

Save Buxwaha Forest Online Campaign: All you need to know

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One lakh and twelve thousand people from all over the country including Madhya Pradesh have come forward to save 2.15 Lakh trees to be cut for Buxwaha diamond mine in Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh.

It was started on the eve of World Environment Day, which is on June 5th this year.

About the issue: What does the petition in NGT say?

The issue of a proposed diamond project in Buxwaha Forest in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur has landed in the National Green Tribunal of the Bhopal Bench. A resident from Jabalpur has moved green watchdog against the project. His petition asked the court to squash the permission granted to diamonds being mined in the forest area.

Also claimed that the permission contradicted the sustainable development provision as ordered by the Supreme Court of India and the NGT itself.

Also the project would impact over 8000 forest dwellers also as the government of the state has no welfare plan for them.

The last addition to the plea is that it would cause a major ecological imbalance and the groundwater resources would also be affected in the area due to the construction of the mine.

Save Buxwaha Committee:

A committee was formed after the issue reached NGT. A group of volunteers planted saplings on the world environment day and held meetings at Bhimkund for saving the forests.

A member of the protest, Sharad Singh said, "we have formed a core committee for Bundelkhand as the forest will impact many districts like Sagar, Damoh, Chhatarpur and others"

They have demanded a public hearing on this matter.

Buxwaha forests are important source of Khair, Bel, Dhava, Seja, Ghoat, Renjha, Amltas and Sagon. These trees are heavy wood trees and are extremely useful in the timber industry.

A large variety of animals like Indian Gazelle , Chowsingha, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Monitor Lizard and Indian Rumped Vulture and Peacock find their home. These animals are listed in Schedule 1 of the Wild Life Protection Act 1972.

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