest.

Site is well connected by Nearest State Highway (SH-81) ispassing at <1.0km towards Northdirection from the site.Nearest airport is Jayprakash Narayan International Airport Patna, in Bihar state, situated at about 50.0km in Northeast direction from the mine lease area site.

Communication

Roads - The district of Bhojpur is well served by a network of roads. Road communication is the mainmode of transportation in this district. The roads are classified as the National Highways, State Highways,Major district roads and other district roads. They are maintained by the Public Works Department, theRural Engineering Organisation, the Zila Parishad and Municipalities. It is also connected with the interiorof the district by metalled road. Two National Highway NH-30 and NH-84 pass through the district.

The district has been fairly rich in road communication for a long time. Francis Buchanan has mentionedin ‘Shahabad Journal’ that there are some very good roads in the district. He traveled “by a very good roadwith brick bridges from Koilwar to Ara” he also mentions a few other good roads viz., “The great road ofBuxar, the Banaras road, road to Sasaram and the great road of Dumraon”. Patna-Ara – Buxar road, Bihia-Piro road, Sasaram-Bikramganj-Ara road are also worth mentioning.

Railways - The district of Bhojpur has a railway communication system. It is served by East CentralRailway. Ara, the District Headquarters, is on the main line of Eastern Railway. It enters the district atKoilwar on the East and moves via Buxar to Moghalsarai on the West. Earlier, there was a narrow-gaugerail link from Ara to Sasaram. It is now closed since last 217 years. A new Broad-gauge rail line is beingconstructed between Ara and Sasaram.

Airways –The district of Bhojpur is not served by any regular air service.

Boats – The Ganga is navigable river in whole year round and goods are transported across the river tothe Uttar Pradesh in the North through boats also play in the Sone intermittently, through the district has anetwork of canals.

Banking Facility

The study area has almost all the schedule commercial banks with ATM facility at urban areas and the district HQ.

Trade and Commerce - The development of the means of communication has had a great impact on the trade and commerce of the district. The district may now be said to be fairly well- connected by Road and Rail.

Ara town is the hub of commercial activities of the district. In Bhojpur district, trade consists mainly of export of pulses, rices, castor seed, milk products and vegetables and import of cotton textiles, iron and steel products, cement, coal and consumer goods.

Power Supply

It is revealed from the compiled information on amenities availability as per the census record of 2011; most of the villages and towns are with poor electrification for Domestic, Agriculture, and Commercial& for allpurposes in the study area. Only43villages (26.2%) and towns of the study area are electrified for domestic purpose, only 14villages (8.5%) were found for agricultural purpose, commercial purpose & for all purposes in the study area.Out of 164 villages in the study area, 119villages (72.6%) including 12uninhabited villages (7.3%)are not electrified for any purpose in the study area.

The district receives its entire power supply from Bihar State Electricity Board. All the towns of Bhojpur district have electricity. In the rural areas, the Government is trying to extended electric line to the maximum number of villages by implementing various schemes for rural electrification. There are 3 rural power sub-station of 33/11 K.V. at Koilwar, Behia and Shahpur in the district Bhojpur. Four other rural Power sub-stations of the same capacity are under construction at Garahani, Piro, Jagdishpur and Saraia. Total numbers of villages electrified in the district are 420.

Village/town wise Basic Infrastructure and Amenities availabilities data for the entire study area is compiled and presented in**Table 3.38** as follows;

Table 3.38 Village wise Basic Amenities Availability

Name of the Village/Town	Educational				Medical							Drinking Water						CT	Communication & Transport				Approach to the Village				Power Supply				Nearest Town Distance, km
	P	M	SS	SSS	CHC	PHC	PHSC	MCWC	H	D	FWC	T	W	HP	TW	R	Tk		PO	PTO	BS	RS	PR	KR	NW	FP	ED	EAg.	EC	EA	
1. District Patna, Bihar																																
Baijalpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,24km
Nisarpura	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,27km
Kab	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,24km
Baduri	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,23km
Paipura Khurd	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,24km
Rajipur	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,25km
Saraiya	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,27km
Achhua	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	Masaurhi,22km
Kalyanpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Jalpura	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,28km
Masaurha	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,28km
Udaipur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,30km
Mohbalipur	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,28km
Mohabbatpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,27km

Ranipur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,27km
Fatehpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Hasanpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Dariapur Pem	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,26km
Paipura Kalan	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Ijarta	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Dharahra	5	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,24km
Milki	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Dariapur Anant	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Nirakpur Pali	5	5	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,24km
Akhtiarpur Pali	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,23km
Kurkuri	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,26km
Bibipur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	Jehanabad,28km
Harpur Ankuri	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,29km
Sarsi	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	Jehanabad,29km

Muhammadpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jehanabad,30km
Bherharia	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,30km
Mohibalipur Chak	Uninhabited Village																														Jehanabad,30km
Ghurna Bigha	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,28km
Habsapur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,27km
Pipardaha	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Belaunra	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,29km
Kansopur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,29km
Bela	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,30km
Korra	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,32km
Lakhnipur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,30km
Akbarpur	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,29km
Ajda	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,28km
Thakuri	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,26km
Sikaria	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,26km

Sedura	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,26km
Taranpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Chauri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Banauli Buzurg	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,25km
Hemanpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,22km
Khanpura	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	Jehanabad,22km
Mankurha	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	Jehanabad,24km
Torni	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,24km
Rampur Nagwan	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,24km
Mera	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Jehanabad,22km
Nirakhpur	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,22km
Patauna	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Jehanabad,19km
2. District Bhojpur, Bihar																															
Turkaul	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Ahpura	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	Arrah,30km
Salempur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Sandesh	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Panpura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km

Kanharpur	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Chela	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Panrepur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Basauri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Gaighat	Uninhabited Village																													Arrah,30km
Bhanpura	Uninhabited Village																													Arrah,30km
Dihra	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,22km
Dharampur	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,22km
Surungapur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Chauria																														Arrah,30km
Dalelganj	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Udaibhanpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Bara	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Bartiar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Kosdihra	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Kori	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Baranhpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,28km
Khandaul	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	Arrah,30km
Phulari	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Bhatauli	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,20km
Chanchar	Uninhabited Village																													Arrah,20km
Raman Sanrh	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,20km
Patkhaulia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Pinjroi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Mahadeopur	Uninhabited Village																													Arrah,30km
Ahiman Chak	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Khemkaranpur	Uninhabited Village																													Arrah,30km
Baga	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Bhikham Chak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km

Seothara	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,34km
Chhaprapur	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,36km
Dihra	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Mahpur	Uninhabited Village																														Arrah,30km
Chansi	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Banauli	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Keshwarpur	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Chauria	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Ekauna	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Agiaon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Kharainacha	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Isarpura	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,24km
Paswan	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Ahila	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Kheri	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Bargaon	5	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Megharia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,35km
Kamaria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,35km
Kirkiri	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,35km
Chipura	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,35km
Narainaganj	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,40km
Dundhua	Uninhabited Village																														Arrah,40km
Barhampur Mehdanra	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Chilhar	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Tara Chak	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Karbasin	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Gordiha	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,30km
Amarpur	Uninhabited Village																														Arrah,30km

Nadhi	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Nonaur	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Muzaffarpur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Madhopur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,32km
Baghi	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,38km
Sewantha	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,38km
Dhobha	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,25km
Khaneth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,18km
Misraulia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,22km
Lahauripur	Uninhabited Village																														Arrah,22km
Panwar	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,18km
Paharpur Khurd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,18km
Rudarpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,18km
Ekauni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arrah,19km
Ramnagar	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Piro,12km
Bajrean	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Piro,12km
Bishunpura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Piro,12km
Baruhi	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Piro,12km
Ekwari	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	Piro,12km
Bansi Dehri	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
3. District Arwal, Bihar																															
Koriam	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,6km
Bara	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Satpura	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Konika	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,7km
Sonbarsa	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Sakri	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,4km
Sonbarsa Makbulpur Alauddin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,6km

Madan Singhka Bigha	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,4km
Sonbarsa	Uninhabited Village																														Arwal,4km
Aslampur Dullah	Uninhabited Village																														Arwal,4km
Bhusura	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,5km
Gaddopur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Madanpur Dhawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arwal,9km
Bhermpur Khapura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Fakharpur	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	Arwal,8km
Jalpura	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,5km
Piare Chak	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,5km
Darwesh pura	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,5km
Dariyapur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,3km
Inglish Gulab Singh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,3km
Patak Chak	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,4km
Aiyara	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,15km
Laraua	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,15km
Latifpur Paraha	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,12km
Lodipur	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,13km
Masudpur Bara	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	Arwal,15km
TOTAL (10km)	**174**	**123**	**86**	**18**	**0**	**15**	**26**	**18**	**0**	**7**	**18**	*Status for Availability and Non-Availability is shown as A (1) & NA (2) respectively*																			

Source-http://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011census/dchb/DCHB.html

Abbreviations:

Educational Facilities: P-Primary School, M-Middle School, SS-Higher Secondary Schools, SSS-Senior Secondary School

Medical Facilities: CHC-Community Health Centre, PHC-Primary Health Centre, PHSC-Primary Health Sub-Centre, MCWC-Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, H-Hospital, D-Dispensary, FWC-Family Welfare Centre

Drinking Water Facilities: T-Tap Water, W-Well Water, HP-Hand Pump, TW-Tube Well Water, R-River Water, Tk-Tank Water, O-Other Drinking Water Facility, CT-Community Toilet

Communication & Transport Facilities: PO-Post Office, SPO-Sub-Post Office, PTO-Post & Telegraph Office, Tel. -Telephone Connection, Mob. -Mobile Phone Coverage, BS-Bus Services, RS-Railways Services

Approach to Village: PR-Paved Roads, KR-Kuchha Road, FP-Foot Path

Power Supply: ED-Power Supply for Domestic use, E Ag. -Power Supply for Agricultural use, EC- Power supply for Commercial use, EA-Electricity for All Purposes

Nearest Town & Distance, km : a for < 5 Km, b for 5-10 Km and c for 10+ km of nearest place where facility is available is given.

Brief Description of Places of Religious, Historical or Archaeological Importance and Tourist interest in Villages and Towns of the District:*(District level information only)*

Brief description of place of religious, historical or archaeological and tourist interest are as follows;

Dalaur - The village is situated 2 kilometres east of Jadishpur and is noted as the site of the final battle between Babu Kuer Singh and the British forces in 1857. Situated 6 kilometres from Kulharia Railway Station in Koilwar block, the village is noted for the large contingent it provides to the Indian army.

Koilwar - The recently declared notified area committee, the town lies on the western bank of river Sone about 50 Kms. West of Patna and is the headquarters of the development block-cum-anchal of the same name. It is supposed to have a healthy climate and a sanatorium for T.B. patients has been built at a distance of two kilometers from the main town. There is a long road-cum-rail bridge over the river Sone. The upper part of the bridge serves the railways whereas pedestrians and vehicular traffic use the lower part.

Kulharia - The village lying in the Koilwar block is famous because of the Kulharia family whose members have great contributions towards the welfare of the State. One of the biggest college in the State, B.N. College of Patna was founded by Babu Bisheshwar Narain Singh, an ex-Zamindar of Kullharia family. His descendants have the credit of starting various other education institutions.

Bibiganj - The 1961 Census Report mentions the village as follows: “The village, situated 6 kilometers west of Arrah on the Arrah-Shahpur Road, has a bridge which is famous as the site of a battle between the Britisher and Babu Kuer Singh in 1857. There is also a forest known as ‘Sarayan’ used as the headquarters of guerilla warfare by Babu Kuer Singh “.

Sasurhi (Katho) - The village, which is situated 5 kilometres east of Jagdishpur, has a 300-year-old grave of theMuslim saint, Masar Dewan. It is held as sacred by the Muslims. Tar Situated about 10 kms. north-west of Piro the village derives its name from Tadika, a giantess killed by Lord Rama. There is an old tank in the village which is said to be the wrestling ground ofTadika.

Behea - A notified town during 80’s lies Jagdishpur subdivision. It is on the main line of the East Central Railway. It is well connected by road. Behea was formerly the home of a branch of Harihobans Rajputs. It is believed that the Raja, Bhopat Deo, violated Mahini, a Brahmin woman, who thereupon hurt herself to death and in dying imprecated the most fearful curses on the Harihobans Rajputs. After this tragedy the clan left Behea and moved across the Ganges to Ballia. The tomb of Mahini lies under a Pipal tree close to the Railway at Behea and is visit3d by hundreds of worshippers especially the women.

Deo - The village has the remains of a temple of Sun God, believed to have been built by the Sea God in ancient times. The temple was ravaged by Mahmud Ghazni. Indra, Baroon and Kuber are enshrined in it.

Arrah - The District Gazetteer of Shahabad (1966) describes the town as follows:

General Gunningham has identified Arrah with the place mentioned by Hiuen-Tsiang as that at which Asoka set up a Stupa to commemorate the conversion by Buddha of the demons of the desert who feasted on the blood and flesh of men. Even to this day, a legend lingers that this part of the country was the home of a powerful demon named Bakra, whose daily food was a human being supplied either by the village of Bakri or by Ghakrapur, as Arrah was then called. During their wanderings, the five Pandavas came to Ghakrapur and were entertained by a Brahman whose turn it was to supply a

victim for the demon. Bhim Pandava, on hearing this declared that as he had eaten the Brahman's salt, he would go himself to the demon; and setting forth, he fought and killed him at Bakri, and then brought his body to Ghakrapur. This myth is found in a more complete form in the Mahabharatas and General Guninghan considers that it must have been one of the five honoured legends of antiquity which the Buddhists adopted for the glorification of their great teacher. The village Bakri still exists in the near neighbourhood of Arrah, and though there are no ancient remains at either place, the Brahmanical legend of Bakrasur is, in the opinion of General Guninghan, so clearly identical with that of the man eating demons described by the Chinese pilgrim that he accepts Arrah as the site of the stupa and lion pillar erected by Ashoka ".

Social, Cultural Events

In the district of Bhojpur, no major social or cultural event has taken place during the decade. However, the district has been famous for fairs and melas held at different places throughout the year.

Fairs and festivals are held regularly in the district. There are some shopkeepers who keep on moving from fair to fair throughout the year. Some of the fairs held in the district are quite old.

Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R & R)

Policy to be adopted (Central/State) in respect of the project affected persons including home or land oustees and landless labour.Hence, any planning with respect to Rehabilitation & Resettlement is not applicable.

4.0 GENERAL

Identification of all potential environmental impacts due to project is an essential step of Environmental Impact Assessment. In case of mining projects, impacts on biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, waste management and social issues are significant. Both direct and indirect environmental impacts will be created on various environmental attributes due to proposed mining activity in the surrounding environment, during the operational phase.

The occurrence of sand (minor mineral) deposits, being site specific, theirexploitation often does not allow for any choice except adoption of eco-friendly operation.Positive impacts on socio-economic environment are expected due to creation ofemployment opportunities. Mining activities are normally carried out over a long periodwhich also encourages development in the area such as roads, schools, hospitals etc.

Keeping in mind, the environmental baseline scenario as detailed in Chapter III and the proposed mining activity described in Chapter II, it is attempted to assess the likely impact and its extent on various environmental parameters and likely mitigation measures to be adopted.

The following parameters are of significance in the Environmental Impact Assessment and are being discussed in detail:

1. Land Environment
2. Water Environment
3. Air Environment
4. Noise Environment
5. Biological Environment
6. Socio-Economic Environment
7. Solid Waste
8. Traffic Environment

4.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT

The proposed extraction of stream bed materials, mining below the existing streambed, and alteration of channel-bed form and shape may lead to several impacts such as erosion of channel bed and banks, increase in channel slope, and change in channel morphology if, the operations are not carried out scientific &systematically.

The mining and allied activities involved due to mining result in creation of temporary haul roads and formation of mined pits, etc. affecting the landuse pattern. In this project, silt and clay are also produced as a constituent along with minerals, which are considered to be waste.

Anticipated Impacts:

- Mining activity will impact river bed topography by formation of excavation voids.
- River bed mining may bring in some change in topography at the nearby area of the mine lease.
- Stacks of solid waste generated from mining activity may hinder the flow of water in monsoon season.

Mitigation measures:

Adopting suitable, site-specific mitigation measures can reduce the degree of impact of mining on land. Some of the land-related mitigation measures are as follows:

- Excavated pits will get replenished annually in monsoon itself & will be restored to original.
- The mine working will remain confined to allotted river bed only, so it will not disturb any surface area outside the mine lease area which may affect topography or drainage.
- Solid waste will not be stacked on the bank side as it will hinder the flow of water in monsoon season.

4.2 WATER ENVIRONMENT

Anticipated Impacts:

Mining of sand from within or near *river* has an indirect impact on the physico-chemical habitat characteristics during monsoon season. These characteristics include in stream roughness elements, depth, velocity, turbidity, sediment transport and stream discharge.

The detrimental effects, if any, to biota resulting from bed material mining are caused by following:

- Ø Alteration of flow patterns resulting from modification of the *river*
- Ø An excess of suspended sediment during monsoon season.

Mitigation measures

Project activity will be carried out only in the dry part of the Son River. Hence, none of the project activities affect the water environment directly. In the project, it is not proposed to divert or truncate any stream in monsoon season only. No proposal is envisaged for pumping of water either from the *River* (in monsoon) or tapping the ground water.

In the lean months, the proposed mining will not expose the base flow of the *River* and hence, there will not be any adverse impact on surface hydrology.

The deposit will be worked from the top surface up to a maximum depth of 3m below ground level or above the ground water table whichever comes first. Hence mining will not affect the ground water regime as well.

Further mining will be completely stopped during the monsoon seasons to allow the excavated area to regain its natural profile.

4.3 AIR ENVIRONMENT

Impact On Air Quality

The proposed project includes various activities like development of benches, approach roads, haul roads, excavation and transportation of mineral and waste materials. These operations generally result in generation of dust and thereby pose health hazards. However, it is proposed that adequate control measures will be provided at every stage of operation such as, water sprinkling at loading, unloading points and on haul roads before transportation to reduce the fugitive dust emissions.

The mining is proposed to be carried out by opencast manual method. The air borne particulate matter (PM10) generated by ore and waste handling operations, transportation and screening of ore is the main respirable air pollutant. The emissions of Sulphur dioxide (SO2), Nitrogen Oxides (NO2) contributed by vehicles plying on haul roads will be marginal. Prediction of impacts on air environment has been carried out taking into consideration proposed production and net increase in emissions.

4.3.1 Emissions Details

Loading - unloading and transportation of sand material, wind erosion of the exposed area and movement of light vehicles will be the main polluting source in the proposed mining activities releasing Particulate Matter (PM10) affecting Ambient Air of the area. Emission during, Loading and unloading was calculated by the area sources. Details of emission during loading/unloading and transportation on the haul road, wind erosion of the exposed area and road maintenance were discussed and combined impact was predicted in the worst case scenario under worst meteorological condition given as follows:

Loading and Unloading - US EPA, 2008, revision of emission factor for AP-42 was used to calculate emission of particulate matter released into the atmosphere during loading and unloading separately. Emission during loading was found more than during unloading. Emission of PM10 during loading was calculated and found to be 1.92 x 10-3 g/s/m^2 based on moisture

content 10-20% mine. It is assumed that moisture content was 10% and further moisture content will be increased to 10-20% to reduce emission of PM10 during unloading and average wind speed was 0.92 m/s as observed with site data as shown in wind rose and discussion of local meteorology of the area.

Haul Road - US EPA, 2006, revision of emission factor for AP-42 was used to calculate emission of particulate matter released into the atmosphere during transportation of ore and over burden by trucks operated per hour on haul road. Emission of PM10 due to transportation of sand on haul road was 1.65 x 10-4 g/s/m2 based on assumption that silt content spread on road surface was 5%, and efficiency of PM10 emission control 90%. Truck will be fully covered with tarpaulin material and emission of PM10 during on the haul road will be insignificant.

Based on the above consideration that there was low emission of PM10 during transportation of ore and overburden, however during loading & unloading, transportation of ore over the haul road, emission of PM10 of the exposed area due to wind erosion and movement of light vehicles on the road were not considered and combined with mining activities. US EPA based Dispersion ISCST-3 model was used for prediction of impact with 24-h meteorological data of the study period for the assessment of GLC.

4.3.2 Meteorological Data

The meteorological data recorded at hourly interval during the month of Dec to feb 2023 on wind speed 0.92 m/s, wind direction, dry & wet bulb temperature, humidity, cloud cover and rainfall was processed to extract hourly mean meteorological data as per the guidelines of CPCB/MoEF for prediction of impacts from the area source. Stability was computed by Turner's method and mixing height was obtained from publication of IMD "Atlas of Hourly Mixing Height in India, 2008.

Data recorded from authorized source/Govt. agency were used as meteorological input for Dispersion Model which was stored in the computer for further analysis and interpretation to study the local meteorology of the study area. It was observed that westerly & north westerly was pre-dominant wind during summer as shown in wind rose (Figure 4.1) with low wind speed

and 13.6 % calm condition was observed during study period at the site which was very much close and cumbersome with long term meteorological data of IMD. Average wind speed was 0.92m/s. Impact of the pollutants was anticipated in southeast sector under influence of northeasterly & westerly winds. Ambient air quality locations were selected based on the long term wind rose pattern of the area. Air quality sampling locations were finalized to study the baseline status around the proposed site and to study impact at various locations. 24-h maximum impact of PM10 was envisaged in southeast sector at very short distance from the site due to moderate to low wind speed.

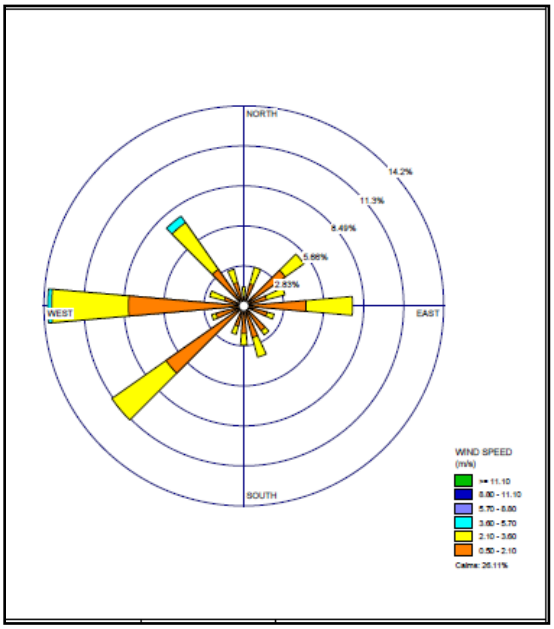

Figure 4.1: Wind Rose Diagram

Stable atmospheric condition E & F dominates in early morning and night hours and B, C & D in day hours were observed. Pollutants were dispersed from the proposed source under influence of local meteorology and dispersed on the ground in downwind direction close (~100 m) to the source under influence of moderate to low wind speed. High temperature and low humidity were observed at site with high temperature in day hours and low during night. There was no significant rain fall received and sky was clear of clouds in most of the days.

4.3.3 Frame work of Computation & Model details

By using the above-mentioned inputs, ground level concentrations due to the mining activities have been estimated to know the incremental rise in ambient air quality and impact in the study area. The effect of air pollutants upon receptors are influenced by concentration of pollutants and their dispersion in the atmosphere. Air quality modeling is an important tool for prediction, planning and evaluation of air pollution control activities besides identifying the requirements for emission control to meet the regulatory standards and to apply mitigation measures to reduce impact caused by mining activities.

PM10 was the major pollutant occurred during mining activities. Impact of area source emission was considered and prediction of impact was made on various monitoring locations in the study area due to i) loading and unloading and iii) transportation of vehicles on the haul road in the mining area. Impact was predicted in the worst case scenario due to combined impact of loading and unloading and emission due to transportation of vehicles on mine on haul road of mining area and other mining activities will occur simultaneously.

Impact was predicted over the distance of 10,000 m and 2,000 m around the source in grids of 200m & 20 m respectively in Cartesian coordinates(X,Y) to assess the impact at each receptor separately at the various locations and maximum incremental GLC value at the project site. Maximum impact of PM10 was observed close to the source due to low to moderate wind speeds. Incremental value of PM10 was superimposed on the base line data monitored at the proposed site to predict total GLC of PM10 due to combined impacts.

4.3.4 Model Results

The Air Quality Impact Prediction has been done by using "Industrial Source Complex Short Term version 3 (ISCST3), of USEPA". The main sources of air pollution with regard to the proposed project for the purpose of estimation of increase in PM10 are identified due to –

(i) Loading/unloading of ore

(ii) Transportation of ore by trucks on the Haul roads from mining benches.

Combined impact of PM10 was considered due to mining activities occurred simultaneously on various sampling locations is given in below table:

Table 4.1 Incremental Concentration of PM10 in the Study Area

Location ID	Location name	Distance (Km) and Direction	98th Percentile	Incremental Value	Total Value
AAQ 1	Project Site (Near Baga Village)	0.40 Km,West	86.03	8.0	94.03
AAQ 2	Project Site (Near Azimabad Village)	0.69 Km, NE (From Block 23)	77.36	<0.001	77.36
AAQ 3	Mahabalipur	0.5 Km,ESE	78.29	1.6	79.89
AAQ 4	Paliganj	7.47 Km, NE	75.72	<0.001	75.72
AAQ 5	Jalpura	4.70 Km,NE	72.38	<0.001	72.38
AAQ 6	Kori	6.11 Km,NW	74.41	<0.001	74.41
AAQ 7	Bargaon	5.83 Km, WSW	73.10	<0.001	73.10
AAQ 8	Shrirampur	4.23 Km, SE	76.73	2.4	79.13
AAQ 9	Turkaul	8.27 Km, NW	76.47	<0.001	76.47
AAQ 10	Muzaffarpur	6.39 Km, SW (From Block 23)	72.61	<0.001	72.61

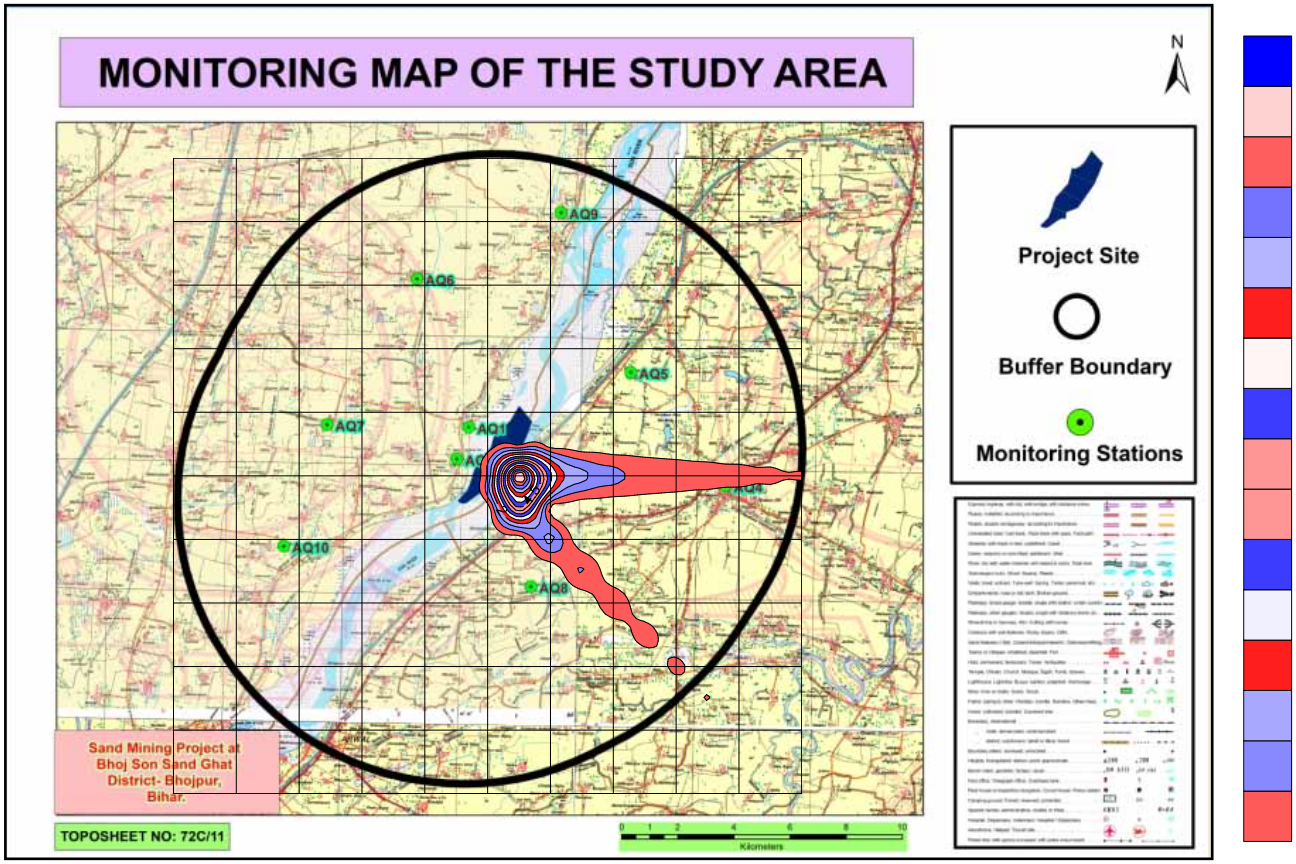

Figure 4-1, Iso-pleth of PM10

(Iso-pleth of PM10 is 8.0 µg/m^3 occurred near the project site at 2000 m x2000 m grid network during

i) ii) loading and unloading and

ii) iii) Transportation of ore over the haul road.

Mitigation measures

The collection and lifting of minerals will be done by loaders. Therefore, the dust generated is likely to be insignificant as there will be no drilling & blasting. The only air pollution sources are the road transport network of the trucks. The mitigation measures like the following will be resorted:

- ü Water sprinkling will be done on the haul roads twice in a day.
- ü Deploying PUC certified vehicles to reduce their emissions
- ü Proper tuning of vehicles to keep the gas emissions under check
- ü Monitoring to ensure compliance with emission limits would be carried out during operation
- ü There is no major source of emissions except emission from combustion of fuels from the Transportation Vehicles and Material Handling.
- ü Besides this, to control the emissions further regular preventive maintenance of Equipment / Transportation Vehicles will be carried out on contractual basis.
- ü It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a valid PUC certificate.
- ü Plantation will be carried out along the approach road, river banks & at all strategic places in the vicinity area.
- ü Periodic air quality monitoring will be done to assess the quality and for timely corrective actions.
- ü Water sprinkling will be done on the haul roads twice in a day. This will reduce dust emission further.
- ü Speed limits will be enforced to reduce airborne fugitive dust from vehicular traffic.
- ü Spillage from the trucks will be prevented by covering tarpaulin over the trucks.

4.4 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

The proposed mining activity is semi-mechanized in nature. No drilling & blasting is envisaged for the mining activity. Hence, the only impact is anticipated is due to movement of vehicles deployed for transportation of minerals.

Anticipated Impacts:

- Mental disturbance, stress& impaired hearing.
- Decrease in speech reception& communication.
- Distraction and diminished concentration affecting job performance efficiency.

The noise level in the working environment are compared with the standards prescribed by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA-USA) which has been adopted and enforced by the Govt. of India through model rules framed under Factories Act, 1980 and CPCB 2000 norms. The summary of the permissible exposures in cases of continuous noise as per above rules is given below:

Table 4.1, Damage risk criteria for hearing loss OSHA regulations

Maximum allowable duration per day in hour	Sound pressure dB(A)	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)
8.0	90	1. For any period of exposure falling in between any figure and lower figure as indicated in column (1), the permissible sound is to be determined by extrapolation or proportionate scale. 2. No exposure in excess of 115 dB (A) is permissible.
6.0	92	
4.0	95	
3.0	97	
2.0	100	
1 ½	102	
1	105	
¾	107	
½	110	
¼	115	

Noise at lower levels (sound pressure) is quite acceptable and does not have any bad effect on human beings, but when it is abnormally high- it incurs some maleficent effects.

a. Mitigation measures

The following measures have been envisaged to reduce the impact from the transportation of minerals:

- The vehicles will be maintained in good running condition so that noise will be reduced to minimum possible level.
- In addition, truck drivers will be instructed to make minimum use of horns in the village area and sensitive zones.
- No such machinery is used for mining which will create noise to have ill effects.

- Awareness will be imparted to the workers about the permissible noise levels & maximum exposure to those levels.

4.5 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Mining which leads to the removal of channel substrate, re-suspension of streambed sediment and stockpiling on the streambed, will have ecological impacts. These impacts may have an effect on the direct loss of stream reserve habitat, disturbances of species attached to streambed deposits, reduced light penetration, reduced primary production, and reduced feeding opportunities.Sand mining generates additional traffic, which negatively impairs the environment.

Anticipated Impacts:

Flora

The proposed project of river bed sand mining shall be carried out on the riverbed of Son River. There are no trees in the project area. The project shall also not lead to any change in land use and will be replenished every year after successive rains. The proposed mining activity, which although is an economically gainful activity, also constitutes river training work. It allows for necessary dredging activity which may otherwise lead to flooding of the valley.

There shall be negligible air emissions or effluents from the project site during loading of the truck. This shall be a temporary effect and not anticipated to affect the surroundingvegetation significantly.

Fauna

Animals are sensitive to noise and avoid human territory. The project stretch of the river isnot an identified drinking water point for the animals. However, any animal desirous of accessing the river can continue to do so upstream or downstream of the stretch during themining activities, as there will not be any damming or diverting of water. Hence, no significant impact is anticipated from the proposed project.

Mitigation measures

As the proposed mining will be carried out in a scientific manner, not much significant impact is anticipated, however, the following mitigation measures will be taken to further minimize it:

Flora

Although, the project will not lead to any tree cutting, plantation activities shall be undertaken to improve the vegetation cover of the area. To avoid dust emissions, the minedmaterials will be covered with tarpaulin during transportation.

Fauna

The workers shall be directed to not venture out of the leased area for collecting fuel wood,or hunting. They shall also be trained not to harm any wildlife. No work shall be carried outafter sunset.

4.6 TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Transportation Route:

The sand extracted will store the nearby storage point. From there sand will be transported to the market. Sand will be stored in to storage point and from there it will be transported in the night time when traffic load is low on nearest SH or NH.

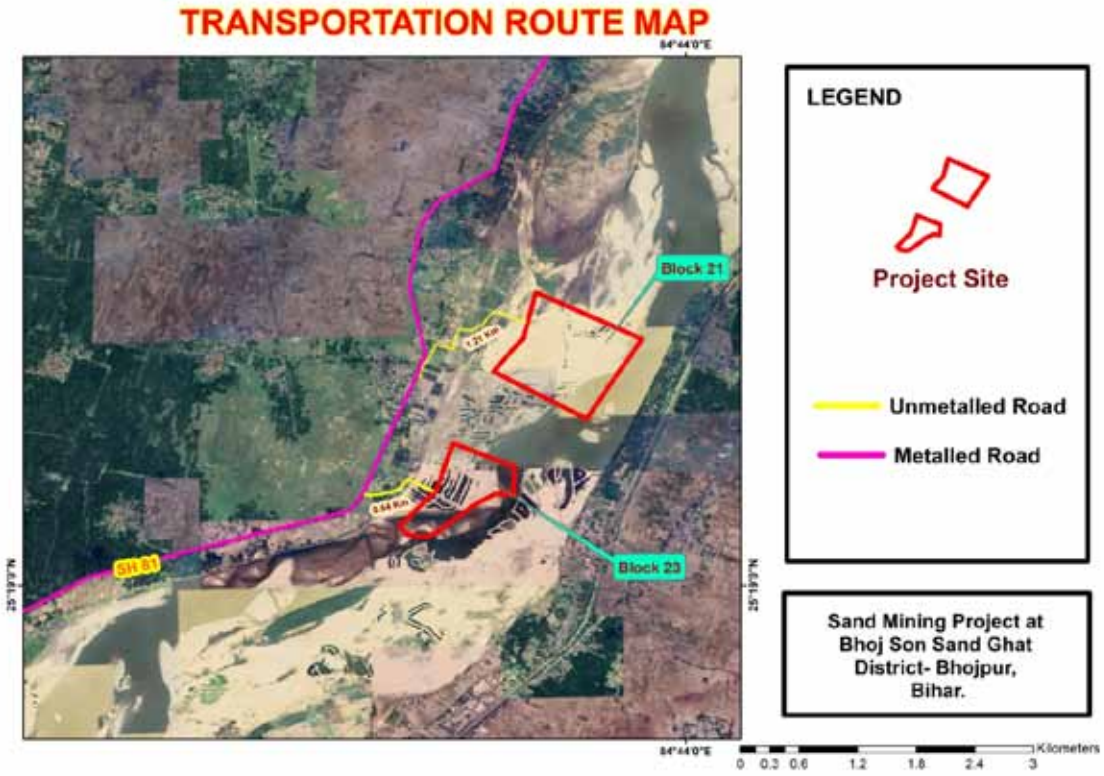

FIGURE 4.1 MAP SHOWING EVACUATION ROUTE FOR CLUSTER OF PROJECTS

Traffic analysis is carried out by understanding the existing carrying capacity of the roads near to the project site and the connecting main roads in the area. Then depending on the capacity of the mine, the number of trucks that will be added to the present scenario will be compared to the carrying capacity.

Table 4.2 (i): Existing Traffic Scenario & LOS for Block 23

Road	V	C	Existing V/C Ratio	LOS
State Highway (SH-81)	2500	15,000	0.16	A

Source: Capacity as per IRC: 64-1990

V= Volume of Vehicles in PCU's/day & C= Capacity of Road in PCU's/day

The existing Level of Service (LOS) is "A" & ''B'' i.e. excellent & very good.

V/C	LOS	Performance
0.0 - 0.2	A	Excellent
0.2 - 0.4	B	Very Good
0.4 - 0.6	C	Good / Average / Fair
0.6 - 0.8	D	Poor
0.8 - 1.0	E	Very Poor

Reference: ENVIS Technical Report, IISc, Bangalore.

During Mine operation for Sand **Block 23**

Proposed Capacity of Mine/annum : 1407600 TPA

No. of working days : 250 days

Proposed Capacity of mine/day : 5630.4

Truck Capacity : 16 tonnes

No. of trucks deployed/day : 351.9 or 352

Increase in PCU/day (352*3) : 1056

Table 4.2 (ii): Modified Traffic Scenario & LOS

Road	V	C	Modified V/C Ratio	LOS
State Highway (SH-81)	2500+1056=3556	15000	0.23	B

Results

From the above analysis it can be seen that the LOS has changed from 0.16 to 0.23 at Highway intersection that is from ‘A’ to 'B' i.e from Excellent’ to 'Very Good' respectively. Hence, there will not so muchadverse affect on the proposed evacuation roads due to additional traffic. Traffic management has been proposed as given in below

Traffic Management:

1. Roads will be repaired regularly and maintained in good conditions.
2. Haul roads will be sprinkled with water to keep the dust suppressed.
3. A supervisor will be appointed to regulate the traffic movement near the site.
4. Speed breakers will be constructed near accident prone areas to calm the traffic and its speed.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR PROJECTS IN CLUSTER

Production Details of Cluster of project:

S no	Block No	Production Details
1	Block 20	4762800
2	Block 21	4471200
3	Block 22	3402000
4	Block 23	2235600
Total Production in cluster		**14871600**

Table 4.2 (i): Existing Traffic Scenario & LOS for

Proposed Cluster of Block 20, Block-21, Block-22 Block-23

Road	V	C	Existing V/C Ratio	LOS
State Highway (SH-81)	2500	15,000	0.16	A

Source: Capacity as per IRC: 64-1990

V= Volume of Vehicles in PCU's/day & C= Capacity of Road in PCU's/day

The existing Level of Service (LOS) is "A" & ''B'' i.e. excellent & very good.

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0.8 - 1.0	E	Very Poor

Reference: ENVIS Technical Report, IISc, Bangalore.

During Mine operation for Proposed **Cluster of Block 20, Block-21, Block-22 Block-23**

Proposed Capacity of Mine/annum : **14871600** TPA

No. of working days : 250 days

Proposed Capacity of mine/day : 59486.4 or say 59487 TPD

Truck Capacity : 16 tonnes

No. of trucks deployed/day : 3717.9375 or 3718

Increase in PCU/day (57*3) : 11154

Table 4.2 (ii): Modified Traffic Scenario & LOS

Road	V	C	Modified V/C Ratio	LOS
State Highway (SH-81)	2500+11154=13654	15000	0.91	B

Results

From the above analysis it can be seen that the LOS has changed from 0.16 to 0.91 at Highway intersection that is from ‘A’ to 'E' i.e from Excellent’ to 'Very Poor' respectively, as per classification. Hence, there will not so muchadverse affect on the proposed evacuation roads due to additional traffic. Traffic management has been proposed as given below.

Traffic Management:

5. Roads will be repaired regularly and maintained in good conditions.
6. Haul roads will be sprinkled with water to keep the dust suppressed.
7. A supervisor will be appointed to regulate the traffic movement near the site.
8. Speed breakers will be constructed near accident prone areas to calm the traffic and its speed.

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5.0 ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SITE

5.1 Site Alternatives under Consideration

Presence of sand for commercial exploitation has been identified based on the result of geological investigations and exploration. The mining projects are site specific as such alternate sites were not considered.

5.2 Analysis of Alternative Technology

5.2.1 Choice of Method of Mining

Factors in the choice of an actual mining method for a given deposit are deposit characteristics, requirement of health and safety and environmental concerns, production, scheduling scope of mechanization, workforce requirements wage rates, replenishment, operating and capital cost estimates. The selection of the mining method (development and extraction) is a key decision to be made in the opening up of a mine.

Surface or open cast mining is used for large, near-surface mineral deposits. Mineral is exploited, loaded into trucks, and hauled to a market.

The opencast mining method will be adopted because of the following reasons:

- The opencast mining operations ensure higher mineral conservation.
- Replenishment

The method used for mining is efficient for sand mining, so no alternative mining method is proposed.

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6.0 INTRODUCTION

Regular monitoring of the various environmental parameters is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the management programme so that the necessary corrective measures can be taken in case there are some drawbacks in the proposed programme. Since environmental quality parameters at work zone and surrounding areas are important for maintaining sound operating practices of the project in conformity with environmental regulations, the post project monitoring work forms part of Environmental Monitoring Program.

Environmental Monitoring Program will be implemented once the project activity commences. Environmental monitoring program includes (i) Environmental surveillance, (ii) analysis & interpretation of data, (iii) Preparation of reports to support environmental management system and (iv) Organizational set up responsible for the implementation of the programme.

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

Monitoring shall confirm that commitments are being met. This may take the form of direct measurement and recording of quantitative information, such as amounts and concentrations of discharges and wastes, for measurement against corporate or statutory standards, consent limits or targets. It may also require measurement of ambient environmental quality in the vicinity of a site using ecological/biological, physical and chemical indicators. Monitoring may include socio-economic interaction, through local liaison activities or even assessment of complaints.

The preventive approach to environment management may also require monitoring of process inputs, for example, type and method used, resource consumption, equipment and pollution control performance etc.

The key aims of environment monitoring are:

1. To ensure that results/ conditions are as forecast during the planning stage, and where they are not, to pinpoint the cause and implement action to remedy the situation.

2. To verify the evaluations made during the planning process, in particular with risk and impact assessments and standard & target setting and to measure operational and process efficiency.
3. Monitoring will also be required to meet compliance with statutory and corporate requirements.
4. Finally, monitoring results provide the basis for auditing i.e. to identify unexpected changes.

6.2 MONITORING METHODOLOGIES AND PARAMETERS

Air quality monitoring

Air Quality monitoring is essential for evaluation of the effectiveness of abatement programmes and to develop appropriate control measures. Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) will be monitored at the workplace i.e. core zone. The methodology proposed for is shown below:

Table 6.1, Monitoring methodologies and parameters

Parameters	Technique	Technical Protocol
PM_{10}	Gravimetric method	**IS 5182 (Part-XXIII)**
Sulphur Dioxide	Improved West and Gaeke	**IS-5182 (Part-II)**
Nitrogen Dioxide	Modified Jacob & Hochheiser	**IS-5182 (Part-VI)**

Water quality monitoring

Water quality monitoring involves periodical assessment of quality of surface water and the ground water near the mining project.

- Surface water samples will be analyzed for all the parameters as per EPA, 1986
- Ground water samples will be analyzed for all the parameters as per IS-10500:2012.

Soil quality monitoring

The soil quality monitoring is carried out to assess the soil characteristic. The soil quality will be analyzed as per CPCB norms.

Noise level monitoring

Noise level monitoring will be done for achieving the following objectives:

a) To compare sound levels with the values specified in noise regulations

b) To determine the need and extent of noise control of various noise generating sources

Noise level monitoring will be done at the work zone to assess the occupational noise exposure levels. Noise levels will also be monitored at the noise generating sources like mineral handling arrangements, vehicle movements and also at the nearest village for studying the impact due to higher noise levels for taking necessary control measures at the source.

Socio-economic Survey

Socio economic condition will be monitored to assess the demographic particulars of the area including the impacts on the social & economical condition on the residents nearby.

Plantation Monitoring Programme

Plantation monitoring will be done to ensure survival & growth rate of plantations.

6.3 MONITORING SCHEDULE

The schedule has been shown below for the parameters proposed for monitoring.

Table 6.2, Details of monitoring schedule

S.No.	Description of Parameters	Schedule of Monitoring
1	Air Quality	24 hourly samples twice/Thrice a week in each season except monsoon
2	Water Quality (Surface & Groundwater)	Once a season for 4 seasons in a year
3	Soil Quality	Once in a year in project area

4	Noise Level	Twice a year for first two years & then once a year
5	Socio-economic Condition	Once in 3 years
6	Plantation Monitoring	Once in a season

6.4 MONITORING SCHEDULE - IMPLEMENTATION

An implementation programme has been prepared as it serves no purpose if it is not implemented in letter and spirit.

Implementation of proposed control measures and monitoring programme has an implication on mining site as well as on the surrounding area. Therefore, mine management should strengthen the existing control measures as elaborated earlier in this report and monitor the efficacy of the control measures implemented in the entire study area:

a) Collection of air and water samples at strategic locations with frequency suggested and by analyzing thereof. If the parameters exceed the permissible tolerance limits, corrective regulation measure will be taken.

b) Collection of soil samples at strategic locations once every two years and analysis thereof with regard to deleterious constituents, if any.

c) Measurement of water level fluctuations in the nearby ponds dug wells and bore wells and to assess if mining has got any impact on it or not.

d) Measurement of noise levels at mine site and adjacent villages will be done twice a year for first two years and thereafter once a year.

e) Post plantation, the area will be regularly monitored in every season for evaluation of success rate. For selection of plant species local people should also be involved.

An Environmental Management Cell (EMC) is envisaged which will be responsible for monitoring EMP and its implementation. EMC members should meet periodically to assess the progress and analyze the data collected during the month.

6.5 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR MONITORING

The EMC will be responsible to carry on the monitoring. Budget allotment has also been proposed for the same:

Table 6.3, Budget for monitoring

S. No.	Description	Cost to be incurred (in lakhs/annum)
1	Water Quality (Surface & Groundwater)	1.0
2	Soil Quality	0.50
3	Air Quality	1.0
4	Noise Level	0.5
5	Plantation Monitoring	0.5
6	Socio-economic Condition	0.5
TOTAL		**4.0**

6.6 REPORTING SCHEDULES OF THE MONITORING DATA

It is proposed that voluntary reporting of environmental performance with reference to the EMP should be undertaken. The environmental monitoring cell shall co-ordinate all monitoring programmes at site to furnish the data to the State regulatory agencies regularly in respect of the stipulated prior environmental clearance terms and conditions. The proponent shall prominently advertise in the newspapers indicating that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and also the details of website where it is displayed.

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7.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This is Draft EIA report public hearing is yet to be conducted.

7.1 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Risk is to expose someone or something to danger, harm or loss. The different steps of risk assessment procedure are as given below:

Step I: Hazard Identification

The purpose of hazard identification is to identify and develop a list of hazards for each job in the organization that are reasonably likely to expose people to injury, illness or disease if not effectively controlled. Workers can then be informed of these hazards and controls put in place to protect workers prior to them being exposed to the actual hazard.

Step II: Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is the process used to determine the likelihood that people exposed to injury, illness or disease in the workplace arising from any situation identified during the hazard identification process prior to consideration or implementation of control measures.

Risk occurs when a person is exposed to a hazard. Risk is the likelihood that exposure to a hazard will lead to injury or health issues. It is a measure of probability and potential severity of harm or loss.

Step III:Risk Control

Risk control is the process used to identify, develop, implement and continually review all practicable measures for eliminating or reducing the likelihood of an injury, illness or diseases in the workplace.

Step IV: Implementation of risk controls

All hazards that have been assessed should be dealt in order of priority in one or more of the following hierarchy of controls

The most effective methods of control are:

- ü Elimination of hazards.
- ü Substitute something safer.
- ü Use engineering/design controls.

- ü Use administrative controls such as safe work procedures.
- ü Protect the workers i.e. by ensuring competence through supervision and training, etc.

Each measure must have a designated person assigned for the implementation of controls. This ensures that all required safety measures will be completed.

Step V: Monitor and Review

Hazard identification, risk assessment and control are an on-going process. Therefore regularly review the effectiveness of your hazard assessment and control measures. Make sure that you undertake a hazard and risk assessment when there is change to the workplace including when work systems, tools, machinery or equipment changes. Provide additional supervision when the new employees with reduced skill levels or knowledge are introduced to the workplace.

A) RISK ANALYSIS

The risk assessment portion of the process involves three levels of site evaluation:

a) Initial Site Evaluation,

b) Detailed Site Evaluation,

c) Priority Site Investigations and Recommendations.

The risk assessment criteria used for all levels of site evaluation take into account two basic factors:

- The existing site conditions
- The level of the travelling public's exposure to those conditions.

The Initial Site Evaluation and Detailed Site Evaluation both apply weighted criteria to the existing information and information obtained from one site visit. The Initial Site Evaluation subdivides the initial inventory listing of sites into 5 risk assessment site groups. The Detailed Site Evaluation risk assessment is then performed on each of the three highest risk site groups in order of the group priority level of risk. The result of the Detailed Site Evaluation process is a prioritized listing of the sites within each of the three highest risk site groups.

Risk analysis is done for:

- Forecasting any unwanted situation

- Estimating damage potential of such situation
- Decision making to control such situation
- Evaluating effectiveness of control measures

Table 7.1, Risk Likelihood Table for Guidance

Step 1: Assess the Likelihood				**Step 2: Assess the Consequences**		
L1	Happens every time we operate	Almost Certain	Common or repeating occurrence	**C1**	Fatality	Catastrophic
L2	Happens regularly (often)	Likely	Known to have occurred "has happened"	**C2**	Permanent disability	Major
L3	Has happened (occasionally)	Possible	Could occur or "heard of it happening"	**C3**	Medical/hospital or lost time	Moderate
L4	Happens irregularly (almost never)	Unlikely	Not likely to occur	**C4**	First aid or no lost time	Minor
L5	Improbable (never)	Rare	Practically impossible	**C5**	No injury	Insignificant

A logical systematic process is usually followed during a qualitative risk assessment to identify the key risk events and to assess the consequences of the events occurring and the likelihood of their occurrence Table 7.2

Table7.2, Qualitative Risk Assessment

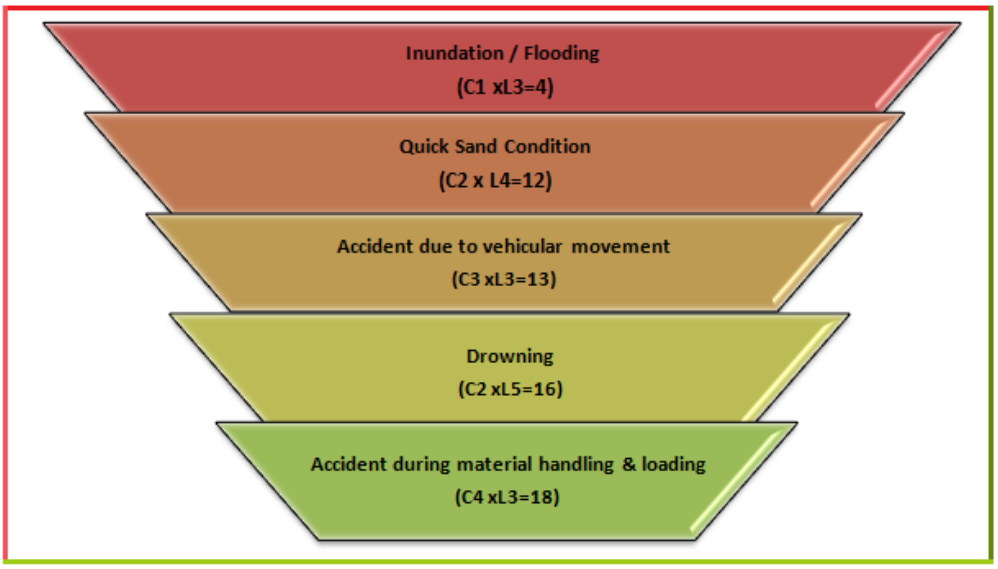
Risk Rank **Likelihood Consequence**	**L1** **Almost certain**	**L2** **Likely**	**L3** **Possible**	**L4** **Unlikely**	**L5** **Rare**
C1 **Catastrophic**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**11**
C2 **Major**	**3**	**5**	**8**	**12**	**16**
C3	**6**	**9**	**13**	**17**	**20**

Moderate					
C4 Minor	**10**	**14**	**18**	**21**	**23**
C5 Insignificant	**15**	**19**	**22**	**24**	**25**

RISK RATING:

HIGH RISK 1-6	**MEDIUM RISK 7-15**	**LOW RISK 16-25**

7.2 RISK ASSESSMENT



There are various factors, which can create unsafe working conditions/hazards in mining of minor minerals from bed of river.

The key risk(hazard x probability) event rating associated with sand mining and to assess its consequences of such events occurring and the likelihood based on above Table 7.1 (ii) are as:-

TheRisk rating of such hazards is as follows:

7.2.1 INUNDATION/FLOODING

The risk rating assigned to this activity is assigned as ‘4’ i.e., it is possible and will have catastrophic with major consequences, if work started without assessment of the *river* condition especially during monsoon season.

Inundation or flooding is expected and beneficial for these mines as during this time only the mineral reserve gets replenished.

Measures to prevent consequences of inundation/flooding

Inundation of flooding is expected and beneficial for these mines as during this time only the mineral reserve gets replenished.

1. During monsoon months and heavy rains the mining operations are ceased.
2. There should be mechanism/warning system of heavy rains and discharges from the upstream dams.

7.2.2 Quick Sand Condition

The risk rating assigned to this activity is assigned as '12' i.e., it is an unlikely event with major consequences as frequency of this risk is less likely to occur.

Two things may create the conditions to form quicksand. Underground water may seep-up and saturate the sand, thereby reducing the friction between the sand grains and giving the sand a liquid nature. Or, sand or another soil may be sifted by the force of an earthquake so that friction is lessened and the earth becomes unsteady.

This creates danger condition to the trucks plying near the *river* and banks for transportation of minerals.

Measures to Prevent Quick Sand Condition

1. The only way to avoid quick sand condition is by avoiding mineral lifting below water table.
2. Mining will be done in layers rather than going for maximum depth at one time.

7.2.3 ACCIDENT DUE TO VEHICULAR MOVEMENT

The risk rating assigned to this activity is assigned as '13' i.e., it is possible event with moderate consequences as frequency of this operation is more but the predicted/assumed intensity is less like minor cuts, bodily injury. The possibilities of road accidents are due to reckless or untrained driver or overloading of trucks or in case pathway is not compacted suitably, etc.

Measures to Prevent Accidents during Transportation

1. All transportation within the main working should be carried out directly under the supervision and control of the management.
2. The Vehicles will be maintained/repaired and checked thoroughly by the competent person.
3. A statutory provision of constant education, training etc. will go a long way in reducing the incidents of such accidents.
4. Overloading will not be permitted and will be covered with tarpaulin.
5. The maximum permissible speed limit will be ensured.
6. The truck drivers will have valid driving license.

7.2.4 DROWNING

The risk rating assigned to this activity is assigned as '16' i.e., it is a rare accident but will have major consequences, if occurred. This may occur due to flash floods etc due to which the workers at the site may get seriously injured or drowned.

Measure to Prevent Drowning

1. The mining will be done under strict supervision and only in the dry part of the *river*.
2. Mining will be completely stopped in monsoon season to avoid such accidents.
3. Deep water areas will be identified and 'No Go Zones' will be clearly marked and made aware to the mine workers.

7.2.5 ACCIDENT DURING MATERIAL HANDLING & LOADING

The risk rating assigned to this activity is assigned as '18' i.e. it is possible event with minor consequences", as frequency of this operation is more but the predicted/assumed intensity is less like minor cuts, abrasion, etc. may be due to bank of *river*collapse, over thrown boulders/pebbles, injuries due to carelessness use of hand tools, etc.

Measures to Prevent Accidents during material handling & loading

1. The truck should be brought to a lower level so that the loading operation suits to the ergonomic condition of the workers.
2. The loading should be done from one side of the truck only to avoid over throw of materials.
3. The workers should be provided with gloves and safety shoes during loading.

All the activities will be done under strict supervision/control to avoid anticipated accidents so that the risk isreduced to a level considered **As Low As Reasonably Practicable** (**ALARP**) conditions which are adequately safe and healthy.

7.3 DISASTERS & ITS MANAGEMENT

7.3.1 Anticipated Disaster

1. Floods: Most of the areas of this district are flood prone owing to the presence of seasonal rivers. Rivers and its tributaries cause heavy losses to the human lives, livestock, land and property mainly due to flash floods. Hence no mining has been proposed during monsoon and flood alerts will be given, if any.

2. Earth Quake: Bhojpur District like other areas of Bihar is moderately vulnerable to earthquake as it exists in Zone IV. However the vulnerability to damage near the site is quite low as there are no built in structures at the site.

3. Drought: due to deficiency in rainfall prime reasons of recurring drought in Bihar is the nature of soil with low mineral and humus-contents besides extremely poor water holding capacity. Recurrent rainfall variability and sustained departure from the normal rainfall vis-a-vis low reliability, fluctuating both surface and underground water resources and extremely poor water holding capacity of the major soil group appear to have clubbed together to cause frequent droughts in Bihar. Besides, there is a positive relationship between reducing forest land and the increasing rainfall variability and the phenomenon is well manifested in Bihar scenario of recurrent droughts.

7.3.2 Disaster Management Plan & Strategy

The Disaster Management Plan has three components:

(A) Risk Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment:

The Risk Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment depict the present picture for each disaster-exposure, loss of life, property damage, etc. It also shows geographic distribution of each hazard. The various monitoring facilities, regulatory regimes, countermeasures available for each disaster are identified and listed.

(B) Response Plan:

The response plan presents an organizational structure of the District to effectively handle the disaster in a coordinated and quickest possible manner to mitigate the impact of

disaster. It identifies functional areas such as relief, restoration, communication, information, transport, emergency health services etc and proposes assignments to various departments; including identifying lead and supporting departments. The response plan also lays down preparedness checklists and standing operating procedure (SOP) guidelines.

(C) Mitigation Strategy:

The mitigation strategy and plan focus on the long-term planning for impact reduction. It deals with the issues of continued commitment to hazard identification and risk assessment, applied research and technology transfer, investment- incentives for mitigation, and leadership and co-ordination for mitigation.

The mine management will be in regular contact with the District administration to gather information on natural disasters and will pass on the message at the site to avoid any loss of health or wealth due to impending disasters.

Though the responsibility of disaster management is vested with the center and state Governments, it is extremely difficult for them to deal effectively all the aspects of disaster management according to the needs of the affected people.

Thus disaster management plan of the Lakhisarai District has been prepared through incorporation of the features of Community Based Disaster Management and involvement of local governments, Municipalities etc.

7.4 SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROJECT & SAFETY MEASURES

INTRODUCTION

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) refers to systematic analysis of various social and economic characteristics of human being living in a given geographical area during a given period. The geographical area is often called Study Area or Impact Area. SEIA is carried out separately but concurrently with Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). The study area consists of core area where the project is located and a buffer area encircling the project area with a radius of 10 km from the periphery of the core area. For every new project or existing project under expansion or tied for modernization or change in product mix, Socio-economic Impact Assessment is mandatory. The Socio-economic impact assessment focuses the effect of the project on social and economic well-being of the

community. The impact may be direct or indirect. Further, the impact may be positive or negative.

OBJECTIVES OF SEIA

The prime objective of the current study is to assess the impact of the proposed mining project on socio-economic characteristics of people living in the neighborhoods. Further, it is to be established whether the impending impact would be direct or indirect. Furthermore, it is to be examined whether the said impact would be positive or negative. Lastly, it is to be comprehended if the impact is positive how long it would sustain or if it is negative how soon the same could be eased.

SCOPE

The Scope of the study is as follows:

a) To collect baseline data of the study area
b) To comprehend socio-economic status of the people living in the study area.
c) To assess probable impact of the project on social and economic aspects in the study area.
d) To measure the impact of the project on Quality of life of the people living in the study area.
e) To ensure sustainability of positive impact.
f) To suggest mitigation measures and agency responsible for taking action in case of adverse impact.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

Impact on Demographic Composition

The proposed Projectwill hardly make any difference in the demographic composition of the study area as the additional employment it envisages to create will be met locally to the maximum extent. Hence, the chances of in-migration of people from outside the study area are remote. Accordingly, there will be no variation in the total population of the study area including that of sex ratio, when the mine starts operating.

Employment Opportunities

The proposed Projectwill provide employment to the local people. The number of workers to be deployed in the mining project will depend upon the quantity of minerals to be extracted from the mine by the lease holder. Both the miners and the unskilled workers will be recruited locally. It has estimated that around 53 people will get employment in this mining project for a period of ten months in a year. It is a positive impact of the project since it is providing employment opportunities to the local people. The project will not affect the vulnerable groups of people.

Increased supply of sand in the market

The demand for minerals is ever increasing with the growth of the infrastructure development in our country.Both Government departments and private developers have taken up construction of roads, bridges and buildings in a big way. The requirement for the building materials is always high and there is already an acute shortage of sand in the market and the construction industry is the main sufferer. With the commencement of the proposed mining project the supply of minerals will increase and the gap between demand & supply will decrease to some extent, if not fully.

Impact on agriculture

It is non-forest land and the proposed activity is to take place in the bed of the KiulRiver. There will be no negative impact on agriculture as no cultivation is taking place on the proposed mining area. Since, scientific mining will be adopted in the proposed mining project the area will be free from annual floods, which destroy standing crops and land & property. This is a positive impact of the proposed mining project.

Impact on road development

Movement of trucks and other vehicles to and fro the mining site is expected to increase, when mining will start. The existing roads are connecting the quarry with the national highway connected by metalled followed by un-metalled roads. Hence, there is need for road maintenance and repairing regularly in the mining area. Further, there are risks of accidents during loading of extracted minerals into trucks and transportation to markets for sells. However, accidents can be avoided by taking due care and precautions.

Income to Government

The proposed mining activity will benefit the State in the form of royalty, dead rent, fees and earnings from taxes.

Impact on Law & Order

As most of the workers to be employed in the proposed mining project are local residents no law & order problem is envisaged. It is expected that the workers will attend to their duties from their residence and return to their homes after the day's work. There would have been law & order problem if the workers were migrants and lived in shanties closed to the mining area. However, to meet any untoward incident one police post may be set up closed to the mining site.

Impact on Health

There are no chances of occurring diseases, due to mining.The minerals excavated are non-toxic. To avoid respiratory problem from dust necessary protection should be taken.

Few safety measures are outlined below:

a) **Safe Working Environment**: The project proponent shall ensure health and safety of all the employees at work. Efforts will be made to provide and maintain a safe work environment and ensure that the machinery and equipment in use is safe for employees. Further, it will be ensured that working arrangements are not hazardous to employees.

b) **Provision of First Aid**: The first aid treatment reflects the hazards associated with the mining of minerals. The first-aiders will be well trained in handling patients working in the Project.

c) **Regular Health Examination:** For all mine workers regular health examination will be made compulsory. Treatment of serious back injury; existing asthma or respiratory diseases, existing skin diseases, lung function test (pre and post ventolin), Audiograms, Chest X- ray etc. will also be taken care of.

d) **Health Education:** Adequate health education and information related to the job will be provided to the workers. Baseline health information will be recorded for future references.

e) **Tie-up with the Nearest Hospital for Medical Assistance:** To meet the medical needs of the mine workers tie-up with nearest hospitals will be made. Efforts will be

made to reserve few beds in the above hospitals for the workers of the mining project. This will ensure timely medical aid to the affected persons.

f) **Supply of Mask and Gloves:**The workers in the Sand mining project are subject to respiratory diseases. For protection from dust it will be made compulsory for all workers to wear masks and gloves, while working in the mine.

g) **Administration of Anti-venom Injections:** Provision of Anti-venom therapy will be made available for administration to the workers in case of snake, spider and insect bites, while working in the mine.

h) **Special Telephone Number:** A special telephone number will be made available to the workers in case of emergency so that they can dial the same for–medical assistances. Further, efforts will be made to provide vehicles to the patients in short duration for shifting to a hospital.

i) **Special Group Insurance Scheme:** All the mine workers will be covered under a Group Insurance Scheme of LIC or any other Insurance company.

CONCLUSION

The commissioning of the Sand Mining Project Sand Mining Project on Son River Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar)provides employment to local people who are in search of the same. The granting of environment clearance to make mining of sand legally valid and it will generate revenue for the state. It is expected that prospective entrepreneurs will venture to set up industrial units in the vicinity in the near future making the area a mixed society, dependent on industry, trade and business. With the implementation of the project the occupational pattern of the people in the area will change making more people engaged in mining, industrial and business activities rather in agriculture only. The study area is still lacking in health and educational facilities. It is expected that same will improve to a great extent with opening of the project and associated industrial & business activities.

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8.0 GENERAL

Various benefits are envisaged while planning for the mining of sand from Son River Bed. Sand is very important minor mineral and is the principal raw material for meeting the huge demand of construction material required in building construction and infrastructure works, road material for construction and maintenance of roads / highway; elastic ballast material for rail tracks in the State of Bihar & and nearby cities and towns of Bihar. The natural available materials in shoal deposits of Son River bed quarry site have been found suitable from techno-economic consideration.

8.1 PHYSICAL BENEFITS

The opening of the proposed project will enhance the following physical infrastructure facilities in the adjoining areas.

a. **Road Transport:** There will be improved road communication due to the proposed project and maintenance will also be done time to time.
b. **Market:** Generating useful economic resource for construction. Excavated minor mineral sand will provide a good market opportunity.
c. **Enhancement of green cover:** As a part of reclamation plan, plantation will be carried along the river banks or along the road sides or near the civic amenities.
a. **Creation of community assets** (infrastructure) like provision for drinking water, construction of school buildings, village roads/ linked roads, dispensary & health centre, community centre, market place etc, as a part of corporate social responsibility.

8.2 SOCIAL BENEFITS

a) **Increase in Employment Potential due to the project activity:** Employment opportunities will increase both directly as well indirectly.
b) **Contribution to the Exchequer** as the saleable minerals will be given royalty. Since the quarries will be leased out to successful allottees, mining operation in the state will get legalized and it will fetch income to the state exchequer.
c) **Increased Health related activities**: Healthcare promotional activities will be undertaken. Pre-placement & and Periodic medical checkups will be done, which will lift the general health status of the residents of the area. Health camps, medical aids, family welfare programs, immunization camp, sports will be arranged.

Table-8.1, Budget for Public Health

S. No.	Activities recommended for communities level services	Tentative cost (Lakh Rs) For Each Mine
1	Awareness campaigns regarding health issues in the nearby villages.	**1.0**
2	Provide free health checkups & medicines to the nearby villagers of the project site.	**1.0**
3	Assistance to set up a temporary health center during the lease tenure.	**0.50**
	Total	**2.5**

d) **Educational attainments**: Educational activities will be promoted by the lessee. Awareness program will be arranged covering basic issues related to primary level education, environment, health and hygiene etc.

e) **Strengthening of existing community** facilities through the Community Development Programme.

Table 8.2, Budget for Occupational Health

Particulars	Recurring Cost per year (Rs.) For Each Mine
For routine checkup	1,00,000
Medical aid as per ESI Scheme	2,00,000
Training	1,00,000
Total	**4,00,000**

8.3 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

a. Protection of banks
b. Reducing submergence of adjoining agricultural lands due to flooding.
c. Reducing aggradations of river level.
d. Protection of crops being cultivated along the bank.
e. A check on illegal mining activity.

8.4 CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

2% of capital cost of the project cost will be allotted for the Corporate Environmental Responsibility as per OM dated 1st May 2018. The following has been proposed considering the needs & demand of the people.

CSR cost will be 2% of the total project cost. This amount will be used for social welfare. CSR COST is 14,36,20,000 x 2% = Rs. 28,72,400/-

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For each activity the funds to be earmarked by the proponent will be decided after discussion with the local authority/people and the beneficiaries during Public Hearing. It has been planned to undertake a concurrent evaluation of the activities to be taken up under the CER programme.

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9.0 INTRODUCTION

The environmental management must be integrated into the process of mine planning so that ecological balance of the area is maintained and adverse effects are minimized. The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) consists of a set of monitoring programme, mitigation measures, and management control strategies to minimize adverse environmental impacts.

The EMP has therefore been made considering implementation and monitoring of environmental protection measures during and after mining operations. Measures to be taken for each of the impact areas are detailed in the following paras:

9.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CELL (EMC)

It is imperative to establish an effective organization to implement, maintain, monitor and control the environmental management system. A separate Environmental Management Cell (EMC) will be formed to look after the environment related matter of the mine. The structure of EMC is as follows:

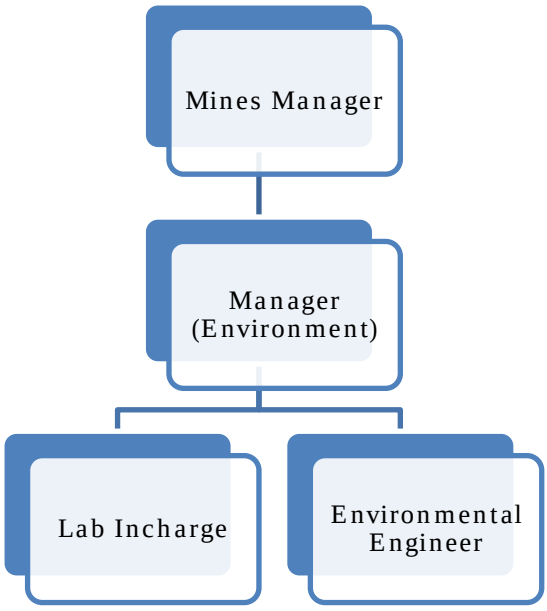

Figure 9.1 Environment Management Cell

The EMC will perform the following activities:

- EMC will oversee that environmental control measures are implemented as per the plan.
- EMC will ensure ambient Field monitoring like air monitoring, meteorological monitoring and noise monitoring in coordination with outside agencies.
- Coordinating the environment related activities within the organization as well as with outside agencies.
- Reporting the status report to the statutory authorities.
- Systematically document and record keeping w.r.t. environmental issues.
- Plantation and their maintenance
- Collection statistics of health of workers and population of surrounding villages.
- Environmental compliance to the regulatory authorities.
- Communication with the concerned department on the environmental issue.
- Monitoring the progress of implementation of environmental management programme.

9.2 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES

During the course of sand mining, no toxic substances are released intothe atmosphere, so there seems to be no potential threat to health of human beings. In river bed mining activities, dust will be generated during mining, loading and transportation. The only source of fugitive gaseous emission during mining is vehicles which will be used for transportation. The environmental management for air pollution control includes:

- Plantation will be done along the road-sides and also the vacant land present under Gram Panchayat after consultation with local villagers/authority.
- Dust mask provided to the workers engaged at dust generation points like excavations, loading and unloading points.
- The only air pollution sources are the road transport network of the trucks. The dust suppression measures like water spraying will be done on the roads.

- Utmost care will be taken to prevent spillage of sand and stone from the trucks.
- Water sprinkling will be done to reduce the emission of dust due to transportation of minerals.
- Overloading will be prevented. The trucks/ tractor trolley will be covered by tarpaulin covers.
- Plantation activities in consultation with village Panchayat along the roads will also reduce the impact of dust in the nearby villages.

9.3 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES

During the operational phase of mine no waste water or industrial effluent will be generated. The environmental management for water pollution control includes:

- Water requirements for drinking, plantation and dust suppression will be met by tanker supply on the daily basis.
- Local people will be employed and no permanent housing will be done so no permanent drainage pattern for sewerage system is required as domestic sewage shall be disposed off into septic tank followed by soak pits.
- Mining in the area will be done up to depth of 3.0mmaximum from the surface level well above the ground water table, therefore impact on water regime is not anticipated.
- Monitoring of water quality of nearby surface water, ground water and domestic water will be conducted once in every season except monsoon to evaluate the performance of the mitigation measures.

9.4 NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES

As there will be no heavy earth moving machinery there will not be any major impact on noise level due to sand mining and other association activities a detailed noise survey has been carried out and results were cross referenced with standards and were found to be well within limits. Blasting technique is not used for sand mining hence no possibility of land vibration. It was found that the proposed mining activity will not have any significant impact on the noise environment of the region. The only impact will be due to transportation of sand and by excavator involve trucks and tractor trolleys.

- Proper maintenance of all machines is being carried out, which help in reducing generation of noise during operations.
- No other equipments accept the Transportation vehicles and Excavator and Loaders (as and when required) for loading is allowed.
- Noise generated by these equipments is intermittent and does not cause much adverse impact.
- Periodical monitoring of noise will be done to adopt corrective actions wherever needed.
- Plantation will be taken up along the approach roads. The plantation minimizes propagation of noise and also arrests dust.

9.5 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Although, there are no significant adverse impacts from the project, the followingmeasures are proposed to minimize anticipated impacts:

- It will be ensured that no mining activity will be carried out during the monsoon season to minimize impact on aquatic life which is mainly breeding season for many of the species.
- As the mining site has no vegetation, no clearance of vegetation will be done.
- Prior to closure of mining operations / during the rainy season the eroded bank will be restored / reclaimed to minimize negative impacts on aquatic habitats.
- Sprinkling will be done on the haul roads with water to avoid the dust emission, thus avoiding damage to the crops.
- Mining will be carried out on the dry part of the lease area to avoid disturbance to the aquatic habitat and movement of fish species.
- No discard of food, polythene waste etc. will be allowed in the lease area which would distract/attract the wildlife.
- No night time mining will be allowed which may catch the attention of wild life.
- Workers will be made aware of the importance of the wildlife and signage will be displayed at the sensitive areas to caution the workers & other passerby.

- **Greenery development:** The project will not lead to any tree cutting. However, asocial responsibility, greenery will be developed along the both sides of road and the bank of river. Community services will be deployed in raising these plantations. Trees of economic importance and native origin such as fruit trees shall be planted.
- Approx. 460 trees will be planted around haul road during the plan period.
- The trees proposed for plantation are:
- As per Sustainable Sand Management & Mining Guidelines 2016,minimum 5 plant per hectare will be proposed for development of greenbelt but in this cluster of projects 10 plants per hectare will be proposed for better condition of environment.
- Total Number of plants for cluster of Sand Bloks are given below.

Sand Ghat	Area (Ha)	Plants
Block 23	46	46*10 Plants= 460 plants
Total Plants		460 plants

Table 9.1:- List of Plant selected for Green Belt Development

	Agro-climatic zone & Sub zone	**Middle Genetic Plains, North west alluvial sub zone**	
S/n	**Scientific name**	**Common Name**	**Pollution control features**
1	*Mangiferaindica*	Aam	Tolerant to Dust control
2	*Tectonagrandis*	Sagon	Tolerant to Dust control
3	*Ficusbenghalensis*	Bargad	Tolerant to Dust control
4	*Scigiumcumuni*	Jamun	To stop river bank erosion
5	*Terminaliaarjuna*	Arjun	To stop river bank erosion
6	*Populus ciliate*	Popular	Fast growing, broad leaf
7	*Ficusreligiosa*	Peepal	Dust particles absorbance
8	*Acacia nilotica*	Babul	Tolerant to SO_2
9	*Azadirachtaindica*	Neem	Tolerant to SO_2
10	*Pithecolibiumducle*	Jungle jalebi	Tolerant to SO_2 and Dust control

9.6 LAND USE PLANNING

Degradation of land is not a very significant adverse impact of riverbed mining due to creation of access roads, mining operations, transportation of mined material. In order to prevent the environmental degradation of leased mine area and its surroundings, the following measures shall be taken;

- Mineral will be mined out after leaving sufficient safety zone from the bank as per sustainable sand mining guidelines-2016 for bank stability.
- The pits from where the material will be picked should not get deeper than 3.0 meter& shall follow the normal channel direction of the river.
- No foreign material shall be allowed to remain/spill in river bed and catchment area, or no pits/pockets will be allowed to be filled with such material.
- The mining is planned in non-monsoon seasons only, so that the excavated area gets replenished during the monsoon each year.
- Pits will get replenished naturally every year after monsoon.

9.7 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Occupational safety and health is very closely related to productivity and good employer-employee relationship. The factor of occupational health in Sand Ghat of M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020 (Sand Block 23) is mainly dust. Safety of employees during operation and maintenance etc. shall be as per Mines rules and regulations.

To avoid any adverse effect on the health of workers due to various pollutants, sufficient measures relating to safety and health will also be practiced:

- Provision of rest shelters for mine workers with amenities like drinking water, portable toilets etc.
- All safety measures like use of safety appliances, such as dust masks, shoes, non breakable goggles as the case may be, shall be ensured. Safety awareness programs, awards, posters, slogans related to safety etc. will be encouraged.

- Training of employees for use of safety appliances and first aid in vocational training center.
- Regular maintenance and testing of all equipment as per manufacturers' guidelines.
- Periodical Medical Examination (PME) of all workers by a Medical Officer.
- First Aid facility will be provided at the mine site.
- Close surveillance of the factors in working environment and work practices which may affect environment and worker's health.
- Working of mine as per approved mining plan and environmental plans.

9.8 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

This project operation will provide livelihood to the poorest section of the society. The overall impact of riverbed mining of sand on the social economics of the area shall be a very positive one, as not only it will generate employment opportunities for local population at mine site for transportation of mined material, etc. It will also give a good boost to the general economy of the area.

The proposed mining activity is expected to provide stimulus to socio-economic activities in the region and thereby accelerate further development processes. However, there is an apprehension that local people may get engaged in illegal activities if the proposed mining operation or the project is shelved or there is in ordinate delay in its execution.

9.9 ENVIRONMENT POLICY

M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020 of Sand Ghat Block 23 believes that responsible environmental stewardship comprises diligent application of well-established natural resource management, controls and practices for the protection of the mined out land, preservation of biodiversity and proper disposal of waste if any following the best environmental practices during the process of mining.

Environmental policy prescribed for standard operating process to bring into focus any violation/deviation of the environment and forest norms/conditions that the company operations will implement operational and risk management practices that provide for

maximum protection of people and the environment. To this end, the owner resolves that company will follow the below mentioned practices:

Operate in accordance with prescribed industry standards while complying with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

- Establish and maintain a well-defined environmental, health and safety management system to guide its operations.
- Ensure that all employees, officers and directors understand and adhere to its environmental, health and safety management program.
- Provide operations with the necessary resources, expertise and training to effectively carry out its EHS management programs.
- Engage employees at all levels in programs directed towards minimizing adverse effects on the environment resulting from mining activity.
- Work proactively with governments and the public in the development of cost effective and realistic regulations that promote enhanced environmental, health and safety protection.
- Promote environmental awareness among its employees, their families and the communities in which it operates.
- Require those who provide services and products to practice good environmental stewardship.
- Mitigate its environmental impacts through efficient use of resources, and the reduction of input materials and waste.
- Maintain a high degree of emergency preparedness.

9.10 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR EMP IMPLEMENTATION

Annual budget for EMC is very essential for successful implementation of EMP. Costs will be both Capital and Recurring cost as given below. The fund allocated will not be diverted for any other purposes and the top management will be responsible for this.

Table 9.2, Budget of EMP (Block-23)

Sl. No	Description	Capital Cost (lakh)	Recurring Cost (lakh)
1	Pollution Control & Dust Suppression	**Nil**	**1.5**
2	Pollution Monitoring i) Air pollution ii) Water pollution iv) Noise Pollution	--	2.0
3	Plantation and salary for one gardener (part time basis).	4.6	0.5
4	Haul road Maintenance Cost	1.6	1.5
TOTAL		**6.2**	**5.5**

Note: *460 plants * 1000 Rs (for each plants including hedges and fences) =Rs 460000/-

- Salary of Labour for haul road maintenance 2 labor*300=600 per day
- 600* 250= 1,50,000/-
- * 2.5 lakh per kilometer (2,50,000 *0.64 km haul road) = 160000/-

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10.0 INTRODUCTION

10.1 Purpose of the Report

Environmental Impact Assessment report is prepared to comply with the Terms of Reference (TOR) received from SEIAA, Bihar under EIA notification of the MoEF&CC dated 14th September, 2006 and its subsequent amendment there-off and also the EIA Guidance Manual for Mining of Minerals (Feb, 2010) of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, for seeking environmental clearance for mining of Sand in the applied mining lease area.

10.2 IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT & PROJECT PROPONENT

10.2.1 Identification of Project

The Proposed Sand Mining Project is located on Son River at Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar**)** over an area of 46 hectares.

The proposed mining was a cluster of 4 mining lease area of block 20,21,22 & 23 cluster over an combined area of 306 Ha is for river bed sand mining on Son River at Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar**)** over an area of 46 hectares.

Cluster Situation: As per District Survey Report Bhojpur the Proposed sand Ghats of block 20, block 21, block 22 & block 23 are comes in cluster situation whose combined cluster area is 306 ha. All the lease area of homogeneous minerals is coming within 500 m radius from each other confirming a cluster situation.

As per the Director of Geology, Bihar, the modification of mining plan has been approved .As per EIA notification 2016 and subsequent amendments, the project is coming under category '**B**' (**B1**) and the lease area is more than 5.0 Ha, approved Mining Plan, Pre-feasibility Report and EMP are required for Environment Clearance in respect of the said quarry lease. Copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure No. II.**

The Details of cluster is given below:

Sand Block name	Area (Ha)	Khata	Khasra No.	Production Excavation in Tonn (3 meter)	Address
Block 20	98	205 & 162.	1262, 1537, 1660, 1663, 1664, 1665,	4762800	M/s Mateshwari Construction Partner- Vikash Kumar S/o- Dilip Kumar

			1666. 1667, & 574, 575, 576.		Singh Add – Mamka Niwas, Chitour Nagar, New Area, Dist.- Aurangabad- 824101.
Block 21	92	421	1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.	4471200	M/s Shivshankar Kaushik Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Director- Kumar Saurav S/o- Manoj Kumar Singh Postal Add.- Kshatriya Colony, Ramnagar Andar Dhala, Siwan- 841226. Permanent Add.- 405, Arjun Enclave, Ramjaipal Road, Near Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Dental College, Patna
Block 22	70	--	--	3402000	--
Block 23	46	132	465, 466.	2235600	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020.
Total Cluster Area				**14871600**	

The proposed project is of River bed sand mining and falls under Category- “B1” as per EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments by Ministry of Environment Forests &

Climate Change, GOI. Block No.- 23 Sand Ghat fall in Sand Ghat, Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar**)** over an area of 46 hectares.

10.3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The proposed project is Open Cast Semi-Mechanized Mining of Sand with a proposed cluster production of 1407600 TPA per annum. The project has been proposed by (Block 23 - M/s Devendra EquipmentPartner- Kanchan Kumar SinghS/o- Devendra KumarAdd.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020.).

The proposed project is over an area 46 ha on Son River at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar). As per MoEF, New Delhi Gazette dated 14th September 2006 and amended thereof, the proposed mining project is categorized as **Category 'B-1'.** The estimated project cost for the proposed project is **Sand Block 21 - Rs** RS- 46,10,20,000- (including auction cost).

The proposed mining lease area falls in Survey of India Toposheet 72C/11, 72C/15

The mine lease co-ordinates and connectivity details are listed below:

Table: 10.1 Mine lease Co-ordinates (Block23)

Pillar No.	Co-ordinates	
1	25° 19' 15.851" N	84° 42' 33.523" E
2	25° 19' 16.758" N	84° 42' 27.361" E
3	25° 19' 19.449" N	84° 42' 25.207" E
4	25° 19' 31.730" N	84° 42' 37.192" E
5	25° 19' 47.054" N	84° 42' 42.637" E
6	25° 19' 47.081" N	84° 42' 42.647" E
7	25° 19' 43.805" N	84° 42' 51.092" E
8	25° 19' 39.091" N	84° 43' 3.241" E
9	25° 19' 29.728" N	84° 43' 2.711" E
10	25° 19' 30.291" N	84° 42' 57.090" E
11	25° 19' 27.007" N	84° 42' 50.120" E
12	25° 19' 17.521" N	84° 42' 37.114" E

The details of environmental setting are given in **Table-10.2**.

Table-10.2: Details of Environmental Setting

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<tr><th>Sr. No.</th><th>Particulars</th><th>Details</th></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td colspan="2">Location</td></tr>
<tr><td>a</td><td>Village</td><td>Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.</td></tr>
<tr><td>b</td><td>Tehsil</td><td>--</td></tr>
<tr><td>c</td><td>District</td><td>Bhojpur</td></tr>
<tr><td>d</td><td>State</td><td>Bihar</td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td>Elevation above</td><td>Block No.-23 (66mRL -63 mRL)</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>Nearest National Highway/State Highway</td><td>SH 81: Approx. 0.60 KM towards W direction.</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>Nearest Railway station</td><td><table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Railway Station</th><th>Distance (Km) Direction</th></tr><tr><td>Block 23</td><td>Garhani Railway Station</td><td>Garhani Railway Station, approx. 17.0 km towards NW direction</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>5</td><td>Nearest Airport</td><td><table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Airport</th><th>Distance (Km) Direction</th></tr><tr><td>Block 23</td><td>Jayprakash Narayan Airport, Patna</td><td>JPN International Airport Patna, approx. 48.0 km towards NE direction</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>6</td><td>Ecological Sensitive Areas (Wildlife</td><td>There is no any Ecological Sensitive Areas Like National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries, etc are found within 10 km of the study area.</td></tr>
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Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
	Sanctuaries)	
7	Seismic Zone	Zone- IV *Source BMTC 2nd edition https://www.bmtpc.org/disaster%20resistnace%20technolgies/ZONE%20IV.htm*

10.4 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

10.4.1 Salient features of mine lease

The salient features of mine lease are given below:

Table-10.3: Salient features of mine lease

Sr. No.	Parameter	Description
1	Name of the Mine	Sand Mining Project On Son River at Bhojpur Block No.- 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) over an area of 46.0 hectares.
2	Mining Capacity	828000 cum/year or 1407600 TPA
3	Method of mining	Open cast semi-mechanized mining/OTFM
4	Total ML area	46 ha
5	Depth of mining	1.5 m depth
6	Manpower	81 persons
9	Water Requirement	BLOCK 23 – 7 KLD
10	Source of Water	Tanker/ Nearby village.

10.4.2 Mineral Reserves and production

Slices of height 1.5m & width 6.0 m has been drawn in geological sections to calculate the mineable reserves. The area of each bench level has been calculated & multiplied by strike influence to get the volume. Volume is multiplied by bulk density (1.7 kg/m3) to get Tonnes.

Table 10.4 Classification Mineral Reserves

Sand Ghat	Area	Geological	Mineable	Annual Mineable

	(Hect)	Reserves (m3)	Reserves (m3)	Permitted Reserve As per LoI (m3)
Bhojpur Son Block 23	46	1380000	1213035	828000

In the lease area the river flow being reduced and sediment load get deposited. During flood season, the area gets replenished with sediments and source of erosion at this location. It is a river bed deposit and mined out area shall be replenished each year during monsoon period and depth of quarry shall be filled back by river sand each year and area will restore its original topography.

10.4.3 Conceptual Plan

Mine Applied Area will be worked for Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat. However, as the digging depth will be restricted to 3.0 m only. This will be further replenished during rainy season. Sand Ghat will be worked systematically as the width is limited while length is much more. As the lease period is only 5 (Five) years, some of the area will be left un-worked at the end of lease period.

(i) Final Slope Angle to Be Adopted: Height of the bench is limited to 1.5 m while width of individual bench shall be kept 6.0m. River bank side will be protected by working in dry part of the river and by leaving safety distance of the width of the river of 5 meter. Bank side natural slope will not be disturbed. This will prevent collapse of bank and erosion. However, the height of the bank with respect to river bed is varying from 3-4 meters.

(ii) During plan period workings will be carried out in the Sand Ghat at a time of the Applied Area simultaneously. Scattered workings will ensure safety, remove congestion of vehicles and will have better control and management.

(iii)Ultimate Capacity of Dumps: There will be no OB removal / during the plan period. Therefore no proposal has been envisaged for its separate dumping. No outside material will be filled up in the extracted zone.

The conceptual plan & section of each mining plots are attached with mine plan.

10.4.4 Method of Mining

Mining activity will be carried out by open cast semi- mechanized method/OTFM. The operation will be semi-mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck /tractors combination or Manually etc. The sand will be collected in its existing form.

10.5 AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME

Topsoil if any would be utilized for intensive plantation and greenbelt development, all along the bank of the river. The details of plantation and number of saplings to be planted are given below. Approx. 460 trees will be planted around haul road during the plan period.

10.6 LAND USE PATTERN

The mine lease area is flat river bed and river banks. There is no forest land or agriculture land in the mine lease area. The entire mining lease lies within River.

10.7 BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

10.7.1 Soil Quality

Three soil samples were collected in and around the mine lease area to assess the present soil quality of the region. The pH of the soil indicates that the soil is slightly alkaline in nature. Based on the results, it is evident that the soils are not contaminated by any polluting sources.

10.7.2 Meteorology

Meteorological data at the site was monitored during Dec 2022 to Jan-Feb 2023 representing winter season. It was observed that the during study period, temperature ranged from 06 ^{0}C to 25.0 ^{0}C.

10.7.3 Ambient Air Quality

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM) has been carried out at 10 locations. The Particulate Matter (PM_{10}) conc. ranged of 50.92 µg/m^{3}to 86.64 µg/m$^{3.}$. The Particulate Matter ($PM_{2.5}$) ranged from 25.23 µg/m^3 to 43.69 µg/m$^{3.}$ Sulphur dioxide (SO_2) between 6.23 µg/m^{3}to 12.97 µg/m^3.Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_2) between 8.03 µg/m^{3}to 19.87 µg/m^3..The results thus obtained indicate that the concentrations of PM10, SO_2 and NO_2 in the ambient air are well within the National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) standards for Residential and Rural areas.

10.7.4 Water quality

To assess the physical and chemical properties of water in the region, water samples from 05 locations were collected from various water sources around the mine lease area. The pH was varying for ground waters from 7.46 to 7.70.The total dissolved solids are varying from **351.38 mg/l to 436 mg/l.**

The Surface water sampling was taken from 5 locations The analysis results indicate that the pH ranges between 7.11 and 7.62. Dissolved Oxygen (DO) was observed in the range of 6.2

to 8.7 mg/l against the minimum requirement of 4 mg/l. BOD values were observed to be in the range of 2.17 to 5.20 mg/l.

The results indicate groundwater is generally in conformity with the drinking water standards (IS: 10500).

10.7.5 Noise Quality

Noise monitoring reveals that the minimum & maximum noise levels at day time were recorded as 58.9 dB(A) to 50.1 dB(A) respectively. The minimum & maximum noise levels at night time were found to be 46.4 dB (A) & 36.4 dB(A) respectively.

10.7.6 Ecological Environment

Based on the field studies and review of published literature, There is no any Ecological Sensitive Areas Like National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries, etc are found within 10 km of the study area.

10.8 ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

10.8.1 Impact on Air Environment

The proposed mining activities loading and movement of other transport vehicles used in mining will generate dust (SPM/RSPM). Proper water sprinkling shall be carried out at the mine site. The mineral will be transported by road through covered tarpaulin trucks/tippers to reduce the fugitive emission caused by the wind.

10.8.2 Impact on Water Environment

Mining of sand from within or near river has an indirect impact on the physico-chemical habitat characteristics during monsoon season. These characteristics include in stream roughness elements, depth, velocity, turbidity, sediment transport and stream discharge.

The detrimental effects, if any, to biota resulting from bed material mining are caused by following:

- Alteration of flow patterns resulting from modification of the river
- An excess of suspended sediment during monsoon season.

Project activity will be carried out only in the dry part of the Son River. Hence, none of the project activities affect the water environment directly. In the project, it is not proposed to

divert or truncate any stream in monsoon season only. No proposal is envisaged for pumping of water either from the *River* (in monsoon) or tapping the ground water.

10.8.3 Impact on Water Quality

Analysis results of water samples collected from the buffer zone indicate that the pH, total dissolved solids (TDS) are well below the prescribed limits.

No wastewater generation is envisaged due to the mining operations. The sanitary wastewater will be sent to septic tanks.

10.8.4 Impact on Noise Environment

The proposed mining activity is semi-mechanized/OTFM in nature. No drilling & blasting is envisaged for the mining activity. Hence, the only impact is anticipated is due to movement of vehicles deployed for transportation of minerals. The vehicles will be maintained in good running condition so that noise will be reduced to minimum possible level.

10.8.5 Impact on Land Environment

The proposed extraction of stream bed materials, mining below the existing streambed, and alteration of channel-bed form and shape may lead to several impacts such as erosion of channel bed and banks, increase in channel slope, and change in channel morphology if, the operations are not carried out systematically.

The systematic and scientific removal of sand will not cause bed degradation. The silt and clay generated as waste will be used for plantation or filling up low lying area elsewhere. The mining is planned in non monsoon seasons only, so that the excavated area gets replenished gradually during the monsoons each year.

10.8.6 Impact on flora and fauna

As the proposed mining will be carried out in a scientific manner, not much significant impact is anticipated. No mining will be carried out during the monsoon season to minimize impact on aquatic life which is mainly breeding season for many of the species. The mining site has no vegetation; no clearance of vegetation will be done. Haul roads will be sprinkled with water which would reduce the dust emission, thus avoiding damage to the crops.

10.8.7 Impact on Socio - Economic Aspects

The mine area does not cover any habitation. Hence the mining activity does not involve any displacement of human settlement. No public buildings, places, monuments etc exist within the lease area or in the vicinity. The mining operation will not disturb/ relocate any village or need resettlement. Thus no adverse impact is anticipated. The impact of mining activity in the area is positive on the socio-economic environment of the region. Sand mining will be providing employment to local people whenever there is requirement of manpower.

10.9 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Extraction will be done from the bed leaving safety zone from bank.
- The maximum working depth will remain above ground water table of the area.
- Provide health facilities to the workers & surrounding people in the impact area to reduce the health impacts.
- Ensuring wildlife protection & arranging awareness campaigns for the same.
- Minimize activities that release fine sediment to the river.
- Effective mitigation measures will be adopted to minimize disturbance during transportation & handling of minerals:
- Establishment of reclamation program with plantation of local/native & fast growing species
- Establishment of restoration plan during the closure of mine at the onset of monsoon season.
- Establishment of effective Disaster Management Plan to take timely precautionary measures to avoid effects of impending disasters.
- Establishment of effective Monitoring Program monitored by Environment Management Cell.

10.10 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

Table 10.5: Post project environmental monitoring

S.No.	Description of Parameters	Schedule of Monitoring

1	Air Quality	24 hourly samples twice a week in each season except monsoon
2	Water Quality (Surface & Groundwater)	Once a season for 4 seasons in a year
3	Soil Quality	Once in a year in project area
4	Noise Level	Twice a year for first two years & then once a year
5	Socio-economic Condition	Once in 3 years
6	Plantation Monitoring	Once in a season

10.11 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COST

The details of the cost to be incurred for successful monitoring of environmental parameters and implementation of control measures are given in **Table-10.6**.

Table 10.6: Cost of Environmental Protection Measures

Table 10.6 (a), Budget of EMP (Block-23)

Sl. No	Description	Capital Cost (lakh)	Recurring Cost (lakh)
1	Pollution Control & Dust Suppression	**Nil**	**1.5**
2	Pollution Monitoring i) Air pollution ii) Water pollution iv) Noise Pollution	--	2.0
3	Plantation and salary for one gardener (part time basis).	4.6	0.5
4	Haul road Maintenance Cost	1.6	1.5
TOTAL		**6.2**	**5.5**

Note: *460 plants * 1000 Rs (for each plants including hedges and fences) =Rs 460000/-

- Salary of Labour for haul road maintenance 2 labor*300=600 per day
- 600* 250= 1,50,000/-
- * 2.5 lakh per kilometer (2,50,000 *0.64 km haul road) = 1,60,000/-

10.12 ADDITIONAL STUDIES

10.12.1 Risk Assessment

The complete mining operation will be carried out under the management control and direction of a qualified mine manager holding. The DGMS have been regularly issuing standing orders, model, standing orders and circulars to be followed by the mine management in case of disaster, if any.

10.12.2 Disaster Management Plan

Emergency preparedness is an important aspect in the planning of Disaster Management. Personnel would be trained suitably and prepared mentally and physically in emergency response through carefully planned, simulated procedures. Similarly, the key personnel and essential personnel shall be trained in the operations.

10.12.3 Public Consultation

This is a draft EIA report. Public Hearing will be incorporated in FEIA report.

10.13 PROJECT BENEFITS

Physical Benefits: Road Transport, Market, Enhancement of green cover & Creation of community assets.

Social Benefits: Increase in Employment Potential, Contribution to the Exchequer, Increased Health related activities, Educational attainments & Strengthening of existing community facilities.

Environmental Benefits:

- Ø Controlling river channel and protection of banks.
- Ø Reducing submergence of adjoining agricultural lands due to flooding.
- Ø Reducing aggradation of river level.
- Ø A check on illegal mining activity.

Corporate Social Responsibility

2% of capital cost of the project cost will be allotted for the Corporate Environmental Responsibility as per OM dated 1st May 2018. The following has been proposed considering the needs & demand of the people.

CSR cost will be 2% of the total project cost. This amount will be used for social welfare. CSR COST is 14,36,20,000 x 2% = Rs. 28,72,400/-

For each activity the funds to be earmarked by the proponent will be decided after discussion with the local authority/people and the beneficiaries during Public Hearing. It has been planned to undertake a concurrent evaluation of the activities to be taken up under the CER programme.

10.14 CONCLUSIONS

- The mining operations will meet the compliance requirements of MoEF&CC;
- Community impacts will be beneficial, as the project will generate significant economic benefits for the region;
- Monitoring program will be followed till the mining operations continue.
- With the effective implementation of the Environment Management Plan (EMP) during the mining activities, the proposed project can proceed without any significant negative impact on environment.

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Project: Sand Mining Project on Son River Block No – 23 Sand Ghat at Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar)

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2.	River Valley projects	3	1 (c)	B
3.	Metallurgical industries (ferrous & non-ferrous)	8	3 (a)	B
4.	Highways,	34	7 (f)	A
5.	Building and construction projects	38	8 (a)	B
6.	Townships and Area development projects	39	8 (b)	B

Note: Names of approved EIA Coordinators and Functional Area Experts are mentioned in IA AC Minutes dated December 20, 2019 on QCI-NABET website.

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Sr. Director, NABET *Certificate No.* *Valid till*

Dated: February 3, 2020 *NABET/EIA/1922/IA0053* *Dec 10, 2022*

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To

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Sub.: Extension of Validity of Accreditation till June 06, 2023 – regarding
Ref.. Certificate no. NABET/EIA/1922/IA0053

Dear Sir/Madam

This has reference to the accreditation of your organization under the QCI-NABET EIA Scheme, the validity of **P and M Solution** is hereby extended till June 06, 2023 or completion of the assessment process, whichever is earlier.

The above extension is subject to the submitted documents/required information with respect to your application and timely submission and closure of NC/Obs during the process of assessment.

You are requested not to use this letter after expiry of the above stated date.

With best regards.

(A K Jha)
Sr. Director, NABET

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Sub. Terms of Reference to the Sand Ghat Mining Project (Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat) at Riverbed Of Son River Area 46 Ha. , M/448, LAXMI NIWAS, ROAD NO.-4, KANKARBAGH

Dear Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the proposal submitted in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to prescribe the Terms of Reference (TOR) for undertaking detailed EIA study for the purpose of obtaining Environmental Clearance in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006. For this purpose, the proponent had submitted online information in the prescribed format (Form-1) along with a Pre-feasibility Report. The details of the proposal are given below:

1. Proposal No.:	SIA/BR/MIN/412379/2022
2. Name of the Proposal:	Sand Ghat Mining Project (Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat) at Riverbed Of Son River Area 46 Ha.
3. Category of the Proposal:	Non-Coal Mining
4. Project/Activity applied for:	1(a) Mining of minerals
5. Date of submission for TOR:	18 Jan 2023

Date : 27-01-2023

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Note : This is auto tor granted letter.

In this regard, under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 as amended, the Standard TOR for the purpose of preparing environment impact assessment report and environment management plan for obtaining prior environment clearance is prescribed with public consultation as follows:

STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR EIA/EMP REPORT FOR PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES REQUIRING ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE

Terms of Reference (TOR) for preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for "Mining of Minerals" as per the EIA Notification, 2006 has been devised to improve the quality of the reports and facilitate decision-making transparent and easy. TOR will help the project proponents to prepare report with relevant project specific data and easily interpretable information. TOR for mining of minerals is expected to cover all environmental related features.

Mining of minerals plays a positive role in the process of country's economic development. In addition to the contribution towards economic growth, mining can also be a major source of degradation of physical as well as social environment, unless it is properly managed. Environmental impacts can arise during all activities of the mining process. Minimizing the damage due to mining operations depends on sound environmental practices in a framework of balanced environmental legislation. The potential adverse effects of mining activities include air pollution, surface and groundwater pollution, noise and vibration, damage to local ecology, natural topography and drainage, depletion of water resources etc. All these environmental components are required to be considered while selecting a proper methodology of mining, mitigation measures to reduce pollution load, conservation of natural resources etc.

The projects of mining of minerals as stated in the schedule require prior environment clearance under the EIA notification, 2006. Category 'A' Projects are handled in the MoEF&CC and Category 'B' projects are being handled by the respective State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) notified by MoEF&CC and following the procedure prescribed under the EIA Notification, 2006. As per this Notification, as amended, the projects of mining of minor minerals with mining lease area equal to or greater than 50 hectare are to be handled at the level of the MoEF&CC for grant of EC. Such projects with mining lease area less than 50 hectare are to be handled by the respective State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

1(a):STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR NON-COAL MINING PROJECTS AND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN EIA/EMP REPORT

1) Year-wise production details since 1994 should be given, clearly stating the highest production achieved in any one year prior to 1994. It may also be categorically informed whether there had been any increase in production after the EIA Notification 1994 came into force, w.r.t. the highest production achieved prior to 1994.

2) A copy of the document in support of the fact that the Proponent is the rightful lessee of the mine should be given.

3) All documents including approved mine plan, EIA and Public Hearing should be compatible with one another in terms of the mine lease area, production levels, waste generation and its management, mining technology etc. and should be in the name of the lessee.

4) All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High Resolution Imagery/ toposheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology and geology of the areashould be provided. Such an Imagery of

the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).

5) Information should be provided in Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating geological map of the area, geomorphology of land forms of the area, existing minerals and mining history of the area, important water bodies, streams and rivers and soil characteristics.

6) Details about the land proposed for mining activities should be givenwith information as to whether mining conforms to the land use policy of the State; land diversion for mining should have approval from State land use board or the concerned authority.

7) It should be clearly stated whether the proponent Company has a well laid down Environment Policy approved by its Board of Directors? If so, it may be spelt out in the EIA Report with description of the prescribed operating process/procedures to bring into focus any infringement/deviation/ violation of the environmental or forest norms/ conditions? The hierarchical system or administrative order of the Company to deal with the environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the EC conditions may also be given. The system of reporting of non-compliances / violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the Company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large,may also be detailed in the EIA Report.

8) Issues relating to Mine Safety, including subsidence study in case of underground mining and slope study in case of open cast mining, blasting study etc. should be detailed. The proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.

9) The study rea will comprise of 10 km zone around the mine lease from lease periphery and the data contained in the EIA such as waste generation etc. should be for the life of the mine / lease period.

10) Land use of the study rea delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.

11) Details of the land for any Over Burden Dumps outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be given.

12) A Certificate from the Competent Authority in the State Forest Department should be provided, confirming the involvement of forest land, if any, in the project area. In the event of any contrary claim by the Project Proponent regarding the status of forests, the site may be inspected by the State Forest Department along with the Regional Office of the Ministry to ascertain the status of forests, based on which, the Certificate in this regard as mentioned above be issued. In all such cases, it would be desirable for representative of the State Forest Department to assist the Expert Appraisal Committees.

13) Status of forestry clearance for the broken up area and virgin forestland involved in the Project including deposition of net present value (NPV) and compensatory afforestation (CA) should be indicated. A copy of the forestry clearance should also be furnished.

14) Implementation status of recognition of forest rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 should be indicated.

15) The vegetation in the RF / PF areas in the study area, with necessary details, should be given.

16) A study shall be got done to ascertain the impact of the Mining Project on wildlife of the study area and details furnished. Impact of the project on the wildlife in the surrounding and any other protected area and accordingly, detailed mitigative measures required, should be worked out with cost implications and submitted.

17) Location of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Ramsar site Tiger/ Elephant Reserves/(existing as well as proposed), if any, within 10 km of the mine lease should be clearly indicated, supported by a location map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden. Necessary clearance, as may be applicable to such projects due to proximity of the ecologically sensitive areas as mentioned above, should be obtained from the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlifeand copy furnished.

18) A detailed biological study of the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 km radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] shall be carried out. Details of flora and fauna, endangered, endemic and RET Species duly authenticated, separately for core and buffer zone should be furnished based on such primary field survey, clearly indicating the Schedule of the fauna present. In case of any scheduled-I fauna found in the study area, the necessary plan alongwith budgetary provisions for their conservation should be prepared in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department and details furnished. Necessary allocation of funds for implementing the same should be made as part of the project cost.

19) Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' or the Project areas likely to come under the 'Aravali Range', (attracting court restrictions for mining operations), should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the SPCB or State Mining Dept. Should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.

20) Similarly, for coastal Projects, A CRZ map duly authenticated by one of the authorized agencies demarcating LTL. HTL, CRZ area, location of the mine lease w.r.t CRZ, coastal features such as mangroves, if any, should be furnished. (Note: The Mining Projects falling under CRZ would also need to obtain approval of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority).

21) R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs /STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine lease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.

22) One season (non-monsoon) [i.e. March-May (Summer Season); October-December (post monsoon season) ; December-February (winter season)]primary baseline data on ambient air quality as per CPCB Notification of 2009, water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna shall be collected and the AAQ and other data so compiled presented date-wise in the EIA and EMP Report. Site-specific meteorological data should also be collected. The location of the monitoring stations should be such as to represent whole of the study area and justified keeping in view the pre-dominant downwind direction and location of sensitive receptors. There should be at least one monitoring station within 500 m of the mine lease in the pre-dominant downwind direction. The mineralogical composition of PM10, particularly for free silica, should be given.

23) Air quality modeling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area. It should also take into account the impact of movement of vehicles for transportation of mineral. The details of the model used and input parameters used for modeling should be provided. The air quality contours may be shown on a location map clearly indicating the location of the site, location of sensitive receptors, if any, and the habitation. The wind roses showing pre-dominant wind direction may also be indicated on the map.

24) The water requirement for the Project, its availability and source should be furnished. A detailed water balance should also be provided. Fresh water requirement for the Project should be indicated.

25) Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.

26) Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.

27) Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided.

28) Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided. In case the working will intersect groundwater table, a detailed Hydro Geological Study should be undertaken and Report furnished. The Report inter-alia, shall include details of the aquifers present and impact of mining activities on these aquifers. Necessary permission from Central Ground Water Authority for working below ground water and for pumping of ground water should also be obtained and copy furnished.

29) Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the lease area and modification / diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be brought out.

30) Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and bgl. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.

31) A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame) and submitted, keeping in mind, the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered

under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given.The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.

32) Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated. Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the Project in the present road network (including those outside the Project area) should be worked out, indicating whether it is capable of handling the incremental load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated (including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government) should be covered. Project Proponent shall conduct Impact of Transportation study as per Indian Road Congress Guidelines.

33) Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.

34) Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans and with adequate number of sections) should be given in the EIA report.

35) Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.

36) Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.

37) Measures of socio economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.

38) Detailed environmental management plan (EMP) to mitigate the environmental impacts which, should inter-alia include the impacts of change of land use, loss of agricultural and grazing land, if any, occupational health impacts besides other impacts specific to the proposed Project.

39) Public Hearing points raised and commitment of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project.

40) Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.

41) The cost of the Project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should be clearly spelt out.

42) A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.

43) Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.

44) Besides the above, the below mentioned general points are also to be followed:-

a) All documents to be properly referenced with index and continuous page numbering.

b) Where data are presented in the Report especially in Tables, the period in which the data were collected and the sources should be indicated.

c) Project Proponent shall enclose all the analysis/testing reports of water, air, soil, noise etc. using the MoEF&CC/NABL accredited laboratories. All the original analysis/testing reports should be available during appraisal of the Project.

d) Where the documents provided are in a language other than English, an English translation should be provided.

e) The Questionnaire for environmental appraisal of mining projects as devised earlier by the Ministry shall also be filled and submitted.

f) While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the Proponents and instructions for the Consultants issued by MoEF vide O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 4th August, 2009, which are available on the website of this Ministry, should be followed.

g) Changes, if any made in the basic scope and project parameters (as submitted in Form-I and the PFR for securing the TOR) should be brought to the attention of MoEF&CC with reasons for such changes and permission should be sought, as the TOR may also have to be altered. Post Public Hearing changes in structure and content of the draft EIA/EMP (other than modifications arising out of the P.H. process) will entail conducting the PH again with the revised documentation.

h) As per the circular no. J-11011/618/2010-IA.II(I) dated 30.5.2012, certified report of the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the environment clearance for the existing operations of the project, should be obtained from the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as may be applicable.

i) The EIA report should also include (i) surface plan of the area indicating contours of main topographic features, drainage and mining area, (ii) geological maps and sections and (iii) sections of the mine pit and external dumps, if any, clearly showing the land features of the adjoining area.

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विषय भोजपुर जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 की आगामी पाँच वर्षों के लिए बन्दोबस्ती हेतु दिनांक–21.11.2022 को सम्पन्न ई–नीलामी में उच्चतम् डाकवक्ता घोषित होने के फलस्वरूप सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृत्यादेश के संबंध में।

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक भोजपुर जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के **बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23, रकवा–46 हेक्टेयर** की आगामी पाँच वर्षों के लिए बन्दोबस्ती हेतु दिनांक–21.11.2022 को सम्पन्न ई–नीलामी में आपके द्वारा रु. 12,42,00,000/– (बारह करोड़ बेयालिस लाख रुपये मात्र) की सुरक्षित जमा राशि के विरूद्ध **उच्चतम् डाक की राशि रु. 13,66,20,000/– (तेरह करोड़ छियासठ लाख बीस हजार रुपये मात्र)** की बोली लगाये जाने के फलस्वरूप आप उच्चतम् डाकवक्ता घोषित हुए हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज की कंडिका–20 (i) के आलोक में आपके द्वारा नीलामी राशि की 25 प्रतिशत राशि (जमा अग्रधन राशि समायोजनोपरान्त) **प्रतिभूति जमा के रुप में राशि रु. 31,05,000/– (एकतीस लाख पाँच हजार रुपये मात्र)** के भुगतान का साक्ष्य **दिनांक–23.11.2022** को कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

निविदा दस्तावेज की कंडिका 20(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) के आलोक में जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 का सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृति के शर्त्त एवं बंधेज निम्नवत् हैं :–

1. बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 से संबंधित विवरणी निम्नवत् है :–

क्र.	नदी का नाम	रकवा (हेक्टेयर में)	Geo Coordinates	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	सोन (Perennial)	46.00	25° 19' 15.851" N	84° 42' 33.523" E
			25° 19' 16.758" N	84° 42' 27.361" E
			25° 19' 19.449" N	84° 42' 25.207" E
			25° 19' 31.730" N	84° 42' 37.192" E
			25° 19' 47.054" N	84° 42' 42.637" E
			25° 19' 47.081" N	84° 42' 42.647" E
			25° 19' 43.805" N	84° 42' 51.092" E
			25° 19' 39.091" N	84° 43' 3.241" E
			25° 19' 29.728" N	84° 43' 2.711" E
			25° 19' 30.291" N	84° 42' 57.090" E
			25° 19' 27.007" N	84° 42' 50.120" E
			25° 19' 17.521" N	84° 42' 37.114" E
2	वन क्षेत्र से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	
3	सुरक्षित क्षेत्र/वन अभ्यारण्य क्षेत्र/पक्षी अभ्यारण्य/वन्य जीव आश्रयण क्षेत्र से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	
4	बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड से 500 मीटर के अन्दर खनन पट्टा क्षेत्र की स्थिति		हाँ (रकबा 306 हे०)।	
5	पुरातात्विक स्थल से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	

6	खनन योग्य मात्रा	828000 घनमीटर
7	अंचल/मौजा/थाना संख्या	अगिआंव/नरैयणागंज/
8	खाता संख्या	132
9	खेसरा संख्या	465, 466

2. **भुगतान की शर्त्तें :–**

(i) नीलामीत–राशि केवल प्रथम वर्ष के लिए बंदोबस्ती की राशि मानी जाएगी। दूसरे वर्ष और उसके अनुक्रमी वर्षों में बंदोबस्ती की राशि गत् वर्ष की बंदोबस्ती राशि के 120 प्रतिशत् अथवा समय–समय पर सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित निदेशों के अनुरूप होगा।

(ii) प्रतिभूति जमा के अतिरिक्त आपको निम्नलिखित समय सारणी/भुगतान अनुसूची के अनुसार बंदोबस्ती की राशि का भुगतान करना होगा :–

किस्त	भुगतान की नियत तारीख
प्रथम किस्त (50%)	(क) पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन से पहले (पहले वर्ष के लिए) (ख) प्रथम वर्ष में पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से एक वर्ष पूरा होने के 60 दिन पूर्व और अनुक्रमिक वर्षों में इसी प्रक्रिया का पालन करते हुए जमा किया जायेगा।
द्वितीय किस्त (25%)	पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से 03 महीना पूरा होने से पहले।
तृतीय किस्त (25%)	पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से 06 महीना पूरा होने से पहले।

3. **GST का भुगतान :–** जी0एस0टी0 के रूप में प्रचलित दर के अनुसार राशि वाणिज्य कर विभाग को भुगतान करना होगा। जिला खनन् कार्यालय, भोजपुर में जी0एस0टी0 भुगतान का प्रमाण प्रत्येक किस्त के साथ देना होगा।

4. **आयकर/अन्य करों का भुगतान :–** आयकर अधिनियम के तहत आयकर एवं उस पर नियमानुसार देय अधिभार का भुगतान आयकर विभाग के प्रचलित दर के अनुसार एक मुश्त करना होगा। यह राशि बंदोबस्ती राशि के प्रत्येक किस्त के साथ देय होगी। जिला खनन् कार्यालय, भोजपुर द्वारा यह राशि आयकर मद में जमा करा दी जायेगी।

5. **जिला खनिज फाउन्डेशन :–** Bihar District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2018 के अनुसार बंदोबस्ती राशि की दो (2) प्रतिशत राशि जिला खनिज फाउण्डेशन, भोजपुर के नाम भुगतेय बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से करना होगा।

6. **वैधानिक अनापत्ति :–** बालूघाट संचालन हेतु आवश्यक समस्त वैधानिक अनापत्ति/अनुमति यथाः– खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति, जल एवं वायु सहमति आदि निर्धारित अवधि के अन्दर आपके द्वारा प्राप्त करना होगा। वैधानिक अनापत्ति/अनुमति प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् ही बालू खनन प्रारंभ किये जाने हेतु कार्यादेश निर्गत किया जा सकेगा।

– वैधानिक अनापत्ति/अनुमति निम्नानुसार हैः–

i. **खनन योजनाः–** खनन योजना प्रभावी नियमों में उल्लिखित प्रावधानों के अनुसार सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा QCI/NABET से मान्यता प्राप्त Professional RQP से तैयार कर निदेशक, खान या विभाग द्वारा प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी के समक्ष लेटर ऑफ इंटेंट निर्गत होने से 30 दिनों के अन्दर अनुमोदन के लिए प्रस्तुत करेगा। खनन योजना बनाने पर होने वाले व्यय का वहन संबंधित खनिज डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा किया जायेगा। साथ ही खनन योजना की जाँच हेतु समाहर्त्ता/विभाग अन्य ऐजेंसी चयनित कर सकेगा, जिसका निर्धारित फीस/खर्च भी बंदोबस्तधारी को ही वहन करना होगा। सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी खनन योजना के अनुसार खनन करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

ii. **पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृतिः–** सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी खनन योजना अनुमोदन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के सक्षम प्राधिकार के समक्ष पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति (EC) के लिए प्रस्ताव समर्पित करेगा। समयबद्ध रीति से पर्यावरणीय एवं अन्य

वैधानिक स्वीकृति प्राप्त करना सफल डाकवक्ता की जिम्मेवारी होगी। अपेक्षित पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति एवं अन्य आवश्यक स्वीकृति प्राप्त करने में किसी भी प्रकार की देरी के लिए सफल डाकवक्ता स्वंय जिम्मेवार होंगे एवं इस संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की क्षतिपूर्ति के लिए कोई भी दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

iii. **जल एवं वायु सहमतिः–** पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति प्राप्त करने के पश्चात सफल डाकवक्ता अधिकतम 07 (सात) दिवस के अंदर जल (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 तथा वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 के अधीन सक्षम पदाधिकारी के समक्ष सहमति/ Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate प्राप्त करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करेगा।

iv. **खनन के लिए अनुमत मात्राः–** खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति तथा जल (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 तथा वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 के तहत प्राप्त सहमति मे वर्णित बालू की मात्रा (इनमें से जो भी कम हो) तक ही खनन अनुमान्य होगा। अनुमोदित खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति तथा जल एवं वायु सहमति में खनन योग्य मात्रा कम किये जाने पर भी वार्षिक देय बंदोबस्ती राशि किसी स्थिति में कम नहीं की जाएगी।

v. बिना किसी वैध कारण के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति, Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate /जल एवं वायु सहमति प्राप्त नहीं कर पाते है या प्राप्त करने में रूचि नहीं लेते है तो, समाहर्त्ता द्वारा अग्रधन की राशि को जप्त कर लिया जायेगा।

7. <u>बंदोबस्ती विलेख/पट्टा संविदा (डीड) निष्पादन करना :–</u>

i. सफल डाकवक्ता द्वारा सभी वैधानिक अनापत्ति प्राप्त करने के उपरान्त 5 वर्षों की अवधि के लिए बालू खनन करने हेतु समानुदान/बन्दोबस्ती स्वीकृत किया जाएगा। सफल डाकवक्ता विहित प्रपत्र में संबंधित नियमानुसार बंदोबस्ती विलेख अथवा उसके समरूप एक प्रपत्र, कार्य आरंभ करने के पहले, निष्पादित करेगा तथा विहित अपेक्षित राशि संबंधित विभाग में जमा कर देगा। बंदोबस्तधारी के पट्टे की अवधि विलेख/संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से पॉच वर्षों के लिए विधिमान्य होगा।

ii. बंदोबस्तधारी को निष्पादित **संविदा का निबंधन संबंधित विभाग के प्रचलित नियमों के अधीन 01 माह के अन्दर** कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

8. सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी द्वारा बन्दोबस्ती प्रत्यर्पण/कारोबार छोड़ने का विकल्प बिहार खनिज (समनुदान, अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भण्डारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 के नियम–50 के अनुरूप किया जा सकेगा।

9. <u>सामान्य शर्त्तें :–</u>

(i) निविदादाता/सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा ई–मेल के माध्यम से किया गया पत्राचार ही मान्य होगा।

(ii) बन्दोबस्ती लेने के बाद सभी बालूघाटों के लिये बालू के उत्तोलन कार्य में संलग्न सभी सहयोगी व्ययक्तियों/प्रबंधकों की सूची, पूर्ण पता एवं फोटो के साथ एक माह के अन्दर समाहर्त्ता को उपलब्ध कराना एवं पोर्टल पर अपलोड करना होगा। यदि इसमें कोई बदलाव होता है तो उसकी भी सूची अविलम्ब पोर्टल पर अपलोड/उपलब्ध करायेंगें।

(iii) बंदोबस्तधारी नदी तट से बालू प्रेषण के बिन्दु पर एक साईनबोर्ड एवं सीमा स्तंभ का अधिष्ठापन करायेगा जिसपर बंदोबस्तधारी का नाम एवं पता, बंदोबस्ती की अवधि, स्थानीय मैनेजर का नाम एवं पता तथा बालू का विक्रय मूल्य प्रदर्शित किया जाएगा। यदि साईन बोर्ड निरीक्षण में नहीं पाया गया तो शास्ति अधिरोपित की जाएगी।

(iv) बंदोबस्तधारी श्रम विधियों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार आश्रय गृह, पीने का पानी, शिशु गृह (क्रेचेज) तथा फर्स्ट एड किट की व्यवस्था संबंधित बालूघाटों में लगे श्रमिकों के लिए करेगा।

(v) बंदोबस्तधारी संबंधित क्षेत्रों का निरीक्षण करेगा तथा स्वयं अथवा अपने द्वारा अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों के माध्यम से बालूघाटों का प्रचालन करेगा। किसी रूप में किये गये उपपट्टा (सबलेटिंग) के लिए

बंदोबस्ती रद्द कर दी जाएगी। बालूघाटों/नदी तल तक बालू के परिवहन के प्रयोजनार्थ पहुँच–पथ (अप्रोच रोड) का निर्माण सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा स्वयं अपने खर्च से किया जाएगा।

(vi) बालूघाट की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोस्तधारी की होगी।

(vii) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी बंदोबस्त क्षेत्र के भीतर किसी अवैध खनन के लिए जिम्मेवार होगें और पाई गई किसी शिकायत पर गंभीरता से विचार किया जाएगा तथा सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी के विरूद्ध नियमानुसार कार्रवाई की जाएगा।

(viii) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी समाहर्त्ता द्वारा बालूघाटों के संचालन के संबंध में लोकहित में जारी निबंधनों और शर्त्तों तथा निदेशों का पालन करेगा।

(ix) यथोक्त शर्त्तों, बंधेजों एवं निबंधनों का पालन नहीं करने पर कारण पृच्छा निर्गत कर बंदोवस्ती रद्द करने की कार्रवाई की जा सकेगी ।

(x) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी को खनन राजस्व/जी0एस0टी0/आयकर/स्टाम्प शुल्क/रजिस्ट्रेशन फीस का भुगतान नही करने की दशा में 30 दिनों के अंदर कारण स्पष्ट करने हेतु नोटिस दी जायेगी। निर्धारित अवधि के अंदर सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा बकाया का भुगतान करने में असफल रहने की दशा में राशि वसूली की कार्रवाई के साथ–साथ बंदोबस्ती रद्द करने की भी कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

(xi) नीलामी हेतु प्रस्तावित बालूघाटों से संबंधित तकनीकी तथा अन्य बिन्दुओं यथा भूमि के अंचल, थाना, मौजा, खाता, खेसरा, रकबा तथा GPS Co-ordinate के संबंध में विवाद/त्रुटि पाए जाने पर संशोधन का अधिकार जिला खनन कार्यालय, भोजपुर का होगा। बालूघाटों का सीमांकन एवं नियमानुसार निर्धारित आयाम/विशिष्टियों का सीमा स्तंभ का अधिष्ठापन GPS Co-ordinate के अनुसार बालू बंदोबस्तधारी को कराना होगा तथा खनन के क्रम में संधारित कराना सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी की जवाबदेही होगी, जिसे RQP/अंचलाधिकारी की उपस्थिति में प्रमाणित कर बालूघाटों के निर्धारित क्षेत्र का Reduced Level (RL)/Pre-Level (PL) एवं Satellite images खनन कार्य प्रारंभ करने के पहले जिला खनन कार्यालय, भोजपुर में समर्पित करना होगा।

(xii) बालघाट से लिकं रोड और बालूघाट के बीच कोई प्राकृतिक जल मार्ग सिचांई नहर पड़ती हो तो सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी जल ससांधन विभाग की पूर्व अनुमति से अस्थायी संरचनाएँ खड़ा कर सकेगा। पूर्व अनुमति के लिए ऐसे आवदेन जल संसाधन विभाग के सबंधित मुख्य अभियंता के समक्ष दिए जाएगें।

(xiii) बालूघाट में रैयती/बंदोबस्त जमीन होने पर संबंधित रैयत से सहमति प्राप्त कर बालू का खनन करना होगा। यह जिम्मेदारी पूर्णतः बंदोबस्तधारी की होगी एवं विभाग से कोई क्षतिपूर्ति का दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

(xiv) बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा बंदोबस्ती अवधि के दौरान किसी भी कारण से खनन कार्य नहीं करने की स्थिति में किसी भी प्रकार का मुआवजा/नुकसान एवं क्षतिपूर्ति का दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

(xv) ई–नीलामी एवं बालूघाट की बंदोबस्ती अवधि के दौरान उत्पन्न किसी भी प्रकार का विवाद बिहार खनिज (समानुदान, अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली 2019, (यथा संशोधित) के अधीन होगा।

(xvi) सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी को इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यम से भेजी गयी कोई भी सूचना/निदेश/आदेश इत्यादि IT-Act के तहत स्वीकार्य साक्ष्य के रूप में माना जायेगा।

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विषयः– **भोजपुर जिला के सोन नदी बालूघाट सं0– 23 के खनन योजना के अनुमोदन के संबंध में।**

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषय के संबंध में कहना है कि बिहार बालू खनन नीति–2019 यथा संशोधित एवं बिहार खनिज (समानुदान अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 (यथा संशोधित 2021) के नियम–17 में वर्णित प्रावधानों के तहत् **भोजपुर जिला के सोन नदी बालूघाट सं0– 23** से संबंधित समर्पित खनन योजना के अनुमोदन पर प्राधिकृत समिति द्वारा समीक्षा की गई। समीक्षोपरांत निम्न शर्त्तों एवं बंधेजों के तहत् खनन योजना अनुमोदित की जाती है –

1. उक्त खनन योजना केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार द्वारा विनियमित अन्य सभी अधिनियम/ नियमावली में वर्णित प्रावधानों को तथा किसी न्यायालय/अन्य न्यायिक संस्था द्वारा पारित किये गये न्यायादेश को बिना प्रभावित किये अनुमोदित किया जा सकता है।
2. उक्त खनन योजना का अनुमोदन खान एवं खनिज (विकास एवं विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957 (यथा संशोधित), बिहार खनिज (समानुदान अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 के नियम–17, वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1980, पर्यावरण सुरक्षा अधिनियम, 1986, श्रम संबंधी नियम, EMGSM 2020 तथा अन्य सभी सुसंगत अधिनियम/ नियमावली तथा उनमें वर्णित प्रावधानों के प्रतिकूल नही होगा। लीज के रकवा के अनुसार प्रति हेक्टेयर कम से कम 10 पौधा लगाना होगा तथा 50 प्रतिशत Survival सुनिश्चित करना होगा।
3. खनन योजना में निहित शर्त्तों का पालन करते हुए ही बालू खनिज का खनन् तथा प्रेषण किया जायेगा।
4. संबंधित सक्षम प्राधिकार से यथा वांछित प्रमाण–पत्र प्राप्त कर विभाग को अवगत कराना अनिवार्य होगा।
5. यदि किसी भी समय खनन योजना में वर्णित शर्त्तों के अनुपालन में अनियमितता पायी जाती है, तो खनन पदाधिकारी को नियमानुसार आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने का अधिकार होगा।
6. संबंधित बालूघाट में खनिज की उपलब्धता, पहुँच पथ का निर्माण तथा अन्य खनन् कार्यों से संबंधित सम्पूर्ण जबाबदेही बालूघाट संचालनकर्त्ता की होगी तथा इसमें किसी भी तरह का कोई दावा अथवा क्षतिपूर्ति मान्य नहीं होगा।
7. खनन योजना मे वर्णित सभी तकनीकि तथा अन्य बिन्दुओं से संबंधित ऑकड़ों की सत्यता / वैधता की जिम्मेवारी RQP/बंदोबस्तधारी की होगी तथा भविष्य में उपर्युक्त के संबंध में किसी प्रकार की भिन्नता/अनियमितता की पूरी जबाबदेही RQP/बंदोबस्तधारी की होगी।

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8. खनन् कार्य के दौरान घाट संचालनकर्त्ता द्वारा पर्यावरण संबंधी मानकों का नियमित रूप से अनुश्रवण करने की व्यवस्था करनी होगी। खनन् कार्य के दौरान नदियों के प्राकृतिक बहाव आदि में किसी भी तरह का व्यवधान/रूकावट/बदलाव करना पूर्ण रूप से प्रतिबंधित होगा।

9. बालूघाट में Secondary Loading की व्यवस्था इस प्रकार सुनिश्चित की जाएगी ताकि गीला बालू का परिवहन नहीं हों।

10. यद्यपि खनन योजना में Semi-mechanised mining को प्राथमिकता दी गयी है तथापि Manual Mining पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं रखा जाएगा एवं स्थानीय व्यक्तियों को नियोजन देने के दृष्टिकोण से Manual Mining को उचित अवसर प्रदान करना होगा।

11. सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा खान एवं खनिज (विकास एवं विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957, बिहार खनिज (समानुदान अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 (यथा संशोधित 2021) तथा बिहार बालू खनन नीति, 2019 के प्रावधानों का अनिवार्य रूप से पालन किया जायेगा।

12. सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी को पर्यावरण सुरक्षा हेतु सभी उपाय करने होगें तथा नियमित रूप से जल/वायु की गुणवत्ता की जाँच/अनुश्रवण की व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करनी होगी।

13. सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी को उत्पादन/प्रेषण का आँकड़ा एवं पंजी संधारित करना अनिवार्य होगा जिसे नियमित रूप से अद्यतन किया जाएगा।

14. संचालन करने वाले घाटों की सीमांकन कराना, RL/PL प्राप्त करना एवं उसे खनन के क्रम में संधारित कराना सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी की जवाबदेही होगी, जिसे RQP/अंचलाधिकारी की उपस्थिति में प्रमाणित करवाकर खनन कार्य करना होगा।

15. बिहार खनिज (समानुदान अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 (यथा संशोधित 2021) में वर्णित प्रतिबंधित क्षेत्रों में किसी प्रकार का खनन् कार्य वर्जित होगा।

16. बालूघाटों से बालू का निष्कासन एवं प्रेषण आबादी से सटे ग्रामीण सड़क को छोड़कर अलग मार्ग से करना होगा।

17. खनन योजना की एक–एक प्रति, जो संबंधित RQP द्वारा प्रत्येक पृष्ठ पर हस्ताक्षरित होगी, निदेशक, खान एवं भूतत्व विभाग के कार्यालय के अतिरिक्त समाहर्त्ता, भोजपुर के गोपनीय कोषांग, उपनिदेशक, पटना अंचल, पटना के कार्यालय में उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा, ताकि किसी भी समय इसकी जाँच की जा सके।

प्राधिकृत समिति की अनुशंसा के आलोक में उपरोक्त शर्त्तों के साथ **भोजपुर सोन नदी बालूघाट सं0– 23** से संबंधित समर्पित खनन योजना के अन्तर्गत ही बालू उत्खनन् कार्य सुनिश्चित कराया जायेगा।

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PROGRESSIVE MINE CLOSURE PLAN

Submitted under Rule (17) of Bihar Minerals (concession, prevention of illegal transportation & storage) Rules 2019

OF

BHOJ SON 23 SAND GHAT
RIVER - SON

in Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon,

District- Bhojpur (Bihar).

APPLIED AREA- 46.0 HECTARES

PLAN PERIOD: FOR FIVE YEARS

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PART A
CHAPTER–1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1	Settlee Name & Full address Phone. No. E-mail ID	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020. 7564999999 kanchansingh85@yahoo.com
1.2	Letter no. / date of lease execution & lease period	District Mining officer issue LOI on letter no. 4725/khanan dated. 25.11.2022 for a period of 05 years (Annexure No. -1)
1.3	Settlee post/social status	Private
1.4	Mineral or Minerals which the Settlee intends to mine	Sand
1.5	Applied area for mining lease	Bhoj Son 23 sand Ghat Lease has an applied area of 46.0 Hectare.
1.6	Name & address of RQP & Regd. No. Mobile No. E-mail ID	Er. Pravin Kr Sinha Reg. No. - RQP/BIH/SR.NO.20 Letter No. 3825 Dated 07/11/2019 **Consultant :** P & M Solution 201,Mangal Market Raja Bazar, Patna (Bihar) 9889024004 & 7542949027 indusminingbihar@gmail.com
1.7	RQP Certificate	RQP certificate copy attached as **Annexure 2**
1.8	Name of the Prospecting agency	The base data is collected from various geological reports of the Department of Mines & Geology and local authorities as well as detailed prospecting of the area is carried out by the RQP.
1.9	Status of Environmental clearance	After Mining Plan approval then Settlee shall submit application to state Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Bihar for environment clearance.
2.0	Date of Survey	26.11.2022

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CHAPTER-2

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 JUSTIFICATION OF PROJECT

Sand is a ubiquitous material; available everywhere and is being used from the time immemorial for wide applications in our daily life; infrastructures, building construction, highways, roads, townships, multiplexes, foundations of buildings and industrial units etc. and is an integral part of development. Over the millennia, the weathering effect, the flow of water at high velocities in rivers and the pressure of water from the high mountainous reservoirs converted and pushed the hard ground underneath into sand, etc. which travelled as sediments with the flow. Huge amount of sand get deposited along the river course wherever conditions were favorable. As a result of continuous deposit of sand, the rivers may change their course, by widening itself and expanding, can result in flooding, inundation and breaking their banks, may cause devastation of property and loss of life. The rivers thus, needed channelization and therefore, extraction of sand through mining was expedient. The haphazard mining of sand being practiced now for long, through unregulated, uncontrolled and illegal way added almost an irreversible damage to the environment, which became a cause of serious concern to everyone. Though sand is a very important mineral source for development, its mining through scientific methods has also become equally imperative.

It is for this purpose that 'mining plan' is being drawn so that all its aspects are taken care of justifiably, according to law, protecting the environment, removing all adverse impacts and creating a direct and indirect employment opportunities, improving socio-economic conditions of the local inhabitants and all-around status of life, achieving thereby a sustainable development.

Besides the above, the process of mining of minor minerals (Sand) is a constant source of revenue generation to the State Government through Royalty.

2.2 BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Department of Mines & Geology, Bihar required under Bihar Minerals (Concession, Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2019 & Bihar Sand Mining Policy, 2019. The general conditions of mining lease for minor minerals are mentioned here below:

- First the State Government shall identify the areas which are suitable for river bed mining based on quantity of the minor minerals available and suitable from ecological and environmental aspects as well.
- Under rule 17 (4) Approval and submission of Mining Plan - All Mineral Concession Holders or the Government/Corporation as the case may be shall submit a mining Plan duly prepared by an RQP and approved by the Director or any officer / person/academic institution/Govt. agency authorized by the Department in this regard within a period of three months from the date on which communication regarding grant of mineral concession is received or such other period as may be decided/ allowed by the department for the submission of the approved Mining Plan.
- While preparing the mining plan, proper attention has been paid to ensure that the relevant provisions under MMDR Act-1957, MMR-1961, Mines Act-1952 & Mines Rules-1955, Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines – 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for sand Mining - 2020 have been followed. All safety measures, provided in the statue, will be taken into consideration. On 17.09.2019 Bihar Government took its policy decision vides notification no. – 4/V.Mu-20-93 / 18-3174 /M . That all Mining Lessee / Settlee under rule 17 of the said Rules, the lessee shall submit the mining plan with Progressive Mine closure plan for approval to the competent officer , Department of Mines & Geology, Bihar
- Mining operation to be in accordance with Environmental clearance.
- For baseline, data assistance has been taken from the data, available from local authorities.

2.3 Restricted areas for sand quarrying

i. The quarrying of sand shall be prohibited within up to a distance of 1 kilometre (1 km) from major bridges and highways on both sides, or five times (5x) of the span (x) of a bridge/public civil structure (including water intake points) on up-stream side and ten times (10x) the span of such bridge on down-stream side, subjected to a minimum of 250 meters on the upstream side and 500 meters on the downstream side.

ii. No quarrying shall be permitted within 50 (fifty) meters of any public [illegible] cremation Ghat or any religious place etc.

iii. No quarrying shall be allowed to be extracted where erosion may occur, such as at the concave bank.

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iv. The quarrying of sand shall be prohibited within 100 (one hundred) meters upstream and downstream from any dam/weir or any other structure erected for irrigation purpose.

v. Sand Ghats should preferably be located on the river side embankment. For low embankment less than 6 meters height, quarrying should not be done within 25 meter from toe/heel of the embankment and depth of mining should not be more than 1.0 meter. In case of higher embankments, the distance should not be less than 50 meter and depth of mining should be maximum 1.50 meter and at a distance of 75 meter of more mining depth should be maximum 2.0 meter. In order to obviate the development of flow parallel to embankment, crossbars of width eight times the depth of mining pits spaced at 50 to 60 meters center to center should be left in the mining pits.

vi. The irrigation outlet shall be maintained at the same level as that of the river bed and in no case, the river bed level shall be permitted to be below the irrigation outlet level. No quarrying shall be permitted around the infiltration well/intake well up to a distance of 5 meters.

vii. No quarrying of sand shall be permitted in any private land owned by a person other than a settlee unless the settlee obtains the consent of the concerned land owner/raiyat.

viii. No quarrying of sand shall be permitted in any area which the State Government notifies as restricted area.

ix. Mining depth should be restricted to 3 meters and distance from the bank should be ¼th or river width and should not be less than 7.5 meters.

x. Demarcation of mining area with pillars and geo-referencing should be done prior to the start of mining.

xi. A buffer distance /un-mined block of 50 meters after every block of 1000 meters over which mining is undertaken or at such distance as may be the directed/prescribed by the regulatory authority shall be maintained.

xii. River bed sand mining shall be restricted within the central 3/4th width of the river/rivulet or 7.5 meters (inward) from river banks but up to 10% of the width of the river, as the case may be and decided by regulatory authority while granting environmental clearance in consultation with irrigation department. Regulating authority while regulating the zone of river bed mining shall ensure that the objective to minimize the effects of riverbank erosion and consequential channel migration are achieved to the extent possible. In general, the area for removal of minerals shall not exceed 60% of the mine lease area, and any deviation or relaxation in this regard shall be adequately supported by the scientific report.

CHAPTER–3

3. LOCATION, GENERAL AND ACCESSIBILITY

3.1 LOCATION

(a) Details of the area

(i)	**Lease-hold area**	46.0 Hect.		
	Location	The Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat fall in Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal-Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar). The location plan is enclosed **(Plate No. 1)**		
(ii)	**Mining Lease Map**	Khata no. – 132. Khasra No.- 465, 466. Google Map of Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat is attached as **Annexure no. 2.**		
(iii)	**District & State**	Bhojpur , Bihar		
(iv)	**Mining Plot**	**Sand Ghat**	**River**	**Area (ha)**
		Bhoj Son 23	Son	46.0
		Total		**46.0**
(v)	**Name of Ghat**	Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat of 46.0 hectares.		
(vi)	**Ghat details**	46.0 ha (Son River bed)		
(vii)	**Coordinates**	The area & geographical coordinates of Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat is given in **Table No.1** **Toposheet No.** - 72C/11, 72C/12, 72C/15, 72C/16.		

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BHOJ SON 23 SAND GHAT CO-ORDINATES

S. No	Sand Ghat	Area (in Ha)	Co-ordinates		Ghat/Village	River
1	Bhoj Son 23	46.0	1	25° 19' 15.851" N 84° 42' 33.523" E	Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar).	Son
			2	25° 19' 16.758" N 84° 42' 27.361" E		
			3	25° 19' 19.449" N 84° 42' 25.207" E		
			4	25° 19' 31.730" N 84° 42' 37.192" E		
			5	25° 19' 47.054" N 84° 42' 42.637" E		
			6	25° 19' 47.081" N 84° 42' 42.647" E		
			7	25° 19' 43.805" N 84° 42' 51.092" E		
			8	25° 19' 39.091" N 84° 43' 3.241" E		
			9	25° 19' 29.728" N 84° 43' 2.711" E		
			10	25° 19' 30.291" N 84° 42' 57.090" E		
			11	25° 19' 27.007" N 84° 42' 50.120" E		
			12	25° 19' 17.521" N 84° 42' 37.114" E		

(b) Key plan of area:-

Key plan of Sand Ghat (Son river) is attached as **Plate-2.**

Total mining area is completely outside of any restricted or protected area by any state or central government.

3.2 GENERAL

(a) Mineral being worked	Sand
(b) Period of Mining Lease	The lease period has been granted for Five years.
(c) Category of Land used	The mining area is inactive channel of riverbed
(d) Relief of Plot	Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat (66.5 ASML to 65.5 ASML)
(e) Existing pits	As the mining area is of river bed and it will be replenished every year no pits will be formed..
(f) Type of lease area:	Total area is almost hundred percent river bed flood plain land & it is free from forest land.
(g) Present land use pattern:	The existing land use is given below:

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Sr. No.	Land use	River bed (Ha)	Forest Land (Ha)	Barren land (Ha)	Grazing Land (Ha)
1	Mining pits Quarry	-	-	-	-
2	Approach Road	-	-		-
3	Dumps	-	-	-	-
4	Office, Resht Shelter etc.	-	-	-	-
5	Balance undisturbed land	46.0	-	-	-
	Total	**46.0**	-	-	-

3.2 ACCESSIBILITY

Bhojpur district is one of the thirty-eight districts of Bihar state and its administrative headquarters are located in Ara town. It is a part of Patna division. Prior to 1972 the district of Rohtas was part of Bhojpur. In 1972 it (Rohtas) was bifurcated and declared as a new district. The district is known for its rich language - Bhojpuri. It played a major role in India's struggle for independence. Veer Kunwar Singh of Jagdishpur was the leader of the mutineers during the first war of independence in 1857, called the Sepoy Mutiny by the British. The fighting was so severe that two of the five Victoria Crosses ever awarded to civilians by the British were awarded during this battle. Bhojpur district falls within 250 00'' to 250 30'' N and 840 15'' to 840 45'' E, the area is bounded by the river Son in the east, Dharmawati-Gangi rivers in the west, Vindhyan hills in the south and the river Ganga in the north. The district is spread over a total geographical area of 3395 sq km. Total population of the district stands at 2720155 with the urban and rural populations of 2331450 and 388705 respectively (census 2011). The decadal population growth of the district is calculated to be 477011 (2001-2011). The district has three Sub Divisions namely Ara Sadar, Jagdishpur and Piro. The blocks of the district include Ara Sadar, Udwantnagar, Jagdishpur, Koilwar, Sahar, Barhara, Sandesh, Shahpur, Charpokhari, Piro, Tarari, Bihia, Agiawon and Garhani.

Project site is falls in Mauja Narainaganj. Site is well connected by SH - 81 which lies at distance of approx. 500 m in W direction. Nearest railway station is Garhani Railway Station at distance of approx.17 km in NW. Nearest airport is JPN International Airport Patna at distance of approx. 49 km in NE.

CHAPTER-4

4.1 GEOLOGY & EXPLORATION

Topography and general geology and local / mine geology of the mineral deposit including drainage pattern

Bhojpur district is situated in the South Bihar alluvial plains. Bhojpur is an administrative district in the state of Bihar in India. The district headquarters are located at Arrah also known as Ara. The district occupies an area of 2,474 km² and has a population of 1,792,771 (as of 2001). Bhojpur district occupies an area of 2,395 square kilometres (925 sq mi), It is located at a longitude of 83° 45' to 84° 45' East and the latitude is 25° 10' to 25° 40' North and is situated at a height of 193 meters above sea level. The sand deposits of Bhojpur district of Bihar broadly form part and parcel of the flood plains of Ganga River as whole formed since geological ages.

The State of Bihar is transecting by a no. of rivers. The individual river basins and their catchment areas is shown in Fig. no. 1 below. The various sand mining lease areas (also referred to as sand Ghats) lie in the river bed of river Son which is a major tributary of river Ganga. They are formed in the Quaternary period of central Bihar Plains- the OAG (Older Alluvium Group) forming the highest terrace, in the Son-Ganga alluvial tract, and NAG (Newer Alluvium Group) forming younger terraces, as Older Flood Plains, are exposed all along the Alluvial Upland.

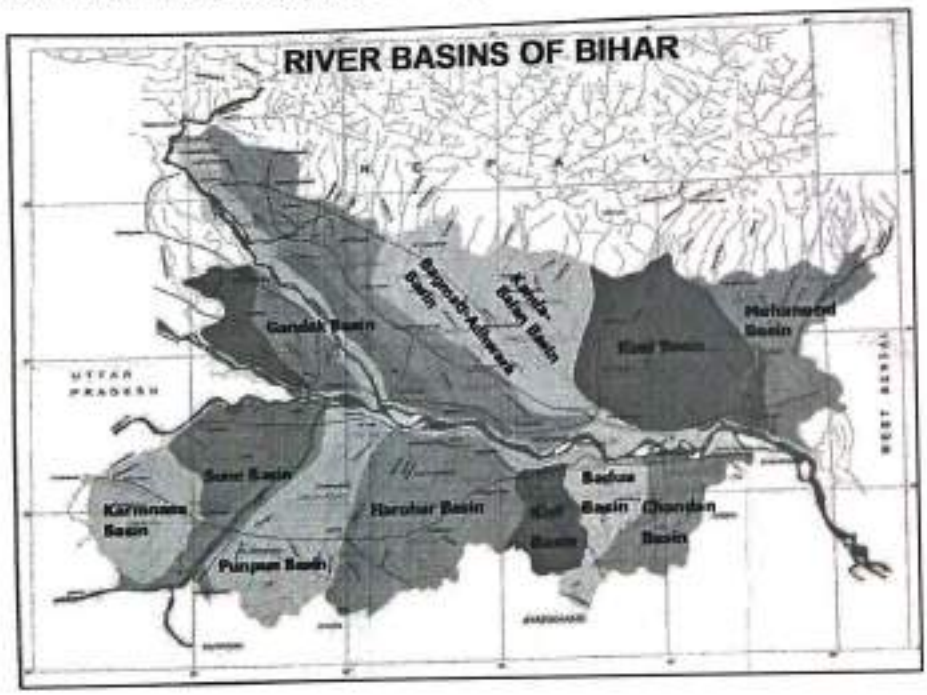

Figure 1

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Ganga & Sone Valley Plains:

The river Son originates at an elevation of 600 m above msl near Amarkantak plateau in Madhya Pradesh (MP), and debouches in the river Ganga near Patna, Bihar. The total length of the river is 784 km, out of which about 500 km lies in MP, 82 km in Uttar Pradesh and the remaining 202 km in Bihar. The important tributaries of river Ganga are Son , Mahatwain, Dharda, Dhowa ,Mohani, Punpun, Morhar The total catchment area of the river is spread over 71,259 sq km. The river has a steep gradient with quick run-off and ephemeral regimes, becoming a roaring river with the rainwater in the catchment area, but turning quickly into a formidable stream. The river being wide and shallow leaves disconnected pools of water during summer (lean period).

Regional Geology

Regionally the area constitutes a part of the Ganga River Basin.

The north-eastern part of Haryana is predominantly characterized by sedimentary lithology in the Sub-Himalayan zone comprising Subathus, Dagshais, Kasaulis and Siwaliks. A general Regional stratigraphic sequence in the area is given below

Showing the Geological Succession and their geographic distribution

Age	Geology	Occurrences
Quaternary	Alluvial Deposits (Sand, Clay, Silt, Fragments)	North Bihar Plain & Central Bihar Plain
Tertiary	Sand Stones & Clay Stones	North Champaran Hills
Gondwana	Coal Measures, Forming a series of Small outlier basins	Banka District
Vindhyans	Sandstones, Shales, Limestones, etc.	Parts of Bahbhua and Rohtas district
Satpura	Schist, Phyllite, Quartzite	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Nalanda,Sheikhpura and Munger District
Proterozoic	Mica Schist, amphibolites, quartzite, granite, dolerite and pegmatite	Nawada, Jamui and Banka
Archaean	Gneisses, Granites, Schists, Phyllites, quartzite, amphibolites & intrusive all metamorphosed sedimentary and igneous rocks	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Jamui, Banka and Bhagalpur

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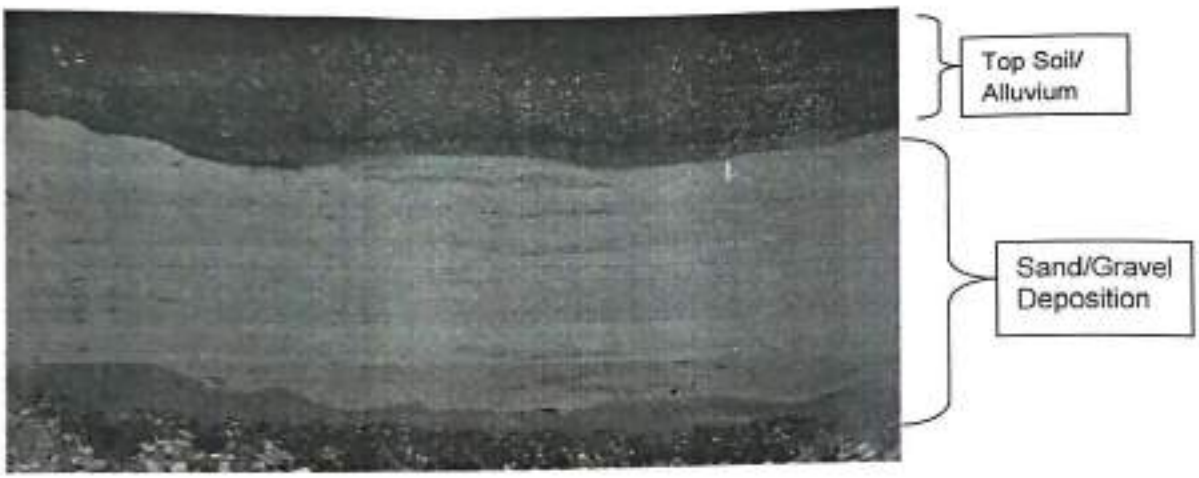
GEOLOGY OF THE AREA:

The sand exposed in the River bed of Son and surrounding areas is the product of the deposition of the sediments brought and deposited in the flood plains of River Ganga. These sediments are of recent geological formation. The litho-units exposed within the river and surrounding areas have formed as water borne sediments brought by flood water during rainy season every year and deposited in riverbed.

The litho units encountered in the riverbed and surrounding areas belongs to the Shivalik super groups. The size of the sediments towards the source i.e. host rock is course and at the tale end of the river the grain size is reduced to smaller sizes resulted in the formation of clay beds. The following sequences have been observed in the area, i.e. Top soil/ Alluvium followed by sand deposition (as shown in the figure below).



Sand and silt are deposited in the middle of the river whereas fine sand and soil are deposited at the fringe of the riverbanks.

Soil/ alluvium varying in thickness from 0.20m to 0.60m m constitute the top horizons in the area suitable for agriculture. River Ganga meanders through the area exposing the alluvium and soil at the banks. Sand is found in the river bed upto a depth of more than 3.0 m. The major part of bed remains dry as water flows in a single stream during the non-monsoon seasons. Only during rainy seasons the entire flood plain has water, when there will be no mining done.

4.2 ORIGIN & CONTROL OF MINERALIZATION (ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT OF MINERAL IN RIVER BED AREA/SEDIMENTATION)

Sedimentation, in the geological sciences, is a process of deposition of a solid material from a state of suspension or solution in a fluid (usually air or water). Broadly defined river sand is a product of natural weathering of rocks over a period of millions of years and these materials get

collected under the impetus of gravity alone, as in talus deposits, or accumulations of rock debris at the base of cliffs. The term is commonly used as a synonym for sedimentary petrology and sedimentology.

Sedimentation is generally considered by geologists in terms of the textures, structures, and fossil content of the deposits lay down in different geographic and geomorphic environments.

The factors which affects the "Computation of Sediment":

Geomorphology & Drainage Pattern: The following geomorphic units plays important role:

- Structural Plain
- Structural Hill
- Structural Ridge
- Denudation Ridge & Valley
- Plain & Plateau of Gangetic plain
- Highly Dissected pediment
- Un-dissected pediment

b) Distribution of Basin Area River wise

c) Drainage System/Pattern of the area, Rainfall & Climate: Year wise Rainfall data for previous 10 years .

e) As per Dandy & Bolton study "Sediment Yield" can be related to

i) Catchment Area and

ii) Mean Annual Run-off

Sand is an essential minor mineral used extensively across the country as a useful construction constituent and variety of other uses in sports, agriculture, glass making (a form of sand with high silica content) etc. It is common knowledge that minerals are non-renewable but this form of mineral naturally gets replenished from time to time in a given river system and is very much interrelated to the hydrological cycle in a river basin.

Sand mining has become a widely spread activity and does not require a huge set up or technology, the number of ventures has increased extensively and it has become a footloose industry in itself but the backward-forward linkages are becoming stronger as many are getting employed as well as the construction activity / industry requires this mineral at consistent rates. Riverine environmental systems are unique in themselves and provide environmental services, natural resources to meet variety of needs of urban and rural communities.

4.2.1 REPLENISHMENT STUDY OF MINED AREA OF SON RIVER:-

Replenishment Rate is the rate at which Bajri is transported into the river channel, which is under examination or subjected to sand extraction. This volume is often considered as sustainable yield of

that river. Estimation of Bajri discharge through stream bed and its residence period (temporary deposition) is one of the most difficult task in sediment budgeting.

The rate of gross or absolute silt production (erosion) in the watershed and the ability of the stream system to transport the eroded material in a river and then to a reservoir has the direct relation with the quantity of sediment delivered into a reservoir. It has been observed that the average rate of sediment production decreases as the size of drainage area increase and the larger watershed the lesser is the variation between the rates. The larger watershed presents more opportunity for deposition of silt during its traverse from the point of production. The total amount of eroded material, which reaches a particular hydraulic control point, is termed as sediment yield. The sediment control of inflow is governed by Character of run-off; Susceptibility of soils; the extent and density of vegetative cover in the area; and the hydraulic efficiency of the drainage system.

This report quantifies the annual replenishment of bed material in the Son River during periods of sediment transport at high flows within the mined area. It provides estimates of the amounts of sand & bajri which will be used in construction and for other uses.

4.2.2. METHODOLOGY FOR REPLENISHMENT STUDY:-

The methodology used for Replenishment study is based on the measurement of volumetric survey at selected points as monitoring stations within the lease area in Pre-monsoon season & Post Monsoon season respectively. For the said project replenishment study has been done during the post-monsoon season has done by field survey (volumetric survey) method. Firstly Volumetric Survey was done in the proposed mining block. By this method spot RL/level are marked & mapped and sections are drawn for several monitoring locations within the mine area. After that, for post-monsoon season again spot RL/level are marked & mapped on the same location and sections are drawn. The RL(m) observed during Pre-monsoon season of all locations.

Table 7. volumetric survey measurement

Classification	Code	Quantity of Sand
A)Mineral Reserves		Cum
1)Proved Mineral Reserve	111	1380000
Total		**1380000**

Replenished quantity of sand = 1380000 cum. or 2346000 tonnes.

4.3 EXPLORATION

Mining of sand is being done since long time therefore no specific method of exploration is required as the sand, deposited all along the bed and its pale channels, which is very well exposed on the surface. The minerals excavated from the river bed will be replenished gradually during the monsoon season every year. And the area pertaining to paleochannels of the river will be leveled & restored back. Adequate quantity of Sand in reserves is available for meeting consumer demand.

4.4 MINERAL RESERVES

The Mineral reserves have been estimated as per the Indian Standard Procedures. The area of the mining lease is 46.0 Hectares and the average thickness of the river bed minerals estimated as 3.0 mt.

4.4.1 Parameters of Reserve Estimation:

The geological reserves have been estimated as per UNFC guidelines in all the three axis.

Economic Axis (E-1): The Sand is exists with in the entire stretch & having no problem selling in the market. The road is near the Ghat & sand shall loaded into tipper with the deployment of an excavator & transport to various parties. The land is State Govt. land & State Govt. has given its consent for the exploitation of Sand on their expensive land. On the feasibility study, economic viability of deposit has been established sand in economic viable, therefore economic axis has been considered as E-1.

Feasibility Status (F-1): Feasibility study has been carried out & is considered to be feasibility status. A feasibility study provides a preliminary assessment with a level of confidence as compared to that of feasibility study. It has been revealed that exploitation of sand is feasible & economic viable & feasibility axis under UNFC code has been considered as F-1:

Geological Axis: The exposure of sand is seen in the entire stretch & thickness of sand varies 2.5m to 3.0m. Therefore geological axis has been considered as G-1.

Geological Reserves

The geological reserves have been each stretches & for individual blocks. Geological reserves have been completed through cross sectional area method. The area of each section line is multiplied by strike influence to get the volume.

i) **Proved Mineral Reserves (111):** All quantities of sand occurring upto depth of 3 m from surface has been considered as proved reserves.

Classification	Code	Quantity of Sand
A)Mineral Reserves		Cum
1)Proved Mineral Reserve	111	1380000
Total		**1380000**

Total Geological Reserve = **1380000 cum. or 2346000 tonnes.**

*Bulk density is 1.7 g/cm^3

4.4.2 Mineable Reserves:

Mineable reserves have been computed up to 3m depth from surface. Benches having height 1.5m & width 6.0m drawn from the ultimate pit limit. Area of each benches have been calculated multiplied by strike influence to get the volume. The volume multiplied by bulk density (1.7 g/cm3) to get the tonnage.

The minerals excavated from the river bed will be replenished gradually during the monsoon season every year. And the area pertaining to paleochannels of the river will be leveled & restored back.

Table-4.4:- Summary of mineable reserves of Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat as below :

BHOJ SON 23 SAND GHAT OF SON RIVER

The mineable reserves are given in **Table Nos.4**

Bench Level (mRL)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Volume (cum)	Tonnes
66-64.5	1069	385	1.5	617348	1049492
64.5-63	1059	375	1.5	595688	1012670
Total				1213035	2062162

Total Mineable Reserve = 1213035 CUM or 2062162 Tonnes

- Mineable reserve has been consider 60% approx. of geological reserve after applying the guideline of Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020.
- The proposed production grant in **LOI is 828000** cum per year which is within the sustainable limit of mineable reserve.
- The BD for Sand has been adopted at 1.70 g/cm3 [Lab Report of Rappid Test Lab Private Limited]

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- **CLASSIFICATION MINERAL RESERVES:**

Sand Ghat	Area (Hect)	Geological Reserves (M3)	Mineable Reserves (M3)	Annual Permitted Reserve As Per Loi (M3)
Bhoj Son 23	46.0	1380000	1213035	828000

The annual extractable RBM comes to 828000 CUM or 1407600 Tonnes. It will be replenished after rainy season every year.

4.5 LIFE OF MINE

There is as such no specific life of the mine as the area under reference is inactive part of river bed of the river and its pale channels and whatever quantity of minor minerals are extracted from the Applied Area during five year; almost equal to extracted quantity of the same are replenished every year and the river bed area will be leveled & restored back.. However, as lease has been granted for 5 years, mining will be done for the allotted time.

CHAPTER – 5

5.0 MINING

- Mining will be done as per the guidelines of Bihar Mineral (Concession Prevention of illegal Mining Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2019.
- This is an open-cast mining project. The operation will be semi-mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck /tractors combination or Manually etc. The sand will be collected in its existing form.
- Sand Mining will be carried out only upto a depth of 3 m bgl or above ground water level (whichever is less), for river bed block.
- No drilling /blasting are required as the material is loose in nature.
- Proper benching of 1.5 m height and 6m width will be maintained for mining blocks as per guideline M.M.R-2019, under rule 115(1).
- Mining will be done only during the day time and completely stopped during the monsoon season.

Restriction on mining:

i) Sand and gravel shall not be extracted up to a distance of 1 km from major bridges and highways on both sides, or five times (5x) of the span (x) of a bridge/public civil structure (including water intake points) on up-stream side and ten times (10x) the span of such bridge on down side, subjected to a minimum of 250 meters on the upstream side and 500 meters on the downstream side.

ii) No quarrying shall be permitted within 50 (fifty) metres of any public place i.e. cremation Ghat or any religious place etc.

iii) No quarrying shall be permitted within 5 (five) metres from both banks of the river.

iv) The quarrying of sand shall be prohibited within 100 (one hundred) metres upstream and downstream from any dam/weir or any other structure erected for irrigation purpose.

v) Sand Ghats should preferably be located on the river side embankment. For low embankment less than 6 metres height, quarrying should not be done within 25 metre from toe/heel of the embankment and depth of mining should not be more than 1.00 metre. In case of higher embankments, the distance should not be less than 50 metre and depth of mining should be maximum 1.50 metre and at a distance of 75 metre of more mining depth should be maximum 2.00 metre. In order to obviate the development of flow parallel to embankment, crossbars of width eight times the depth of mining pits spaced at 50 to 60 metres center to center should be left in the mining pits.

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vi) The irrigation outlet shall be maintained at the same level as that of the river bed and in no case the river bed level shall be permitted to be below the irrigation outlet level. No quarrying shall be permitted around the infiltration well/intake well up to a distance of 5 meters.

vii) The extraction of sand shall be permitted only after obtaining a No Objection Certificate from the Water Resources Department in the case of rivers where from irrigation channels are out flowing.

viii) No quarrying of sand shall be permitted in any private land owned by a person other than the settlee unless the settle obtains the consent of the concerned land owner/raiyat.

ix) No quarrying of sand shall be permitted in any area which the State Government notifies as a restricted area.

x) Sand and gravel shall not be allowed to be extracted where erosion may occur, such as at the concave bank.

xi) Mining depth should be restricted to 3 meters and distance from the bank should be ¼th or river width and should not be less than 7.5 meters.

5.2.1 Proposed method of mining:

- Mining activity will be carried out by open cast manual/Mechanically method.
- No OB/ waste material will be produced in river bed. The sand shall be exploited upto depth of 3.0m only through the formation of bench height 1.5m & width 6.0m. An approach road having width 6.0m & gradient 1:12 shall be provided for the movement of loading machineries & transportation of sand. The sand shall be exploited with the deployment of an excavator & filled into Tractors/Trucks & transported to various buyers.
- No drilling/ blasting are required as the material is loose in nature.
- Proper benching of 1.5 m height will be maintained.
- Roads will be properly made and sprayed by water for suppression of dust.
- Roads in the applied area for the movement of loaded tractors/ trucks will not have slopes more than 1 in 16.
- The mined out area shall be replenished each year during monsoon period and maintained in maximum original topography.
- Approach roads from the various blocks as already described earlier will be merging with permanent tar roads on both sides of the river for transportation of the mineral to final destinations.
- The Sand transportation shall be insured after the covering the vehicle Tarpaulin.

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5.3 Year wise Production Schedule:

The annual exploitation of sand from Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat are given below :-

YEAR	Over burden (cum)	ROM Sand (cum)	Saleable Sand (cum)
1ST	-	**828000**	**828000**
2ND	-	**828000**	**828000**
3RD	-	**828000**	**828000**
4TH	-	**828000**	**828000**
5TH	-	**828000**	**828000**

The annual extractable RBM comes to **828000 CUM or 1407600 Tonnes.** It will be replenished after rainy season every year.

5.4 Conceptual Mining Plan

Mine Applied Area will be worked for Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat. However, as the digging depth will be restricted to 3.0 m only. This will be further replenished during rainy season. Sand Ghat will be worked systematically as the width is limited while length is much more. As the lease period is only 5 (Five) years, some of the area will be left un-worked at the end of lease period.

(i) Final Slope Angle to Be Adopted: Height of the bench is limited to 1.5 m while width of individual bench shall be kept 6.0m. River bank side will be protected by working in dry part of the river and by leaving safety distance of the width of the river of 5 meter. Bank side natural slope will not be disturbed. This will prevent collapse of bank and erosion. However, the height of the bank with respect to river bed is varying from 3-4 meters.

(ii) During plan period workings will be carried out in the Sand Ghat at a time of the Applied Area simultaneously. Scattered workings will ensure safety, remove congestion of vehicles and will have better control and management.

(iii)Ultimate Capacity of Dumps: There will be no OB removal / during the plan period. Therefore no proposal has been envisaged for its separate dumping. No outside material will be filled up in the extracted zone.

The **conceptual plan** & section of each mining plots are attached with mine plan.

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5.5 Extent of Mechanization:

The operation will be done by semi mechanized method / OTFM.

Following table gives the list of equipment to be used:

Table-5.2:- List of Equipment's to be used

S. No.	Name of machinery	Capacity	Fuel Consumption	No. of Machinery
1	JCB	1.00 m^3	10 Ltr/hr	3
2	Excavator	2.0 m^3	16 Ltr/hr	07
3	Trucks	12 tonnes	4 Ltr/hr	334
4	Tractors	04 Tonnes	2 Ltr/hr	408
5	Water Tanker	4000 liter	4 Ltr/hr	2
6	Light vehicles	As per requirement	4 Ltr/hr	1

5.6 QUANTITY OF HSD/ FUEL CONSUMPTION PER DAY

Table-5.3:- Quantity of HSD/Fuel to be used

S. No	Machine	Details of fuel (Diesel) requirements	Consumption of Diesel (in lits/ day.)
1.	Excavator & JCB	Number of Excavator & JCB = 7&3 Diesel consumption by 3 jcb & 7 Excavators m/c in one shift working.(i.e-10/15litre/hr) =3*8*10= 240 liters & 7*8*16= 896 liters	1136 liters
2	Tippers/Tractors	Number of Tractors & Trucks = 408 & 334 Diesel consumption by 408 trucks & 334 Tractors in one shift	17216 liters

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		working (i.e-4ltr/hr.) & (i.e-2 ltr/hr.) = 408*2*8 = 6528 = 334*4*8= 10688	
3	Water Sprinkler	Number of Sprinkler=02 Diesel consumption by Sprinkler in one shift working.(i.e-4ltr/hr). =2*10*4=80 liters.	80 liters
3	Extra	Transport vehicle, super vision vehicle, maintenance vehicle	50 liters
			Total= 18482

5.7 MINERAL PRODUCTION

The mining will be confined to excavation of sand to an extent depending upon availabi and market demand. Production is taken tentatively upto a maximum of **1407600 TPA** as per mark demand.

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6.0 DRILLING AND BLASTING

No drilling and blasting shall be required to for the exploitation of river sand.

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7.0 MINE DRAINAGE:

a) LIKELY DEPTH OF WATER TABLE BASED ON OBSERVATIONS FROM NEARBY WELLS AND WATER BODIES:

As per the proposed mining, the working shall be confined up to 3.0 m or above the ground water table whichever comes first. Hence no water is likely to be encountered. So there is no need of any such arrangements.

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8.0 DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIAL

No waste as such will be generated at the site as all materials are saleable. If, at all silt clay will be generated along with the minerals will be used to dispose off in the low lying areas as spread, where plantation will be done after spreading top soil on it.

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9.0 USE OF MINERALS

Sand has become a very important mineral for expansion of our society due to its many uses. It can be used for making concrete, filling roads, building sites, brick-making, making glass, sandpapers, reclamations, and etc.

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10.0 OTHERS

10.1 HAULAGE AND SURFACE TRANSPORT

Mode of transportation of material is by trucks/ Tractors of size of 12 tonnes / 4 tonns capacity have been planned.

Mining area is connected with an unmetalled (approach) road upto the nearest village and thereafter it is metalled road connected to State/National highway. The mine road is adequate to permit easy maneuverability of trucks allowing cross overs and changing points. Water is sprayed two times in a day by tractor mounted water sprinklers until dust remains airborne.

10.2 SITE SERVICES:

A temporary rest shelter will be provided for the workers near to the site for rest.

Provisions will also be made for following in the rest shelter:

- First aid box along with anti-venoms to counteract poison produced by certain Snakes / Reptiles, if any.
- Sanitation facility i.e. septic tank or community toilet facility will be provided for the workers.
- Canteen will be made available near the sites.

10.3 WATER REQUIREMENT

Total water requirement for the project is 5.0 KLD, its breakup is as under:-

Table: 10.1- Water Requirement of the proposed project

S.No.	Purpose	Water Requirement (KLD)
1.	Dust Suppression	2.0
2.	Domestic	01
3.	Green Belt	2.0
Total		5.0

10.4 EMPLOYMENT:

The manpower requirement for the proposed project is tabulated below. This manpower is permanent resource which excludes personnel's coming along with trucks / Tractors.

Table 10.2:- Man power distribution of the proposed project

S. No.	Category	Numbers
1.	Administration	2
2.	Supervisor	4
3.	Skilled	15
4.	Un-skilled	60
TOTAL		**81**

The maximum annual production envisaged is **1407600 TPA** which will be achieved in year that implies about 5631 tonnes per day. 250-working days in a year. That implies workers will meet the required production.

SAFETY PROVISION:

All provisions in safety rules & regulation will be maintained by providing required materials to the employees. The lessee will provide safety shoes, safety helmets to all the employees. There will be no violation of safety provisions.

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11.0 MINERAL BENEFICIATION

Mineral Sand doesn't require processing or beneficiation. The excavated mineral will be directly loaded into the trucks.

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12.0 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

12.1 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

In this if top soil will be generated, will be used for purposed of applied for green belt development. Small amount of domestic waste will be generated by the workers at the site, which will be disposed off through proper municipal way. No other waste generation is expected.

12.2 PLANTATION

The area of the proposed project lies in the river bed and devoid of any forest land.

Mining activities in River Bed blocks will not cause any harm to riparian or aquatic vegetation as mining will be only in the dry river bed portions of the river leaving safety distance from the bank. Hence it proposed to plant trees along the banks (wherever possible), along the haul road sides or near the civic amenities in consultation with village authority/local bodies.

In river bed mining cases plantation will be done at the river banks. It is proposed to have plantation along the haul road sides on both sides to provide cover against dust emission and also to act as noise absorber. Plantation will also be carried out as social forestry programme in villages, school/ and the areas allocated by the village authority/local bodies. Every year 92 trees of will be planted with various types of species. List of species is recommended for plantation.

Native plants like Mango, Neem, Kadamb, Kathal, Peepal, Gulmohar, and other local species will selected in suitable combination, so that can grow fast and also have good leaf cover. It is proposed to plant.

12.3 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

1.	Top soil storage, preservation and utilization	Present mining area is river bed, therefore no generally no top soil is present, if found then quantities of top soil to be generated will be stacked separately, preserved and used for purposed of plantation therefore no proposal has been envisage for storage, preservation & utilization.
2.	Waste dump management	No waste will be generated during mining whatever material is collected is transported in its original shape. Hence no waste management is required. Small amount of domestic waste is expected which will be disposed off in a proper way. No

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		waste will be thrown into the streams or left on the banks.
3.	Plantation programme	Plantation will be done along both sides of roads and civic amenities in consultation with the local authorities. social forestry programme will also be conducted in the nearby villages.
4.	Quality of air	24 hourly samples twice a week for one month in each season except monsoon will be collected at the mine site and nearby villages and analyzed.
5.	Noise	Excavators used for mining & transportation vehicles used for dispatch of minerals are source of noise pollution at mine site. Hence periodical noise monitoring will be done. Ear muffs/protective equipments will also be provided for safety of the workers.
6.	Quality and make of water including surface and ground water	Mining will not have any impact on surface and ground water, however monitoring of parameters will be done once in each season.
7.	Soil	No major impact on soil due to mining operations is expected. Soil parameters will be monitored once in two years.
8.	Topography & drainage	Mined out area will be replenished every year during monsoon period in each stretches in each block in case of river bed blocks. Hence as such no topographical impact will be seen. A buffer zone will be left on either side of banks as safety measure. There is no stream crossing through the applied area which would show impact on drainage pattern.
9.	Local transport infrastructure	Trucks/dumpers are main vehicles running on the road for mineral transportation. The present road network is adequate to handle the load of this project. Water sprinkling on the haul roads/link roads will be done two times in a day to keep the dust suppressed. Also proper parking and traffic management will be followed.

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CONCLUSION:

The proposed project involves collection of sand from inactive channel of river bed of Son river. Safety distance will be left intact to avoid bank erosion. Mining activity will be done except monsoon season. All necessary measures will be taken care to save environment and for safety purposes. Besides this extraction of sand every year will reduce the chance of flood level by removing the deposited mineral. This is very essential in order to prevent widening of the riverbed and to prevent flooding off and damage to the adjoining areas. The sand extracted is in high demand in the local market which is used in making bridges, road & Building Material, etc.

This project operation will provide livelihood to the poorest section of the society. It provides employment to the people residing in vicinity directly or indirectly by the project. After all the proposed project will increase developmental activities and employment opportunities.

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PROGRASIVE MINE CLOSURE PLAN

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PROGRESSIVE MINE CLOSURE PLAN

1.0. Introduction:

1.1	Settlee Name & Full address Phone. No. E-mail ID	M/s Devendra Equipment Partner- Kanchan Kumar Singh S/o- Devendra Kumar Add.- M/448, Laxmi Niwas, Road No.- 4, Kankarbagh, Patna- 800020. 7564999999 kanchansingh85@yahoo.com
1.2	Letter no. / date of lease execution & lease peiod	District Mining officer issue LOI on letter no. 4725/khanan dated. 25.11.2022 for a period of 05 years (Annexure No. -1)
1.3	Settlee post/social status	Private
1.4	Mineral or Minerals which the Settlee intends to mine	Sand
1.5	Applied area for mining lease	Bhoj Son 23 sand Ghat Lease has an applied area of 46.0 Hectare.
1.6	Name & address of RQP & Regd. No. Mobile No. E-mail ID	Er. Pravin Kr Sinha Reg. No. - RQP/BIH/SR.NO.20 Letter No. 3825 Dated 07/11/2019 **Consultant :** P & M Solution 201,Mangal Market Raja Bazar, Patna (Bihar) 9889024004 & 7542949027 indusminingbihar@gmail.com
1.7	RQP Certificate	RQP certificate copy attached as **Annexure 2**
1.8	Name of the Prospecting agency	The base data is collected from various geological reports of the Department of Mines & Geology and local authorities as well as detailed prospecting of the area is carried out by the RQP.
1.9	Status of Environmental clearance	After Mining Plan approval then Settlee shall submit application to state Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Bihar for environment clearance.
2.0	Date of Survey	26.11.2022

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a). **Location:** Bhoj Son 23 Sand ghat fall in Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar). The location plan is enclosed **(Plate No. 1)**

b). **Extent of Lease area:** **46.0 Hectares**

c). **Type of lease area:** Total area is waste land & it is free from forest land

d). **Present land use pattern:** The existing land use is given below:

Sr. No.	Land use	River bed (Ha)	Forest Land (Ha)	Barren land (Ha)	Grazing Land (Ha)
1	Mining pits Quarry	-	-	-	-
2	Approach Road	-	-		-
3	Dumps	-	-	-	-
4	Office, Rest Shelter etc.	-	-	-	-
5	Balance undisturbed land	46.0	-	-	-
	Total	**46.0**	-	-	-

e). **Method of mining and mineral processing:**

Mining will be done as per the guidelines of Bihar Mineral (Concession Prevention of illegal Mining Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2019.

- This is an open-cast mining project. The operation will be semi-mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck tractors combination etc. The sand will be collected in its existing form.
- Sand Mining will be carried out only upto a depth of 3 m bgl or above ground water level (whichever is less), for river bed block.
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- Mining will be done only during the day time and completely stopped during the monsoon season.

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1.1. Reasons for Closure:

The "closure plan is a plan by which reinstate condition can be created, so that justification to the mother earth can be done" said by **James E. Hansen**. In the case of river bed mining, the excavated sand gets replenished during every monsoon and the area pertaining to palaeochannels of the river will be levelled & restored back to its original topography. More or less, the river bed maintains its previous form, such that the main stream of river remains unchanged.

According to experience and rough estimation of the State Government whatever quantity of minor minerals is extracted from the said area during the year will be replenished every year by the River itself on account of its flow and velocity.

At present there is no foreseeable reason regarding closure of mine. The progressive mine closure plan is being submitted.

1.3. Closure plan preparation:

a). Name and address of the Lessee:

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S/o- Devendra Kumar
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b). Name, address & Registration No. of R. Q. P.

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c). Name of the executing agency:

The Proponent shall execute himself the provision of mine closure plan.

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2.0 Mine Description:

i) Topography and general geology and local / mine geology of the mineral deposit including drainage pattern

Bhojpur district is situated in the South Bihar alluvial plains. Bhojpur is an administrative district in the state of Bihar in India. The district headquarters are located at Arrah also known as Ara. The district occupies an area of 2,474 km² and has a population of 1,792,771 (as of 2001). Bhojpur district occupies an area of 2,395 square kilometres (925 sq mi). It is located at a longitude of 83° 45' to 84° 45' East and the latitude is 25° 10' to 25° 40' North and is situated at a height of 193 meters above sea level. The sand deposits of Bhojpur district of Bihar broadly form part and parcel of the flood plains of Ganga River as whole formed since geological ages.

The State of Bihar is transecting by a no. of rivers. The individual river basins and their catchment areas is shown in Fig. no. 1 below. The various sand mining lease areas (also referred to as sand ghats) lie in the river bed of river Son which is a major tributary of river Ganga. They are formed in the Quaternary period of central Bihar Plains- the OAG (Older Alluvium Group) forming the highest terrace, in the Son-Ganga alluvial tract, and NAG (Newer Alluvium Group) forming younger terraces, as Older Flood Plains, are exposed all along the Alluvial Upland.

Figure 1

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Ganga & Sone Valley Plains:

The river Son originates at an elevation of 600 m above msl near Amarkantak plateau in Madhya Pradesh (MP), and debouches in the river Ganga near Patna, Bihar. The total length of the river is 784 km, out of which about 500 km lies in MP, 82 km in Uttar Pradesh and the remaining 202 km in Bihar. The important tributaries of river Ganga are Son , Mahatwain, Dharda, Dhowa ,Mohani, Punpun, Morhar The total catchment area of the river is spread over 71,259 sq km. The river has a steep gradient with quick run-off and ephemeral regimes, becoming a roaring river with the rainwater in the catchment area, but turning quickly into a formidable stream. The river being wide and shallow leaves disconnected pools of water during summer (lean period).

Regional Geology

Regionally the area constitutes a part of the Ganga River Basin.

The north-eastern part of Haryana is predominantly characterized by sedimentary lithology in the Sub-Himalayan zone comprising Subathus, Dagshais, Kasaulis and Siwaliks. A general Regional stratigraphic sequence in the area is given below.

Showing the Geological Succession and their geographic distribution.

Age	Geology	Occurrences
Quaternary	Alluvial Deposits (Sand, Clay, Silt, Fragments)	North Bihar Plain & Central Bihar Plain
Tertiary	Sand Stones & Clay Stones	North Champaran Hills
Gondwana	Coal Measures, Forming a series of Small outlier basins	Banka District.
Vindhyans	Sandstones, Shales, Limestones, etc.	Parts of Bahbhua and Rohtas District
Satpura	Schist, Phyllite, Quartzite	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Nalanda,Sheikhpura and Munger District
Proterozoic	Mica Schist, amphibolites, quartzite, granite, dolerite and pegmatite	Nawada, Jamui and Banka District
Archaean	Gneisses, Granites, Schists, Phyllites, quartzite, amphibolites & intrusive all metamorphosed sedimentary and igneous rocks	Part of Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Jamui, Banka and Bhagalpur District

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GEOLOGY OF THE AREA:

The sand exposed in the River bed of Son and surrounding areas is the product of the deposition of the sediments brought and deposited in the flood plains of River Ganga. These sediments are of recent geological formation. The litho-units exposed within the river and surrounding areas have formed as water borne sediments brought by flood water during rainy season every year and deposited in riverbed.

DETAILS OF EXPLORATION:

a) Already carried out in the area:

No exploration has been carried out as sand lies all over the area & average thickness of sand is 3.0 m & area replenish every during the monsoon period. Therefore is no exploration has been carried out.

b) Proposed to be carried out:

Sand average thickness of 3.0 m lies all over the area & area replenish every during the monsoon period. Therefore no proposal of exploration has been given.

2.2 Reserves:

BHOJ SON 23 SAND GHAT

Geological Reserves : -

Classification	Code	Quantity of Sand
A)Mineral Reserves		Cum
1)Proved Mineral Reserve	111	1380000
Total		1380000

Replenished quantity of sand = 1380000 cum. or 2346000 tonnes.

The mineable reserves are given in **Table Nos.4**

Bench Level (mRL)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Volume (cum)	Tonnes
66-64.5	1069	385	1.5	617348	1049492
64.5-63	1059	375	1.5	595688	1012670
Total				1213035	2062162

Total Mineable Reserve = 1213035 CUM or 2062162 Tonnes

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- Mineable reserve has been consider 60% approx. of geological reserve after applying the guideline of Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020.
- The proposed production grant in **LOI is 828000** cum per year which is within the sustainable limit of mineable reserve.
- The BD for Sand has been adopted at 1.70 g/cm3 [Lab Report of Rappid Test Lab Private Limited]

- **CLASSIFICATION MINERAL RESERVES:**

SAND GHAT	Area (Hect)	Geological Reserves (m3)	Mineable Reserves (m3)	Annual Permitted Reserve As per LoI (m3)
Bhoj Son 23	46.0	1380000	1213035	828000

The annual extractable RBM comes to 828000 CUM or 1407600 Tonnes. It will be replenished after rainy season every year.

2.3 Mining Method:

Existing Method of mining:

It is fresh grant case of mining lease & at present no mining is being carried with the applied area.

b) **Proposed method of mining:**

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- The mined out area shall be replenished each year during monsoon period and maintained in maximum original topography.
- Approach roads from the various plots as already described earlier will be merging with permanent tar roads on both sides of the river for transportation of the mineral to final destinations.

2.4 Mineral beneficiation:

No mineral beneficiation will be under taken for next five years. The sand shall be exploited semi mechanized with shovel tractor trolley/tippers combination & transport to parties.

3.0 Review of implementation of mining plan / scheme of mining including five years progressive closure plan up to the final closure of mine:

At is fresh grant case of mining lease it is therefore premature to make any comments about review of implementation.

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4.0 Closure Plan:

4.1 Mined out land:

Mining is proposed in one block. The mining shall be carried out during post monsoon season & depth of mining shall restricted 3.0 m. Mining operation shall be suspended during monsoon period. The mined out pit shall be replenished during the monsoon period by sand and silt & leveled it. After over the monsoon period the replenish material shall be exploited manually as well as by means of an excavators & this process will continue.

The area already degrades due to mining & likely to be used during next five years is given below:

Activities	Area already used (Ha)	Area likely to be used in mining (Ha)
Pits & quarries	-	46.0
Approach road	-	-
Top soil Stack	-	-
Interburden dump	-	-
Backfilled pit	-	-
Total	-	**46.0**

(A) Mining:

Sl.No.	Activities	Area (Ha)
1.	Area already broken up	-
2.	Area already backfilled /reclaimed	-
Sl. No.	**Activities**	**Area (Ha)**
1.	Additional area proposed to be broken during next five years	-
2.	Additional area proposed to be replenished with flood water	-

(B) Dump:

Sl. No.	Activities	Area (Ha)
1.	Area already covered by dump	Nil
2.	Additional area to be covered by soil stack	
3.	Additional area to be covered by interburden dump.	Nil
4.	Dump area to be covered by protective measures	

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(C) Plantation:

Sl. No.	Activities	Area(ha)
1.	Area already covered under plantation	-
2.	Area proposed to be covered under plantation in next five years (with in area)	-
	Total	-

4.2 Water Quality Management:

No ground water bodies exist within the area & no seasonal Nalla exists with in the area. The rain water accumulates in the pit & water percolates in to ground water.

Further no significant impact on water quality is anticipated as material exposed will be Sand & its shall very feebly react with water that too when water becomes acidic. Even of reaction takes place it gives arise to increased temporary hardness of water. Water is being supplied from the Tubewell.

4.3. Air Quality Management:

The mining shall be carried out semi-mechanized/OTFM with use of excavators/JCBs truck /tractors combination or Manually etc. No adoption of drilling & blasting mining shall be carried out in shallow depth. No doubt the mining in this remote area will deteriorate the air quality. The base line values are too low due to remoteness of the area with our past experience. In this kind of terrain, the SPM, SO2 and NOX will always below 100, 10 & 10 microgram per meter cube respectively. Air quality monitoring shall be conducted once in a year as per CCOM'S circular No 3/92.

4.4. Waste management:

No waste shall be generated due to mining activities. All quantities of sand to be generated shall be bold in the local market. Therefore no proposal of waste management has been envisaged.

4.5 Top Soil Management:

No soil shall be generated during plan period & no proposal has been envisaged for its separate stacking & this management.

4.6. Tailing Dam Management:

No tailing dam is proposed in the soapstone mine.

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4.7. Infrastructure:

No infrastructure facilities like aerial ropeway, conveyor belts, building & structure, water treatment plant, transport & water supply sources are present within the lease area. Therefore no utilization & their physical stability & maintenance will be required. Also no infrastructure facilities like telephone line, water pipe line, sewer line, gas pipe line, electrical cables, culvert, bridges are not existing within the lease area. So question does not arise for their restoration. The approach road passed within the lease area & lessee shall maintain it during PMCP period.

4.8. Disposal of Mining Machinery:

It will be opencast semi mechanized mine. No disposal of mining machineries shall be envisaged during plan period.

4.9. Safety and Security:

1. Each worker shall be provided with helmets & safety shoes.
2. Safety belt shall be provided to workers a working the top benches.
3. Hanging of loose materials shall be removed from mine faces.
4. The mining area shall be properly fenced to avoid any inadvertent entry in to mining pit.
5. Working hours shall be displaced at conspicuous places.
6. Mining shall be carried out thought the formation of benches maintaining overall pit slope 60deg.

4.10 Disaster Management and risk assessment:

The mining is proposed in a gentler agricultural field. The mining will go up to the economical depth of 3m therefore, no disaster management and risk assessment shall be observed. However during monsoon period the area shall be properly fenced with barbed wire to avoid any inadvertent entry of any live stock.

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5.0. Economic repercussions of closure of mine and manpower retrenchments:

All the workers being employed are contractor labours. An any industry will provide direct and indirect employment. The local residents will earn tremendous amount of money due to mining activities. It will change their life style. Due to closure of mine, it will create very negative impact on the economy of the workers for their survival. Those earning good money will get some occupation for survival of their families. The literate workers will move here and there for the search of job. In the overall view the closure of mine will give very bad impact on the society and surrounding areas.

5.1 Local residents of nearby villages will be employed in the mine. The family occupation is most by farming. Few of them occupation carpentry & masonry.

5.2 The lessee pay each year about 5,000 to 10,000 as a compensation for the sustenance of the few workers family.

5.3 About 30% of the workers employed in mine are independent but they are controlled depended by their family members.

5.4 The local residents will be employed in the mining operations, and allied activities related to mining operations.

5.5 During mining operations the land owners & society of the area shall earn lucrative amount of money from direct & indirect activities. Individual land owners shall also earn good amount of money in terms of royalty. Most of them will spend money to establish other business also. After mining, the total land shall be backfilled & agricultural activities shall be recommended. No repercussion should be observed during the closure of mine.

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6.0 Time Scheduling for abandonment:

It is proposed in the mining plan that mining will open from lower levels and subsequently advance towards higher elevations so that concurrent reclamation will be under taken to restore the topography of area. The mined area will be replenished during the monsoon period.

The year wise schedule of completion of quantities is given below:

Activities	YEAR				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Toe wall along Soil stack	-	-	-	-	-
Backfilling (Cum)	-	-	-	-	-
Plantation (No. of sampling, out side the area)	92	92	92	92	92

The tentative cost of implementation of activities during next five years is given below:

Sl. No.	Activities	Year					Total amount on Rs.
		I	II	III	IV	V	
1.	Toe wall (soil stack Rs. 40/m)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Retaining at the edge of backfilled wall pit (Rs. 50/m)	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Plantation (Rs. 1000/- sapling with in the area)	92	92	92	92	92	460000
	Total						**460000**

The tentative cost (In Rs) of implementation of activities during next five years is given below:

Tree guard @ 800 per unit	800
Per plant species cost	100
Average Water demand cost per species Per Year	100
Total	1000

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7.0 Abandonment Cost:

The tentative cost for implementating the protective and rehabilitation measures, the proposal given in the mining plan for next five years period is as under:

Activity	Year						Rate In Rs.	Amount In Rs.
	I	II	III	IV	V	Total		
i) Toe wall at the base and side of soil stack (mtr)	-	-	-	-	-	-	40/m	-
iii) Retaining wall at the edge of backfilled pit (m)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
iv) Plantation (no. of sapling with in the area.)	92	92	92	92	92	460	1000/-	460000
v) Reclamation(Cum.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	40cum	-
Total								**460000**

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8.0 Any other information:

Community Development: The expensed increased towards the socio-economic development is given below:

Proposed Action Plan Towards socio economic development	First Year to Fifth Year	
	Expenditure proposed (in Rs.)	Expenditure in occurred (in Rs.)
General Development of the area	-	-
i) Housing	50,000	-
ii) Water Supply	25,000	-
iii) Sanitation	20,000	-
iv) Health, Safety & Medical Facilities	30,000	-
Education & Training	30,000	-
Employment to local inhabitants; Land owner compensation; Supervisor & Headers etc.	1,00,000	-
Public Transportation & Communication	20,000	-
Recreation & other sports activities	20,000	-
Expenditure for environment management	15,00,000	-
Others (Compensation to land owners)	80,000	-

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9.0 Financial Assurance:

The financial assurance has been calculated on the basis of following parameters:

Sl. No.	Head	Area put on use at start of plan (In Ha)	Additional requirement during plan period. (In Ha)	Total (in Ha)	Area considered as fully reclaimed & rehabilitated (In Ha)	Net area considered for calculation (In Ha)
1.	Area under mining	-	46.0	46.0	46.0	0
2.	Storage for top soil	-	-	-	-	0
3.	interburden/ dump	-	-	-	-	0
4.	Mineral storage	-	-	-	-	0
5.	Infrastructure (Workshop, administrative building etc.)	-	-	-	-	0
6.	Approach Road		-	-	-	-
7.	Railways	-	-	-	-	0
8.*	Green Belt	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Tailing pond	-	-	-	-	0
10.	Effluent Treatment Plant	-	-	-	-	0
11.	Mineral Separation Plant	-	-	-	-	0
12.	Township area	-	-	-	-	0
13.	Others to specify (retaining wall + toe walls	-	-	-	-	-
	Grand Total		46.0	46.0	46.0	-

The total mined out area shall be replenished each year during monsoon period & no broken area will be remained in the applied area. Therefore, it is not possible to calculate financial assurance at this stage.

Date:

Place: Bhojpur

* Plantation will be done along both sides of roads and civic amenities in consultation with the local authorities

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AUTHORISATION LETTER BY THE APPLICANT/ LESSEE

I, Kanchan Kumar Singh hereby authorise *Er. Pravinkumar Sinha*, Reg. No. - RQP/BIH/SR.NO.20 Letter No. 3825 Dated 07/11/2019 to prepare the Mining plan Submitted under Rule (17) of Bihar Minerals (concession, prevention of illegal transportation & storage) Rules 2019 in respect of M/s Devendra Equipment over an area of 46.0 Hectare for mineral(s) for Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat in Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar).

I request The Director, Department of Mines & Geology Patna, Bihar to make further correspondence regarding modification and to collect the approved copies of the aforesaid mining plan with the said recognized person on his following address:

Name of RQP : Er. Pravin Kr. Sinha
Reg. No. - RQP/BIH/SR.NO.20
Letter No. 3825 Dated 07/11/2019

Address of RQP

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Partner
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M/s Devendra Equipment
S/o- Devendra Kumar
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Place : Bhojpur
Date :

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Certificate

1. Certified that the provisions of mines Act, Submitted under Rule (17) of Bihar Minerals (concession, prevention of illegal transportation & storage) Rules 2019 made there under have been observed in Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat Mining Plan, Mauja– Narainaganj, Anchal- Agiaon, District- Bhojpur (Bihar) and wherever specific permissions are required, the lessee will approach concerned authorities for granting permission.

2. The information furnished in Bhoj Son 23 Sand Ghat is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(*Pravin Kumar Sinha*)

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Place: - Patna

Date:-

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(Accreditation Certificate)

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Scheme for Accreditation of EIA Consultant Organizations

Accreditation Committee Meeting for Initial Accreditation held on

December 20, 2019

The following members were present during the meeting:

1. Prof. B.B. Dhar - Chairman
2. Prof. C. P. Kaushik - Member
3. Dr. P. Ahujarai - Member
4. Dr. J. P. Gupta - Member
5. Prof. Umesh Kulshrestha - Member
6. Mr. A. K. Ghose - Member

Dr. S. R. Wate, Prof. Rajesh Khanna and Prof. G. J. Chakrapani expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

Prof. B. B. Dhar chaired the meeting in absence of Dr. S. R. Wate.

Mr. A.K. Jha – Senior Director, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh – Assistant Director and Mr. Vipin Pant– Accreditation Officer were present in the meeting.

Following case was discussed and decisions taken thereof are:

1.0 Case of Initial Accreditation

1.1 P and M Solution, Noida

P and M Solution, Noida has been assessed as per Version 3 of the Scheme. Result of Initial Accreditation (IA) assessment is given below-

1.1.1 Category of Approval:

The organization has scored more than 60% marks therefore, is accredited with Cat. A.

1.1.2 Scope of Accreditation

Sl. No.	NABET Scheme Sectors	Sector Description	Cat.	Sector Number (MoEFCC Notification dt. Sep. 14,2006 & Amendments)

1.	1	Mining of minerals including opencast / underground mining	A	1 (a) (i)
2.	3	River Valley projects	B	1 (c)
3.	8	Metallurgical industries (ferrous & non-ferrous)	B	3 (a)
4.	34	Highways,	A	7 (f)
5.	38	Building and construction projects	B	8 (a)
6.	39	Townships and Area development projects	B	8 (b)

1.1.3 EIA Coordinators (ECs)

Sl. No	Name	Sectors			Cat.	Remarks
		Applied	Recommended	Approved		
In-house						
1	Jatin Kumar Srivastava	1	Yes	Yes	B	Opencast only.
2	Pravin Kumar Sinha	1	Yes	Yes	B	None
Empanelled						
3	Tapan Majumdar	1	Yes	Yes	A	With an observation.
4	Mayank Kumar	3	Yes	Yes	B	None
		34	Yes	Yes	A	
		38	Yes	Yes	B	
		39	Yes	Yes	B	
5	Vikas Chand Tripathi	8	Yes	Yes	B	None
		38	Yes	Yes	B	With an observation.

1.1.4 Functional Area Experts (FAEs)

Sl. No	Name	Functional Areas (FA)			Cat.	Remarks
		Applied	Recommended	Approved		
In-house						
1	Jatin Kumar Srivastava	SC	Yes	Yes	B	None
		NV	Yes	Yes	B	
		WP	Yes	Yes	B	
		EB	Yes	Yes	B	
2	Pravin Kumar Sinha	GEO	Yes	Yes	B	None
3	Amit Kumar	SHW	Yes	Yes	B	SW only
		AP	Yes	Yes	B	With an observation.
		WP	Yes	Yes	B	
4	Manoj Kumar Pandey	EB	Yes	Yes	B	None
5	Hussain Ziauddin	SHW	Yes	Yes	B	HW only
		WP	Yes	Yes	B	None
6	Abhay Nath Mishra	SE	Yes	Yes	B	With an observation
Empanelled						
7	Tapan Majumdar	GEO	Yes	Yes	A	None
		HG	Yes	Yes	A	
8	Mayank Kumar	EB	Yes	Yes	B	None
9		SHW	Yes	Yes	B	SW only.

Sl. No	Name	Functional Areas (FA)			Cat.	Remarks
		Applied	Recommended	Approved		
	Vikas Chand Tripathi	AP	Yes	Yes	B	None
		RH	Yes	Yes	A	
10	Neha Singh	AQ	Yes	Yes	B	None
		NV	Yes	Yes	B	
		WP	Yes	Yes	B	
		AP	Yes	Yes	B	
11	Debarati Ghosh	LU	Yes	Yes	B	With an observation.
12	Poonam Kumari Mangalam	LU	Yes	Yes	B	None

1.1.5 Functional Area Associates (FAAs)

Sl. No	Name	Functional Area (FA)		Name of Mentor/FAE	Remarks
		Applied	Approved		
1	Deepika Bisht	SC	-	-	Left the organization.
		EB	-	-	

Note: **The following will be communicated to the ACO by NABET**

- **Detailed Observations (if any)**
- **Result of balance candidates**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Issued by

(A K Jha)
Senior Director
QCI-NABET

(Approved RQP under Bihar Government)

बिहार राज्यातंर्गत लघु खनिजों के खनन योजना तैयार करने हेतु एंजेसी Empanelment के लिए आमंत्रित Expression of Interest के तहत प्राप्त निविदा के क्रम में दिनांक–22.08.2019 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे विभागीय समिति के बैठक की कार्यवाही :–

बिहार राज्यान्तर्गत लघु खनिजों के खनन योजना तैयार करने हेतु एजेंसी Empanelment के लिए आमंत्रित Expression of Interest के दस्तावेजों/कागजातों के आधार पर PMU द्वारा तैयार विवरणी की जाँच खान एवं भूतत्व विभाग, पटना के अपर सचिव–सह–निदेशक–सह–अध्यक्ष के कार्यालय कक्ष में अन्य सदस्यों के समक्ष की गई।

2. आमंत्रित Expression of Interest के तहत कुल 36 आवेदन विभाग को प्राप्त हुए, जिसमें से कंडिका–14 में उल्लेखित प्रतिष्ठान भूमि इन्वायरटेक प्रा० लि० को योग्यता संबंधी प्रमाण पत्र नहीं संलग्न करने के कारण तथा कंडिका–34 में उल्लेखित मेसर्स संयुक्त इन्फ्रा को संबंधित योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र संलग्न नहीं होने के कारण अयोग्य घोषित करने का निर्णय लिया गया तथा शेष 34 को Empanelled करने का निर्णय लिया गया, विवरणी निम्नवत है :–

Sl. No	Name	Contact Number	Qualifications	Rate for preparation of Mining Plan (per Ha)	Rate details	Address
1	Dr. Radha Nand Singh	9430252322 8340280122	M.Sc. Geology	Rs. 15,000/- (including of Tax & GST)		Dr. R.N Singh, 7HF- 6-20, Sector 7, Block 6, Flat 20, HIG Flat, Bahardurpur Housing Colony, Patna -800026
2	Shiva Test House	7903157774	M.Sc.Geology	Rate Slab attached	Rs. 10,000/- each Ha. Rs. 8,000/- for each subsequent additional Ha. (above rates are inclusive of 18% GST)	122 C, Aastha , Road No. 5 A, Patliputra Colony, Patna - 800013
3	Dr. Amarjeet Kumar Singh	9431508228	Ph.D(Geology)	Rs. 20,000/- GST will be charged as per Government rules		S/O–Udho Singh,C/O- Sri Indrajit Kumar Singh,At & Po Jiradei, District-Siwan, Bihar-841245
4	Rajesh Kumar	8008802447	B.E. (Mining Engineer)	Rate Slab attached	Minimum INR 25,000/- per mining plan upto 3 Hectare. For more than 3 Hectare the rate shall be increase @INR 10,000/- per Hectare.	Plot No.87,Rajwara Building,Sikhar More ,Near Mehta Petrol Pump,Manpur,Gaya-823003
5	Dr. Abdul Rahman	7870527271	Ph.D in Geology	Rs. 8,000/- (inclusive of Taxes)		B-78,P.C. Colony,kankarbagh,Patna-800020
6	Punit Lala Mahto	9911537948 8709005622	M.Sc. (Geology)	Rs. 11,800/-	Rate per Hectare @10,000/- + GST @18% [Rs. 1800] =Rs. 11,800/-	House No.- 121, raghav Bhawan, kobibari, Sikandarpur, Bhagalpur-812005
7	Sanjay Kumar	943106886	M.Sc. (Geology)	Rs. 25,000/-	Negotiable	Vastu-Sarita Colony, Janakpuri, Near -St. Karen's School, Gola Road, Danapur, Patna
8	Er. Navin Kumar Sinha	7366973516	B.E. (Mining)	Rs. 10,000/-		Er. Navin Kumar sinha, A-112, Sanjay gandhi Nagar, Kali Mandir, Road No.-9, Patna, Bihar

20	Pravin Kumar Sinha	7542949027	B.E (Mining)	Rs. 2,000/- per Hectare (Each Block Mining Plan - Rs. 30,000/-)		201,2nd Floor,Mangal Market,Raja Bazaar, bailey Road, Patna-14
21	Md. Tauseef Warsi Greenera Mining & Envirotech Pvt. Ltd.	9534027112	M.Sc. (Geology)	Rs. 5,000/- (Excluding GST)		Greenera Mining & Envirotech Pvt.Ltd.,205 Mangal Market,Raja Bazar,Bailey Road Patna-800014
22	Prabhat Kumar Srivastava	8827477206	B.E(Mining)	Rs. 8,000/-		Flat No-101, Road No.-01, Boodh Nagar, Chiriya Tard, Postal Park, Patna-800001
23	Ashok Kumar Singh	8766859804	Mining Engineer	Rs. 8,000/-		C/o Shri Ram Prasad Singh, Mohalla - Mogal Kuan, P.O. - Sohsarai, P.S. - Sohsarai, Dist.- Nalanda, Bihar- 803118
24	Sandeep Kumar	8126253120	M.Sc. (Applied Geology)	Rs. 10,000/-		Anpurna Bhavan , C/O Ravi Kishan, Sundar Nagar, Lohia Path , Jagdeo Path , Patna - 800014 (Bihar)
25	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	9431208782 9934304369	Required Qualification of the employees attached	Rs. 5,200/- (inclusive all Taxes)		301,2nd Floor ,Sahid Rajendra Singh Complex,Anishabad , Patna-800002
26	Rian Enviro Pvt. Ltd	9431289638	Required Qualification of the employees attached	Rs. 5,000/- (Inclusive all Taxes)		202,2nd Floor,Mangal Market,Raja Bazar,Shelkhpura Patna -800014
27	Ascenso Enviro Pvt. Ltd.	9204207920	Required Qualification of the employees attached	Rs. 4,750/- (Inclusive all Taxes)		401,4th Floor ,Mangal Market,Raja Bazar,Shelkhpura,Patna-800014
28	M/s Baghel Environment & Waste Management Pvt. Ltd.	9431042532	Qualifications of candidates are attached	As decided by the department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar		Baghel Environment & Waste Management Pvt. Ltd. ,1st Floor, 27, Guru Sahay lal Nagar, Road No. 2, Magistrate Colony, Ashiyana Nagar, Patna - 800025, Bihar
29	Gramin Lok Seva	9934452711	Qualifications of candidates are attached	Rs. 7,000/-	Note - 1. Minimum rate for a Sand Block - INR 25,000/- 2. Maximum rate for a Sand Block - INR 60,000/- OR As decided by the Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar	27, Guru Sahay Lal Nagar, Magistrate Colony, Ashiyana nagar, patna- 800025, Bihar
30	Praneja Envirocare & Management Pvt. Ltd.	9708251824	Qualifications of candidates are attached	Rs. 10,000/- (Excluding GST @18%)	Remarks - Fee should not be less than 20,000 or more than 50,000 thousand for single block. (Excluded GST) OR As decided by the Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar	103, Bhagwati kunj apartment, Road No. - 3D, Anand vihar Colony, Rukanpura, Patna (Bihar)- 800014
31	Institute of Environment and Eco Development	7004620817	Details Of Qualification Attached	Rs. 10,000/- (Excluding GST)	Rate will be negotiable as per direction from Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar	Admin. Office--Ground floor, Shyam Nagar Colony, Maurya Path, Bailey Road, P.G.M.V. College,Patna--800014
32	ENV Developmental Assistance Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.	5224007470 9335913139	Details Of Qualification Attached	Rs. 2,750/- (inclusive all Taxes)		Prabodi Niketan, Road No. 13,Patel Nagar, Near Petrol Pump,,Patna-800029

33	Indinine Pvt. Ltd.	9431040119	Bachelor of Engineering (Mining)	Rate for each District is enclosed	Enclosure A	H.No-21, First Floor, Ho Colony, S.K. Nagar, Patna-800001
34	M/S Sanyukt Infra	7296069668	Bachelor of Architecture	Rs. 3,500/-		South of Madhuban Housing complex, Malahi Paid, Kankarbagh--800026
35	Sasthi Planners Pvt. Ltd.	9835877778	Details of qualification attached	Rs. 12,000/-		C/O Mr. Anil Kumar plot No. L-171, Road No 23 Near Malti Niketan, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna -800001
36	Overseas Min-Tech Consultants	9460223084	Details of qualification attached	Rs. 13,000/-		501, 5th Floor, Apex Tower, Tonk Road, Jaipur-302015, Tel-0141-2744509

3. प्राप्त सभी EOI की समीक्षा के उपरांत विभागीय समिति द्वारा सर्वसम्मति से खनन योजना हेतु देय राशि प्रति खनन योजना अधिकतम ₹30,000/– (तीस हजार) रू0 GST सहित (चाहे माइनिंग प्लान कितने भी हेक्टेयर का हो) का भुगतान की अनुशंसा की गई।

4. समिति द्वारा उक्त न्यूनतम दर को स्वीकृत करते हुए उक्त न्यूनतम दर पर अभिरूचि की अभिव्यक्ति आंमत्रण में शामिल वैसे प्रतिष्ठान, जो वांछित योग्यता को पूरा करते हो तथा जिनका वर्तमान में पटना या बिहार राज्यान्तर्गत अन्य जिलों में कार्यालय संचालित है ऐसे प्रतिष्ठान को तत्काल प्रभाव से empanelled करने की अनुशंसा की जाती है।

शेष अन्य एजेंसी/व्यक्ति अगर भविष्य में बिहार राज्यान्तर्गत कार्यालय खोलने संबंधी साक्ष्य/दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करते है तो उन्हें भी भविष्य में उक्त दर पर लघु खनिजों के खनन योजना तैयार करने हेतु RQP के रूप में empanelled करने की अनुशंसा की जाती है।

5. Empanelled एजेंसियों को अपने दस्तावेजों का सत्यापन विभागीय समिति से कराना आवश्यक होगा।

ह0/–	ह0/–	ह0/–	ह0/–	ह0/–	ह0/–
स0आ0वि0स0, सदस्य	स0नि0 (मु0), सदस्य	अवर सचिव, सदस्य	उप निदेशक, पटना अंचल, पटना सदस्य	उप निदेशक (मु0), सदस्य	अपर सचिव–सह–निदेशक, अध्यक्ष

ह0/–
सरकार के अवर सचिव

ज्ञापांक:–...../एम0, दिनांक–.....
प्रतिलिपि:– सभी समाहर्त्ता को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित।

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सरकार के अवर सचिव

ज्ञापांक:–...../एम0, दिनांक–.....
प्रतिलिपि:– सभी उप निदेशक/सभी सहायक निदेशक/सभी खनिज़ विकास पदाधिकारी/सभी खान निरीक्षक को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित।

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P.T.O.

ज्ञापांक:– 3825 /एम0, दिनांक– 07/11/19

प्रतिलिपि:– माननीय मंत्री के आप्त सचिव/प्रधान सचिव के प्रधान आप्त सचिव/निदेशक कोषांग/उप निदेशक (मु0)/सहायक निदेशक (मु0)/खनिज विकास पदाधिकारी (मु0) को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित।

7/11/19

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विषय भोजपुर जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 की आगामी पाँच वर्षों के लिए बन्दोबस्ती हेतु दिनांक–21.11.2022 को सम्पन्न ई–नीलामी में उच्चतम् डाकवक्ता घोषित होने के फलस्वरूप सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृत्यादेश के संबंध में।

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक भोजपुर जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के **बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23, रकवा–46 हेक्टेयर** की आगामी पाँच वर्षों के लिए बन्दोबस्ती हेतु दिनांक–21.11.2022 को सम्पन्न ई–नीलामी में आपके द्वारा रु. 12,42,00,000/– (बारह करोड़ बेयालिस लाख रुपये मात्र) की सुरक्षित जमा राशि के विरुद्ध **उच्चतम् डाक की राशि रु. 13,66,20,000/– (तेरह करोड़ छियासठ लाख बीस हजार रुपये मात्र)** की बोली लगाये जाने के फलस्वरूप आप उच्चतम् डाकवक्ता घोषित हुए हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज की कंडिका–20 (i) के आलोक में आपके द्वारा नीलामी राशि की 25 प्रतिशत राशि (जमा अग्रधन राशि समायोजनोपरान्त) **प्रतिभूति जमा के रुप में राशि रु. 31,05,000/– (एकतीस लाख पाँच हजार रुपये मात्र)** के भुगतान का साक्ष्य **दिनांक–23.11.2022** को कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

निविदा दस्तावेज की कंडिका 20(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) के आलोक में जिलान्तर्गत सोन नदी के बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 का सैद्धांतिक स्वीकृति के शर्त्त एवं बंधेज निम्नवत् हैं :–

1. बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड संख्या–23 से संबंधित विवरणी निम्नवत् है :–

क्र.	नदी का नाम	रकवा (हेक्टेयर में)	Geo Coordinates	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	सोन (Perennial)	46.00	25° 19' 15.851" N	84° 42' 33.523" E
			25° 19' 16.758" N	84° 42' 27.361" E
			25° 19' 19.449" N	84° 42' 25.207" E
			25° 19' 31.730" N	84° 42' 37.192" E
			25° 19' 47.054" N	84° 42' 42.637" E
			25° 19' 47.081" N	84° 42' 42.647" E
			25° 19' 43.805" N	84° 42' 51.092" E
			25° 19' 39.091" N	84° 43' 3.241" E
			25° 19' 29.728" N	84° 43' 2.711" E
			25° 19' 30.291" N	84° 42' 57.090" E
			25° 19' 27.007" N	84° 42' 50.120" E
			25° 19' 17.521" N	84° 42' 37.114" E
2	वन क्षेत्र से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	
3	सुरक्षित क्षेत्र/वन अभ्यारण्य क्षेत्र/पक्षी अभ्यारण्य/वन्य जीव आश्रयण क्षेत्र से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	
4	बालूघाट/बालूखण्ड से 500 मीटर के अन्दर खनन पट्टा क्षेत्र की स्थिति		हाँ (रकबा 306.00)।	
5	पुरातात्विक स्थल से दूरी		लागू नहीं।	

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6	खनन योग्य मात्रा	828000 घनमीटर
7	अंचल / मौजा / थाना संख्या	अगिआंव / नरेयणागंज /
8	खाता संख्या	132
9	खेसरा संख्या	465, 466

2. भुगतान की शर्तें :–

(i) नीलामीत–राशि केवल प्रथम वर्ष के लिए बंदोबस्ती की राशि मानी जाएगी। दूसरे वर्ष और उसके अनुक्रमी वर्षों में बंदोबस्ती की राशि गत् वर्ष की बंदोबस्ती राशि के 120 प्रतिशत् अथवा समय–समय पर सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित निदेशों के अनुरूप होगा।

(ii) प्रतिभूति जमा के अतिरिक्त आपको निम्नलिखित समय सारणी / भुगतान अनुसूची के अनुसार बंदोबस्ती की राशि का भुगतान करना होगा :–

किस्त	भुगतान की नियत तारीख
प्रथम किस्त (50%)	(क) पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन से पहले (पहले वर्ष के लिए) (ख) प्रथम वर्ष में पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से एक वर्ष पूरा होने के 60 दिन पूर्व और अनुक्रमिक वर्षों में इसी प्रक्रिया का पालन करते हुए जमा किया जायेगा।
द्वितीय किस्त (25%)	पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से 03 महीना पूरा होने से पहले।
तृतीय किस्त (25%)	पट्टा संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से 06 महीना पूरा होने से पहले।

3. GST का भुगतान :– जी0एस0टी0 के रूप में प्रचलित दर के अनुसार राशि वाणिज्य कर विभाग को भुगतान करना होगा। जिला खनन् कार्यालय, भोजपुर में जी0एस0टी0 भुगतान का प्रमाण प्रत्येक किस्त के साथ देना होगा।

4. आयकर / अन्य करों का भुगतान :– आयकर अधिनियम के तहत आयकर एवं उस पर नियमानुसार देय अधिभार का भुगतान आयकर विभाग के प्रचलित दर के अनुसार एक मुश्त करना होगा। यह राशि बंदोबस्ती राशि के प्रत्येक किस्त के साथ देय होगी। जिला खनन् कार्यालय, भोजपुर द्वारा यह राशि आयकर मद में जमा करा दी जायेगी।

5. जिला खनिज फाउन्डेशन :– Bihar District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2018 के अनुसार बंदोबस्ती राशि की दो (2) प्रतिशत राशि जिला खनिज फाउण्डेशन, भोजपुर के नाम भुगतेय बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से करना होगा।

6. वैधानिक अनापत्ति :– बालूघाट संचालन हेतु आवश्यक समस्त वैधानिक अनापत्ति / अनुमति यथा:– खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति, जल एवं वायु सहमति आदि निर्धारित अवधि के अन्दर आपके द्वारा प्राप्त करना होगा। वैधानिक अनापत्ति / अनुमति प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् ही बालू खनन प्रारंभ किये जाने हेतु कार्यादेश निर्गत किया जा सकेगा।

– वैधानिक अनापत्ति / अनुमति निम्नानुसार है:–

i. खनन योजना:– खनन योजना प्रभावी नियमों में उल्लिखित प्रावधानों के अनुसार सफल डाकवक्ता / बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा QCI/NABET से मान्यता प्राप्त Professional RQP से तैयार कर निदेशक, खान या विभाग द्वारा प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी के समक्ष लेटर ऑफ इंटेंट निर्गत होने से 30 दिनों के अन्दर अनुमोदन के लिए प्रस्तुत करेगा। खनन योजना बनाने पर होने वाले व्यय का वहन संबंधित खनिज डाकवक्ता / बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा किया जायेगा। साथ ही खनन योजना की जाँच हेतु समाहर्त्ता / विभाग अन्य ऐजेंसी चयनित कर सकेगा, जिसका निर्धारित फीस / खर्च भी बंदोबस्तधारी को ही वहन करना होगा। सफल डाकवक्ता / बंदोबस्तधारी खनन योजना के अनुसार खनन करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

ii. पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति:– सफल डाकवक्ता / बंदोबस्तधारी खनन योजना अनुमोदन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के सक्षम प्राधिकार के समक्ष पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति (EC) के लिए प्रस्ताव समर्पित करेगा। समयबद्ध रीति से पर्यावरणीय एवं अन्य

वैधानिक स्वीकृति प्राप्त करना सफल डाकवक्ता की जिम्मेवारी होगी। अपेक्षित पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति एवं अन्य आवश्यक स्वीकृति प्राप्त करने में किसी भी प्रकार की देरी के लिए सफल डाकवक्ता स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे एवं इस संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार की क्षतिपूर्ति के लिए कोई भी दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

iii. **जल एवं वायु सहमतिः–** पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति प्राप्त करने के पश्चात सफल डाकवक्ता अधिकतम 07 (सात) दिवस के अंदर जल (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 तथा वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 के अधीन राज्य पदाधिकारी के समक्ष सहमति / Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate प्राप्त करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करेगा।

iv. **खनन के लिए अनुमत मात्राः–** खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति तथा जल (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 तथा वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 के तहत प्राप्त सहमति मे वर्णित बालू की मात्रा (इनमें से जो भी कम हो) तक ही खनन अनुमान्य होगा। अनुमोदित खनन योजना, पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति तथा जल एवं वायु सहमति में खनन योग्य मात्रा कम किये जाने पर भी वार्षिक देय बंदोबस्ती राशि किसी स्थिति में कम नहीं की जाएगी।

v. बिना किसी वैध कारण के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति, Consent to Establish/ Consent to Operate /जल एवं वायु सहमति प्राप्त नहीं कर पाते है या प्राप्त करने में रूचि नहीं लेते है तो, समाहर्त्ता द्वारा अग्रधन की राशि को जप्त कर लिया जायेगा।

7. <u>बंदोबस्ती विलेख/पट्टा संविदा (डीड) निष्पादन करना :–</u>

i. सफल डाकवक्ता द्वारा सभी वैधानिक अनापत्ति प्राप्त करने के उपरान्त 5 वर्षों की अवधि के लिए बालू खनन करने हेतु समानुदान/बन्दोबस्ती स्वीकृत किया जाएगा। सफल डाकवक्ता विहित प्रपत्र में संबंधित नियमानुसार बंदोबस्ती विलेख अथवा उसके समरूप एक प्रपत्र, कार्य आरंभ करने के पहले, निष्पादित करेगा तथा विहित अपेक्षित राशि संबंधित विभाग में जमा कर देगा। बंदोबस्तधारी के पट्टे की अवधि विलेख/संविदा निष्पादन की तिथि से पाँच वर्षों के लिए विधिमान्य होगा।

ii. बंदोबस्तधारी को निष्पादित संविदा का निबंधन संबंधित विभाग के प्रचलित नियमों के अधीन 01 माह के अन्दर कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

8. सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी द्वारा बन्दोबस्ती प्रत्यर्पण/कारोबार छोड़ने का विकल्प बिहार खनिज (समनुदान, अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भण्डारण निवारण) नियमावली, 2019 के नियम–50 के अनुरूप किया जा सकेगा।

9. <u>सामान्य शर्तें :–</u>

(i) निविदादाता/सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा ई–मेल के माध्यम से किया गया पत्राचार ही मान्य होगा।

(ii) बन्दोबस्ती लेने के बाद सभी बालूघाटों के लिये बालू के उत्तोलन कार्य में संलग्न सभी सहयोगी व्यक्तियों/प्रबंधकों की सूची, पूर्ण पता एवं फोटो के साथ एक माह के अन्दर समाहर्त्ता को उपलब्ध कराना एवं पोर्टल पर अपलोड करना होगा। यदि इसमें कोई बदलाव होता है तो उसकी भी सूची अविलम्ब पोर्टल पर अपलोड/उपलब्ध करायेंगें।

(iii) बंदोबस्तधारी नदी तट से बालू प्रेषण के बिन्दु पर एक साईनबोर्ड एवं सीमा स्तंभ का अधिष्ठापन करायेगा जिसपर बंदोबस्तधारी का नाम एवं पता, बंदोबस्ती की अवधि, स्थानीय मैनेजर का नाम एवं पता तथा बालू का विक्रय मूल्य प्रदर्शित किया जाएगा। यदि साईन बोर्ड निरीक्षण में नहीं पाया गया तो शास्ति अधिरोपित की जाएगी।

(iv) बंदोबस्तधारी श्रम विधियों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार आश्रय गृह, पीने का पानी, शिशु गृह (क्रेचेज) तथा फर्स्ट एड किट की व्यवस्था संबंधित बालूघाटों में लगे श्रमिकों के लिए करेगा।

(v) बंदोबस्तधारी संबंधित क्षेत्रों का निरीक्षण करेगा तथा स्वयं अथवा अपने द्वारा अधिकृत [illegible] के माध्यम से बालूघाटों का प्रचालन करेगा। किसी रूप में किये गये उपपट्टा (सब-लीजिंग) के लिए

बंदोबस्ती रद्द कर दी जाएगी। बालूघाटों/नदी तल तक बालू के परिवहन के प्रयोजनार्थ पहुँच–पथ (अप्रोच रोड) का निर्माण सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा स्वयं अपने खर्च से किया जाएगा।

(vi) बालूघाट की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोस्तधारी की होगी।

(vii) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी बंदोबस्त क्षेत्र के भीतर किसी अवैध खनन के लिए जिम्मेवार होगें और पाई गई किसी शिकायत पर गंभीरता से विचार किया जाएगा तथा सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी के विरूद्ध नियमानुसार कार्रवाई की जाएगा।

(viii) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी सगाहर्त्ता द्वारा बालूघाटों के संचालन के संबंध में लोकहित में जारी निबंधनों और शर्त्तों तथा निदेशों का पालन करेगा।

(ix) यथोक्त शर्त्तों, बंधेजों एवं निबंधनों का पालन नहीं करने पर कारण पृच्छा निर्गत कर बंदोबस्ती रद्द करने की कार्रवाई की जा सकेगी ।

(x) सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी को खनन राजस्व/जी0एस0टी0/आयकर/स्टाम्प शुल्क/रजिस्ट्रेशन फीस का भुगतान नही करने की दशा में 30 दिनों के अंदर कारण स्पष्ट करने हेतु नोटिस दी जायेगी। निर्धारित अवधि के अंदर सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा बकाया का भुगतान करने में असफल रहने की दशा में राशि वसूली की कार्रवाई के साथ–साथ बंदोबस्ती रद्द करने की भी कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

(xi) नीलामी हेतु प्रस्तावित बालूघाटों से संबंधित तकनीकी तथा अन्य बिन्दुओं यथा भूमि के अंचल, थाना, मौजा, खाता, खेसरा, रकबा तथा GPS Co-ordinate के संबंध में विवाद/त्रुटि पाए जाने पर संशोधन का अधिकार जिला खनन कार्यालय, भोजपुर का होगा। बालूघाटों का सीमांकन एवं नियमानुसार निर्धारित आयाम/विशिष्टियों का सीमा स्तंभ का अधिष्ठापन GPS Co-ordinate के अनुसार बालू बंदोबस्तधारी को कराना होगा तथा खनन के क्रम में संधारित कराना सफल डाकवक्ता/बंदोबस्ताधारी की जवाबदेही होगी, जिसे RQP/अंचलाधिकारी की उपस्थिति में प्रमाणित कर बालूघाटों के निर्धारित क्षेत्र का Reduced Level (RL)/Pre-Level (PL) एवं Satellite images खनन कार्य प्रारंभ करने के पहले जिला खनन कार्यालय, भोजपुर में समर्पित करना होगा।

(xii) बालघाट से लिकं रोड और बालूघाट के बीच कोई प्राकृतिक जल मार्ग सिंचाई नहर पड़ती हो तो सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी जल ससांधन विभाग की पूर्व अनुमति से अस्थायी संरचनाएँ खड़ा कर सकेगा। पूर्व अनुमति के लिए ऐसे आवदेन जल संसाधन विभाग के सबंधित मुख्य अभियंता के समक्ष दिए जाएगें।

(xiii) बालूघाट में रैयती/बंदोबस्त जमीन होने पर संबंधित रैयत से सहमति प्राप्त कर बालू का खनन करना होगा। यह जिम्मेदारी पूर्णतः बंदोबस्तधारी की होगी एवं विभाग से कोई क्षतिपूर्ति का दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

(xiv) बंदोबस्तधारी द्वारा बंदोबस्ती अवधि के दौरान किसी भी कारण से खनन कार्य नहीं करने की स्थिति में किसी भी प्रकार का मुआवजा/नुकसान एवं क्षतिपूर्ति का दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

(xv) ई–नीलामी एवं बालूघाट की बंदोबस्ती अवधि के दौरान उत्पन्न किसी भी प्रकार का विवाद बिहार खनिज (समानुदान, अवैध खनन, परिवहन एवं भंडारण निवारण) नियमावली 2019, (यथा संशोधित) के अधीन होगा।

(xvi) सफल डाकवक्ता/बन्दोबस्तधारी को इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यम से भेजी गयी कोई भी सूचना/निदेश/आदेश इत्यादि IT-Act के तहत स्वीकार्य साक्ष्य के रूप में माना जायेगा।

25/11/2019

खनिज विकास पदाधिकारी,
भोजपुर, आरा।

PLATES

LOCATION MAP

NARAINAGANJ

Plate No.1

LOCATION PLAN
BHOJ SON 23 (SON RIVER) MAUJA– NARAINAGANJ, ANCHAL- AGIAON, DISTRICT- BHOJPUR (BIHAR).
SETTLEE:-M/S DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT PARTNER- KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH
AREA:-46.0 HA.
PREPARED :PREPARED BY :- ER. PRAVIN KR SINHA REG. NO. - RQP/BIH/SR.NO.20 LETTER NO.3825 DATED 07/11/2019
SINGNATURE:-

Devendra Equipment
Partner


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BHOJ SON 23
Sone River
PLATE NO.-2
ROUTE MAP
MINING PROJECT
MAUZA- NARAINAGANI, ANCHAL - AGUAON,
DISTRICT - BHOJPUR (BIHAR).
ENTITIES-M/S DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT
PARTNER- KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH
PREPARED BY - PRAVIN KUMAR SINHA
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SIGNATURE
Google Earth
LEGENDS
1 LEASE BOUNDARY
2 ROAD
800 m
Partner


BHOJ SON- 23
CO-ORDINATE
1 25° 19' 15.851" N 84° 42' 33.523" E
2 25° 19' 16.758" N 84° 42' 27.361" E
3 25° 19' 19.449" N 84° 42' 25.207" E
4 25° 19' 31.730" N 84° 42' 37.192" E
5 25° 19' 47.054" N 84° 42' 42.637" E
6 25° 19' 47.081" N 84° 42' 42.647" E
7 25° 19' 43.805" N 84° 42' 51.092" E
8 25° 19' 39.091" N 84° 43' 3.241" E
9 25° 19' 29.728" N 84° 43' 2.711" E
10 25° 19' 30.291" N 84° 42' 57.090" E
11 25° 19' 27.007" N 84° 42' 50.120" E
12 25° 19' 17.521" N 84° 42' 37.114" E
Azimabad
Sukru Field (Kashar par)
Brajesh Online Centre
Narainaganj
BHOJ SON 23
Durahua
Sone River
Barhampur Mehdanra
PLATE NO.-2
GOOGLE MAP
SAND MINING PROJECT
MAUJA- NARAINAGANJ, ANCHAL- AGIAON,
DISTRICT- BHOJPUR (BIHAR)
SETTLEE-M/S DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT
PARTNER- KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH
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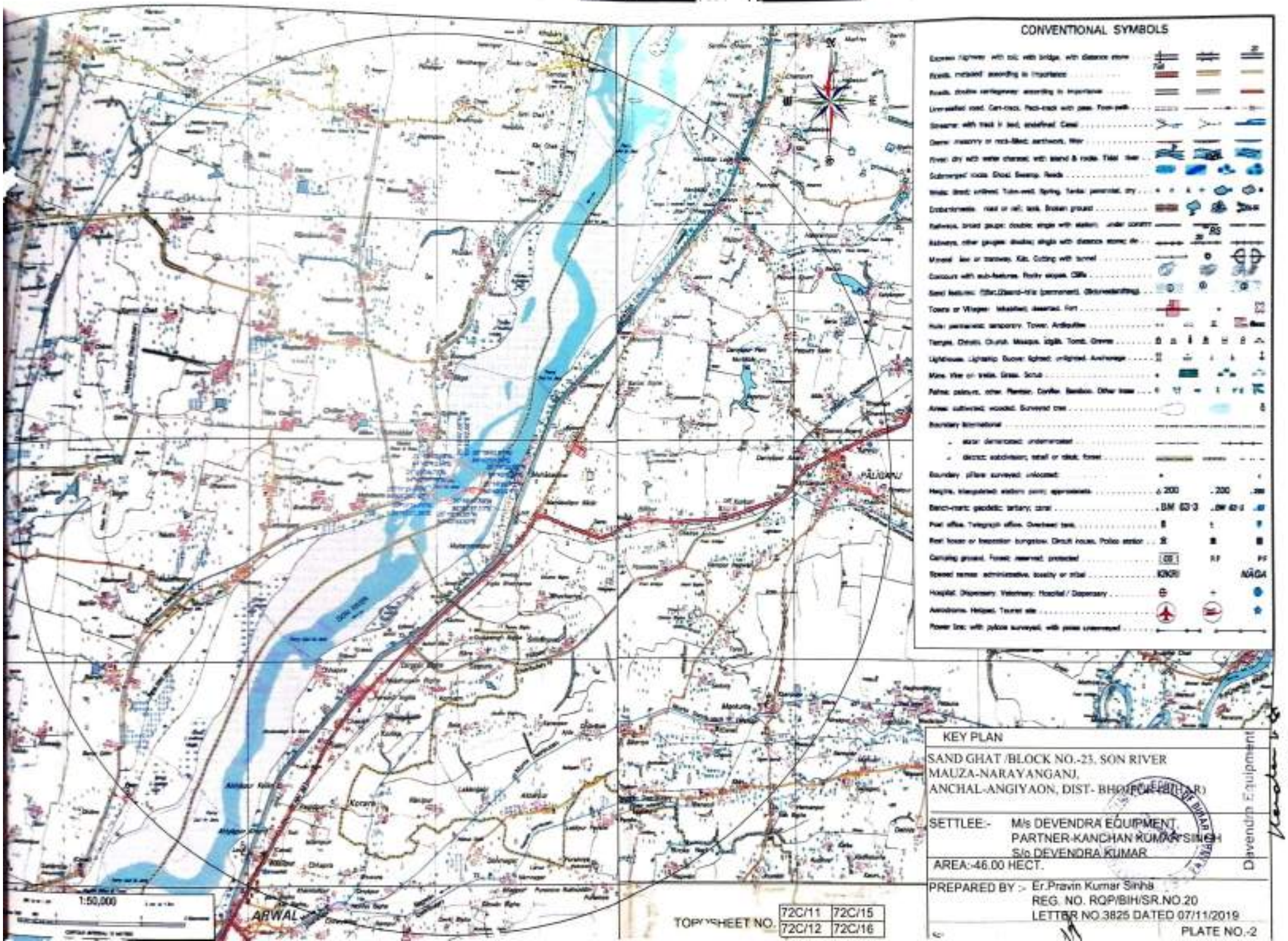
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KEY PLAN
SAND GHAT /BLOCK NO.-23, SON RIVER
MAUZA-NARAYANGANJ,
ANCHAL-ANGIYAON, DIST- BHOJPUR (BIHAR)
SETTLEE:- M/s DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT,
PARTNER-KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH
S/o DEVENDRA KUMAR
AREA:-46.00 HECT.
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ARWAL
PALIGANJ
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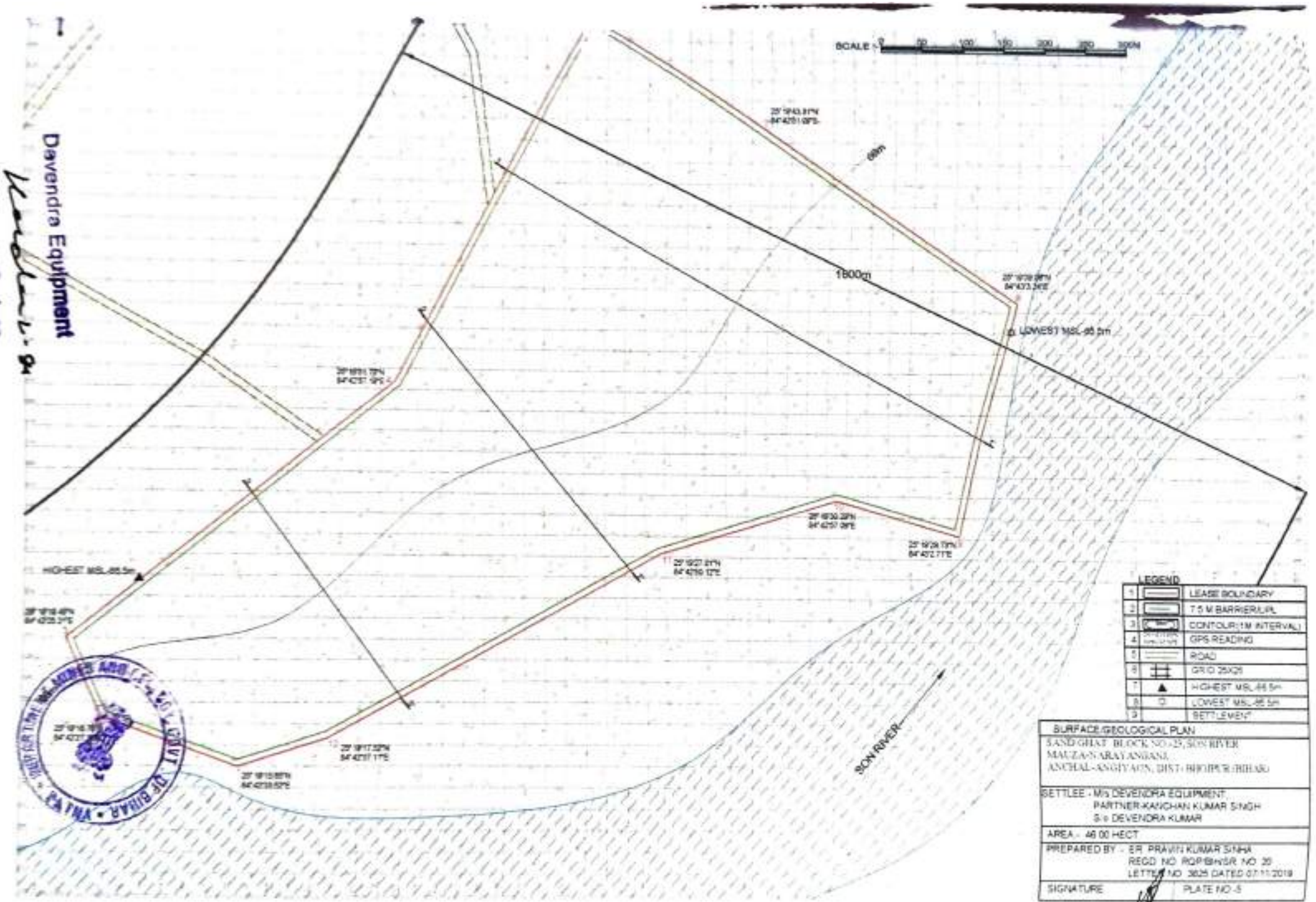
Partner



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SECTION ALONG 1-1'

SECTION ALONG 2-2'

SECTION ALONG 3-3'

SECTION ALONG A-B

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Partner

1		LEASE BOUNDARY(LB)
2		7.5 M BARRIER/UPL
3	R	ROAD
4	111	PROVED RESERVE(111)
5	122	PROBABLE RESERVE(122)
6	211	FEASIBILITY RESOURCE (211)
7	222	PRE FEASIBILITY RESOURCE (222)

GEOLOGICAL/PIT SECTION	
SAND GHAT /BLOCK NO.-23, SON RIVER MAUZA-NARAYANGANJ, ANCHAL-ANGIYAON, DIST- BHOJPUR (BIHAR)	
SETTLEE:- M/s DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT, PARTNER-KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH S/o DEVENDRA KUMAR	
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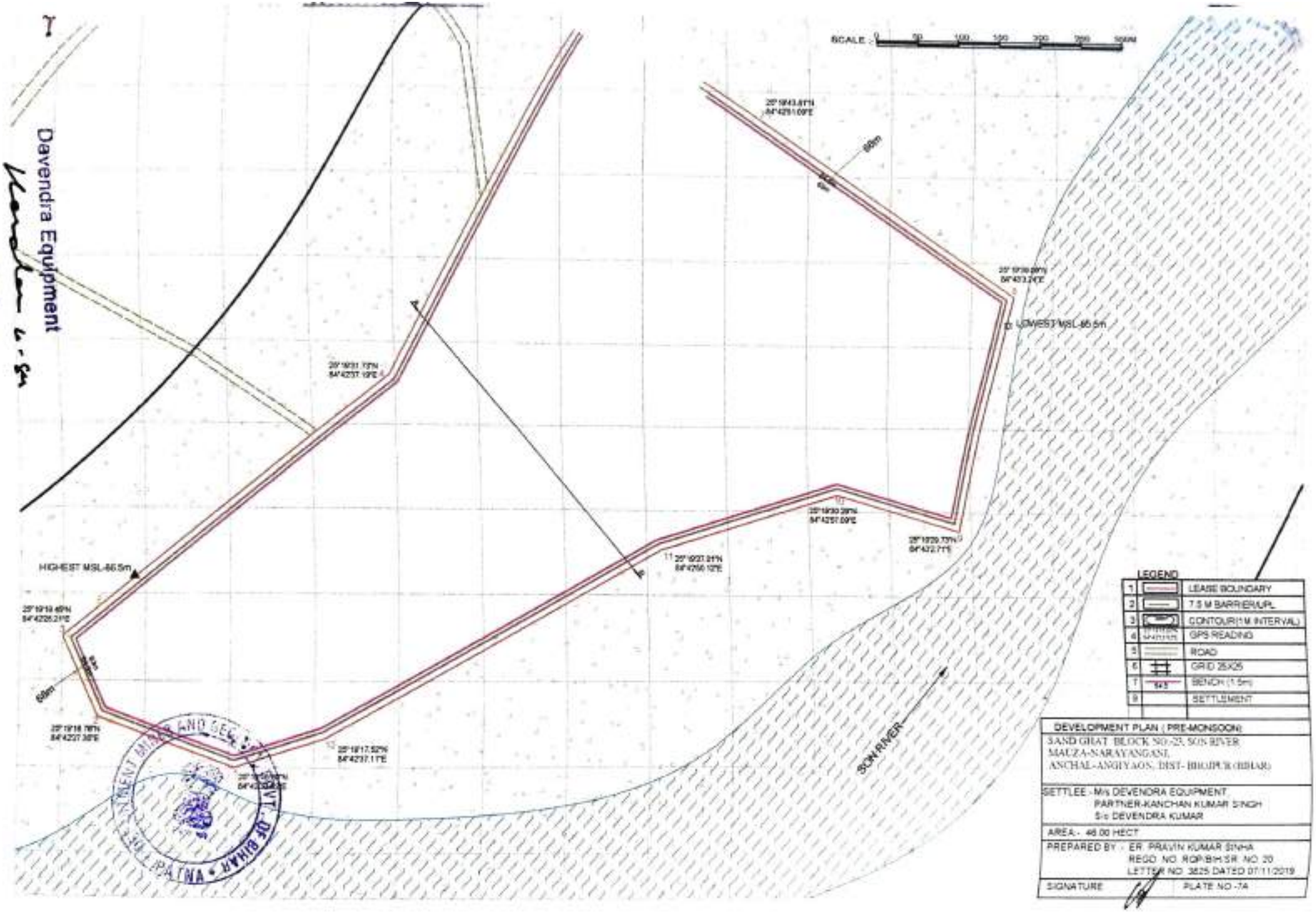

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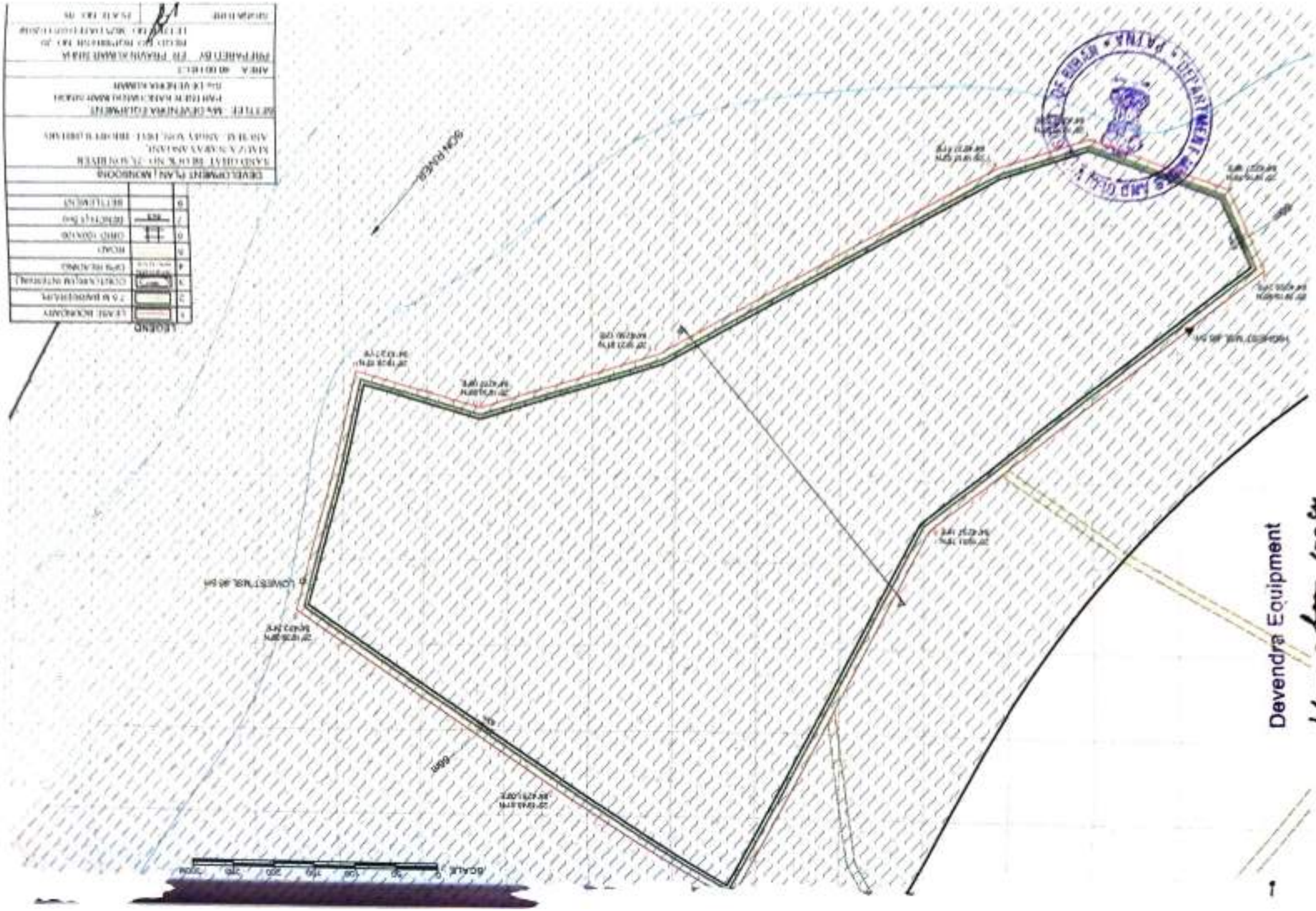
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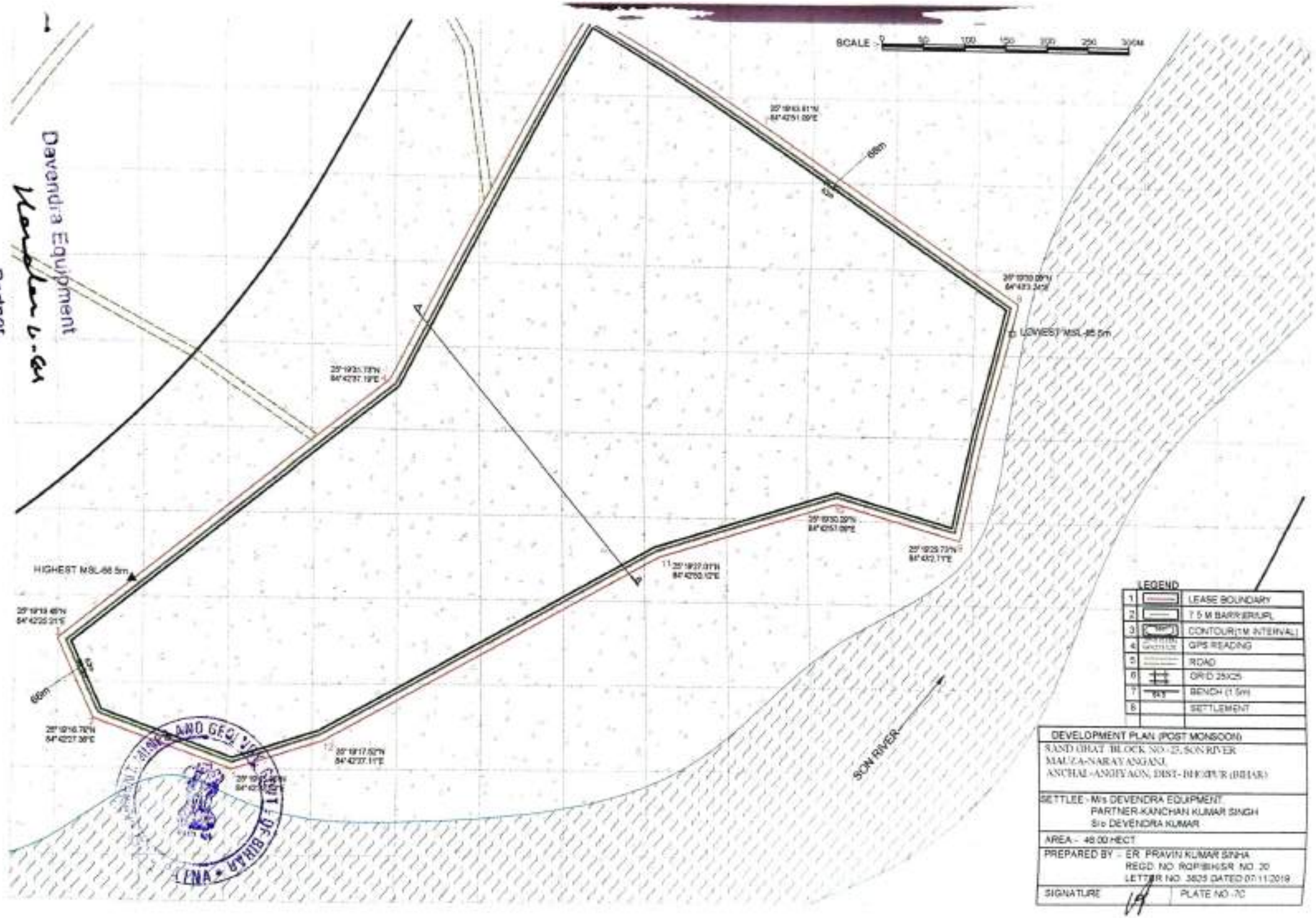

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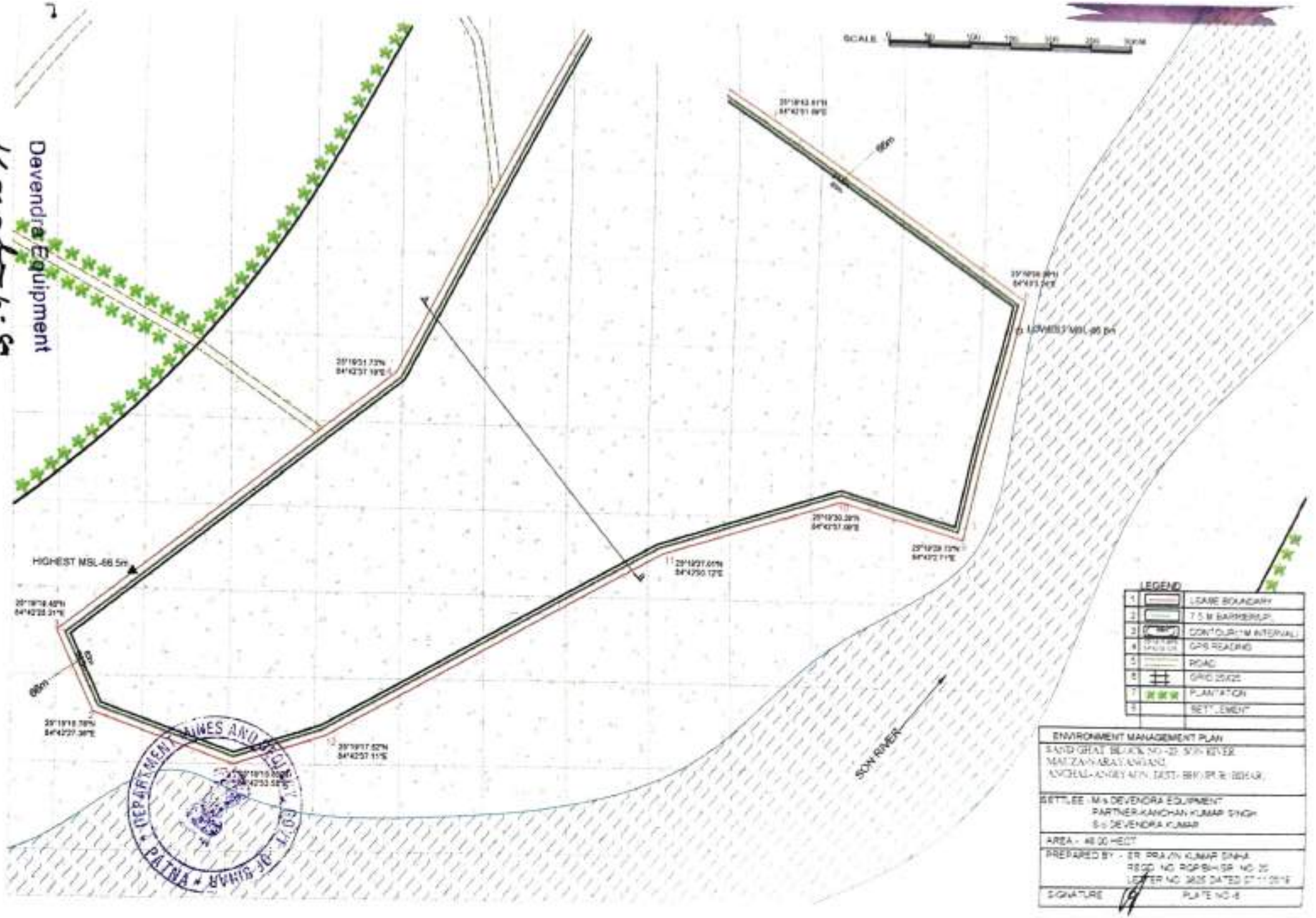
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Partner
HIGHEST MSL-66.5m
SON RIVER
LEGEND
LEASE BOUNDARY
7.5 M BARRIER/UP
CONTOUR(1M INTERVAL)
GPS READING
ROAD
GRID (50X50)
PLANTATION
SETTLEMENT
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
SAND GHAT BLOCK NO.-22, SON RIVER
MAUZA-NARAYANPUR
ANCHAL-ANGEYAON, DIST.-BHOJPUR, BIHAR
LESSEE : M/s DEVENDRA EQUIPMENT
PARTNER-KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH
S/o DEVENDRA KUMAR
AREA - 46.00 HECT.
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