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While interacting with the forest officials it is informed by the Ranger of the area that the PWD department has surveyed the area for constructing a village road connecting Chainpur and Hanspuri. Hanspuri is the remotest village with no accessibilities till date and construction of road is an issue since beginning. For the last 30 years the people of Hanspuri are requesting the Administration through the PRI members for the construction of the road and ultimately the PWD in order to take up the work has surveyed the area and requested the forest department for allowing them to take up the construction work. The forest officials started the enumeration work so that the area is dereserved for the proposed road and land is handed over to the PWD for further work. On verification of the records it is confirmed that the proposed road passes through the reserve area therefore the DFO has been informed to stop the enumeration work since no construction of road can be allowed to pass through the Jarawa reserve. DFO, Mayabunder has immediately ordered for the closure of the enumeration work until further direction.

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On the way back to Mayabunder at Chainpur village the Zilla Parishad Member, Shri Ramesh Ch. Ojha met the team and we have informed him about the position and intimated that the road leading to Hanspuri village cannot be constructed through the present alignment and asked him to go for an alternate alignment outside the Jarawa reserve and he has been persuaded not to insist for the road with the present alignment. Now the PWD has to realign the road via some other area. The team visit helped in verifying the road alignment portion otherwise this could have been a big problem for the Administration.

The team visited other areas inside the reserved territory and it has come across 4 pockets of encroachment which are about 20-30 years old. Forest department enlisted details of encroachments during 1980s. Hence it is emphatically confirmed that encroachments which have become inside the area are before 20-30 years. The following encroachment pockets are inside the reserve area:

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