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To
The Hon'ble Chairperson,
National Green Tribunal (Eastern Zone Bench)
Kolkata, West Bengal.

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Respected Sir/Madam,

I respectfully submit this representation to bring to your attention the ongoing **illegal excavation of morrum (laterite soil)** being carried out near the **Dompada Elephant Sanctuary**, in **Village – Kusunda, under Govindapur Gram Panchayat, Banki–Dompada Subdivision, District – Cuttack, Odisha.**

The activity, allegedly undertaken by local transporters and contractors, is resulting in **serious ecological damage** to the surrounding landscape and **disturbance to the natural movement of elephants and other wildlife** that use this region as a **traditional corridor**. The illegal excavation is leaving behind deep, unfilled pits, leading to **land degradation, erosion, and potential hazards** for both wildlife and local inhabitants.

It is further observed that the **illegal extraction operations are taking place primarily at night**, using **large excavators and heavy vehicles**, reportedly under the **protection of certain local police and revenue officials**. This organized activity indicates the presence of a **morrum mining mafia**, operating in violation of environmental and mining regulations, and reflects a serious **administrative lapse** in enforcement within the **Banki–Dompada subdivision**.

These illegal acts constitute violations under the **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, and the **Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules**, causing irreversible ecological harm and threatening wildlife habitat integrity.

In view of the above, I humbly request the Hon'ble Tribunal to:

1. **Take cognizance of the ongoing illegal morrum excavation** near Dompada Elephant Sanctuary;
2. **Direct the concerned authorities** (District Administration, Forest Department, and State Pollution Control Board) to conduct an **independent investigation** into the matter;
3. **Order immediate cessation of all illegal mining and excavation activities** in the area; and
4. **Ensure restoration of the affected land and ecosystem**, with accountability fixed on responsible officials and operators.

I am enclosing **photographs with GPS coordinates and location details** as evidence for the Tribunal's kind consideration.



I sincerely appeal for your intervention to safeguard the fragile ecosystem of this sanctuary region and uphold environmental justice.

Yours faithfully,

Prakash kumar sahuo

Social Worker, Govindapur Panchayat

Banki-Dompada Block, Cuttack District
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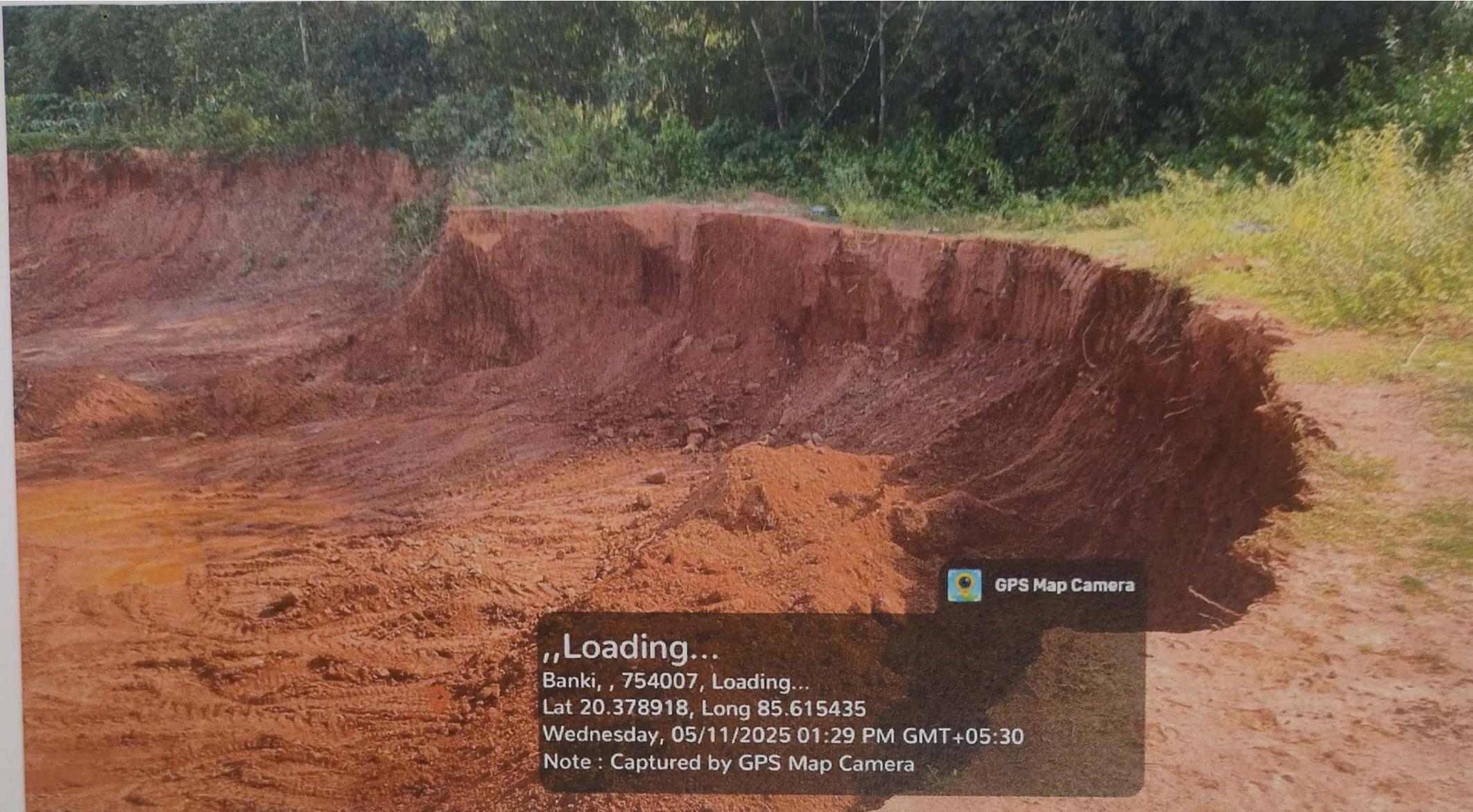
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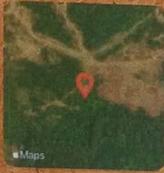
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