



Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Forest
Office of the Range Officer
Jainti Range

P.O: Jainti Range, Dist: Alipurduar



Memo No: 454 /JNT-15

Dated: 26.11.2021

To
The Officer-in-charge
Kalchini Police Station
Alipurduar

Sub: FIR for resistance against legal action of Demolition of Illegal construction inside Buxa Tiger Reserve core area and Government Reserve Forest Land.

Sir,

This is to inform you that on today, 26/11/2021, at about 7:30 am in the morning I and my team reached the under-construction properties of 1/ Sri Niki Thapa and others, 2. Sri Kancha Mangar and others, 3. Sri Umacharan Dubey and others, on a plot on the western bank of Jainty river in Jainty Village inside core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve (as per Wildlife Protection Act, 1972) and a Government Reserve Forest land (as per Indian Forest Act, 1927).

The said constructions are absolutely illegal and are in violation of section 26 (1), Indian Forest Act, 1927 and they are liable to demolition under section 26(1-A) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, West Bengal amendment 1988. The constructions are also in violation of section 29 and 31 (non-bailable) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 read with section 51(f) of the said act.

The action has been by order of Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division, vide memo no 2088/15-230 dated 24.11.2021 and had been communicated to the police department and general administration vide ref no Memo no 2089/15-230 dated 24.11.2021 of DFD, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division and ref Memo no 425, 426, 427/JNT-28 dated 16.11.2021 of Range Officer, Jainty Range.

The concerned individuals claiming representation of ownership of the properties i.e. Sri Niki Thapa, Sri Subham Dubey and Sri Bikram Mangar had been served a notice demanding proof of legality 16.11.2021 vide ref Memo no 425, 426, 427/JNT-28 dated 16.11.2021 of Range Officer, Jainty Rang. The consequences of their failing to prove legality were clearly explained to them by the DFD, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division. A second notice on 24.11.2021 vide ref Memo no 450, 451, 452/JNT-15 dated 24.11.2021 of Range Officer, Jainty Range was issued and I made efforts to deliver to the concerned individuals, but they refused to accept the notice and obstructed me in discharging public function.

Today, 26.11.2021 on reaching the spot of the illegal constructions of 1. Sri Niki Thapa and others, 2. Sri Kancha Mangar and others, 3. Sri Umacharan Dubey and others, I found the below named individuals along with another 50 to 60 persons approximately in an unlawful assembled armed with lathi etc. We tried to make them understand that the order was already communicated to the Concerned violators and general public is nothing to do in this matter. Then suddens some of the assembled people become furious and throwing stone at our vehicle and obstructed me and my team in discharging public functions. Some of the persons who instigated the mob could be known as

1. Suraj Kumar Oraon S/o Smt Bashi Oraon
2. Kalu Khan S/o Naimuddin Khan
3. Munna Chowhan resident of Cooch behar
5. Niki Thapa (Mangar) S/o Sabitri Mangar
6. Jagadish Ch Oraon S/o Bigu Oraon
7. Raja Mahato S/o Ramlal Mahato
8. Raja Barhi S/o Harilal Barhi
9. Mohon Chhetri S/o Gopinath Chhetri
10. Ram Rana Owner of Green Leaf homestay
11. Manash Roy W/o Pradip Roy
12. Manoj Chowhan S/o Baliram Chowhan
13. Bijoy Dutta (Mintu) S/o Birendra Chandra Dutta
14. Vicky Thapa S/o Sarki Thapa
15. Subham Dubey S/o Uma Sankar Dubey
16. Pramila Kumari Mishra Dubey W/o Subham Dubey

Received on 28/11/2021 at
11:15 hrs. vide GATE No 792
and returned Kachini B
GATE No 128/21 on 28.11.2021
w/ 147/148/149/150/186/353
1506 IPC for Sec. 3 of PDPP Act
for Sec. 26(1)/26(1-A) Indian
Forest Act, 1927.

Officer-in-charge
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This is also hereby emphasized that the land where the illegal constructions have been built is classified as Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest, of which the Net Present value is quantified as 22-25 Lacs/ha for Moderately Dense Forests to 30-32 lacs/ha for Very Dense Forests (source: Revision of rates of NPV applicable for different class/category of forests, Indian Institute of Forest Management, November 2014). The illegal constructions are seriously harming the forests and disrupting the pristine nature of the habitat.

Therefore it is requested that the matter may be viewed with utmost seriousness and suitable action be taken against the perpetrators named above, in the interest of Conservation and Protection of Forests and Wildlife and in turn ecosystem services of utmost necessity to the humankind.

You are requested to start a case under appropriate sections of law to nab those illegal perpetrators at the earliest.

Range Officer
Jainti Range
B.T.R. (E) Division
Range Officer
Jainti Range

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Copy forwarded for his kind information to,

Dated: 26.11.2021

1. The Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division

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(Shri Manoj Chakraborty)