

Mega Tourism project at Tarapith, Birbhum

Project details:

Short narrative of the proposal and project/scheme for which the forest land is required.

Tarapith, the religious tourism destination in Birbhum, West Bengal is amongst one of the most famous Shaktipith. According to the authority average daily footfall in Tarapith is approximately 12,000, which is the biggest amongst all the tourism destination of West Bengal. To make this place more tourists friendly few initiatives is been taken by the District Administration in collaboration with Tourism Department and other line departments. Few of them are mentioned below.

- **Amusement Park for the tourists-** Considering the distance of the Tarapith from Kolkata its hectic for almost everyone to make it a day trip. Therefore, tourists decides to stay for the night and came back next day. But till date Ma Tara Mandir is the only place to visit for the tourists which make it a boring afternoon & evening for almost all specially for the children's. Considering this District Administration has planned an amusement park on Tarapith Road. This shall be consists of water based rides as well as other amusement rides.
- **Government Rest House at Tarapith-** As already mentioned average daily footfall to Tarapith is approximately 12,000 but till date no government tourist lodge is present in Tarapith. To mitigate this issue Tourism Department, Govt. WB proposed a 100 bedded lodge on Tarapith Road. 25% room shall be one bedded. 60% shall be double bedded & 15% shall be 3/4 bedded rooms. 50% open space shall be provided for landscape garden and other facilities like Children's park, Car parking, landscape garden etc.
- **Irrigation canal** - One permanent irrigation canal is proposed at this location, which shall help government to plan the usage of other land which will not be required for irrigation purpose.
- **Permanent Helipad** - As proposed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, a permanent helipad is to be constructed at Tarapith. The proposed forest land would be a suitable for making Helipad at Tarapith are which will be a boon for tourists who are coming from faraway places.
- **STP** - As per the direction of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Bench, Kolkata, there is a mandate to build Sewerage Treatment Plant for entire Tarapith area to avoid pollution over the river Dwaraka. As there is no parcel of government land in this much quantity this site is being proposed for STP.

- I. Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest.
- II. Cost of the project: **65.5 Cr (Apprx)**
- III. Justification for locating the project in forest area.

As mentioned earlier, Tarapith is one of the major attractions for people of not only West Bengal and also the entire Northern India and even from abroad also. Considering the potential of the tourism industry in this locality it would be a great boost for local economy in terms employment generation and other economic activities. As these projects demand huge quantum of land which is more proximate to the Tarapith, this site is a suitable one which is on either sides of the main road from Rampurhat to Tarapith and also 2 km away from the Mandir. Above all, as there is no suitable parcel of government land in this quantum within 10 km radius of Tarapith, this is the most appropriate site for creation of tourism related industry and other infrastructure for making the Tarapith is a national level tourist attraction.

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