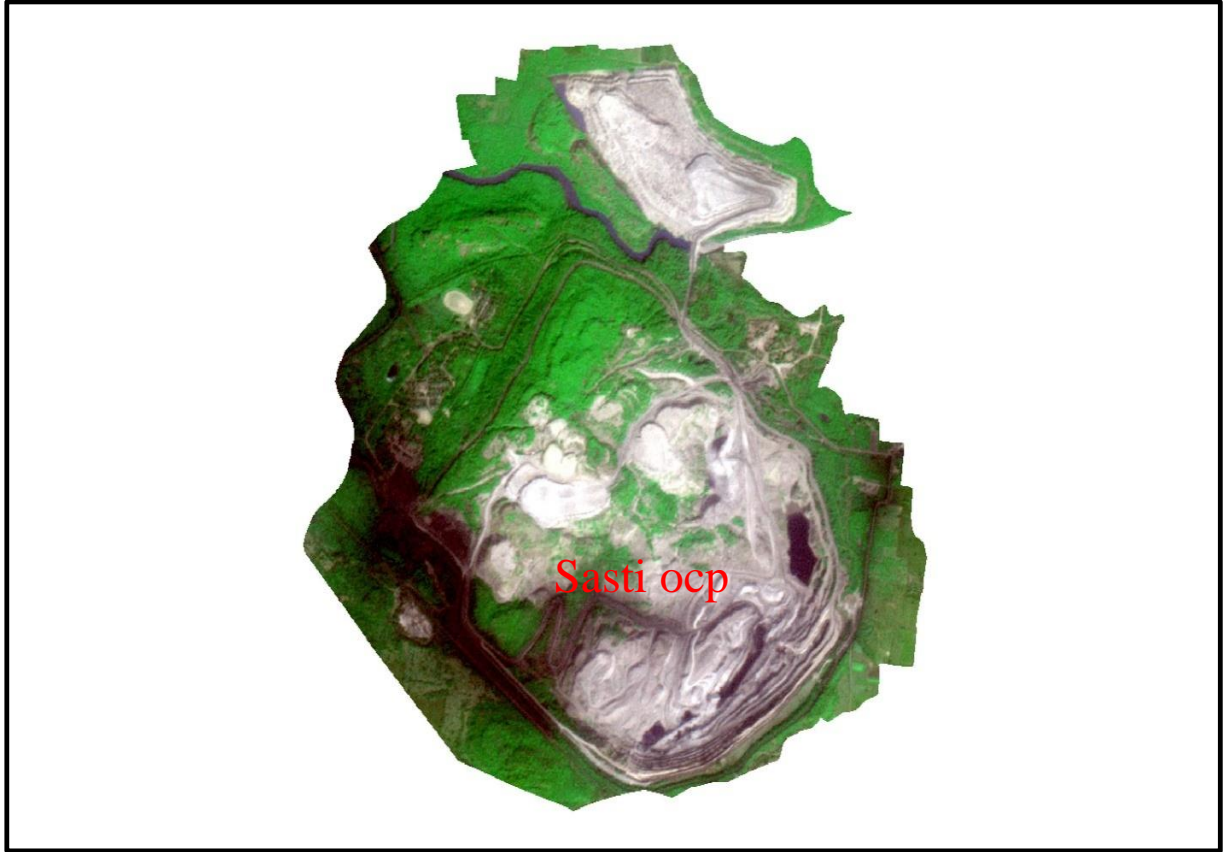


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### 1.0 परियोजना

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### 2.0 उद्देश्य

भूमि पुनरूद्धार (लैंड रिक्लेमेशन) का उद्देश्य कुल पट्टा क्षेत्र में बैकफील ,ब्रिक्सारोपण ,सामाजिक वानिकी,सक्रिय खनन क्षेत्र, जलनिकाय (वाटर ड्रेनेज) ,बंजर भूमि और जंगल के विभिन्न प्रकार के वितरण प्रणाली के क्षेत्र का आकलन के लिए है ! यह अध्ययन न केवल उपरोक्त सभी परियोजनाओं के भूमि पुनरूद्धार(लैंड रिक्लेमेशन) का निगरानी के प्रगति का आकलन में मदद करेगा बल्कि पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए आवश्यक उपचारात्मक उपायों को करने में सहायता प्रदान करेगा ! .

### 3.0 मुख्य निष्कर्ष

- वर्ष २०२३-२०२४ के लिए भूमि पुनरूद्धार(लैंड रिक्लेमेशन) की निगरानी हेतु डब्ल्यू.सी.एल के १४ खुली परियोजनाएँ जिनका नाम सस्ती,पद्मापुर,दुर्गापुर,मुगोली, उमरेड,उकनी, निलजय,यकोना- १ तथा २ (एकीकृत) ,न्यू माजरी यूजी टू ओसी ,पौनी -२(विस्तार) तथा मकरधोकरा - १(विस्तार) है इनके कुल पट्टा क्षेत्र १५०.९९ वर्ग किलोमीटर में से ३९.२९ वर्गकिलोमीटर उत्खनित क्षेत्र है जिसमें क्रमशः१२.२६ वर्गकिलोमीटर (३१.२०%) बैकफील क्षेत्र,४.२४ वर्गकिलोमीटर(१०.७९%) बृक्षारोपण (जैविक रूप से भूमि पुनरूद्धार) का क्षेत्र तथा २२.७९ वर्गकिलोमीटर (५८.००%) सक्रिय खनन क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत पाया गया ! इस विश्लेषण से स्पष्ट है कि कुल खुली खदानों के उत्खनित क्षेत्र में से ४२.००प्रतिशत का क्षेत्र जैविक और तकनीकी रूप से भूमि पुनरूद्धार का कार्य हो गया है और शेष ५८.०० प्रतिशत का क्षेत्र सक्रिय खनन के अंतर्गत है ! परियोजनावार विवरण तालिका -१ और चित्र-१ दर्शाया गया है(तुलनात्मक अध्ययन के उद्देश्य के लिए तालिका -१ देखें)

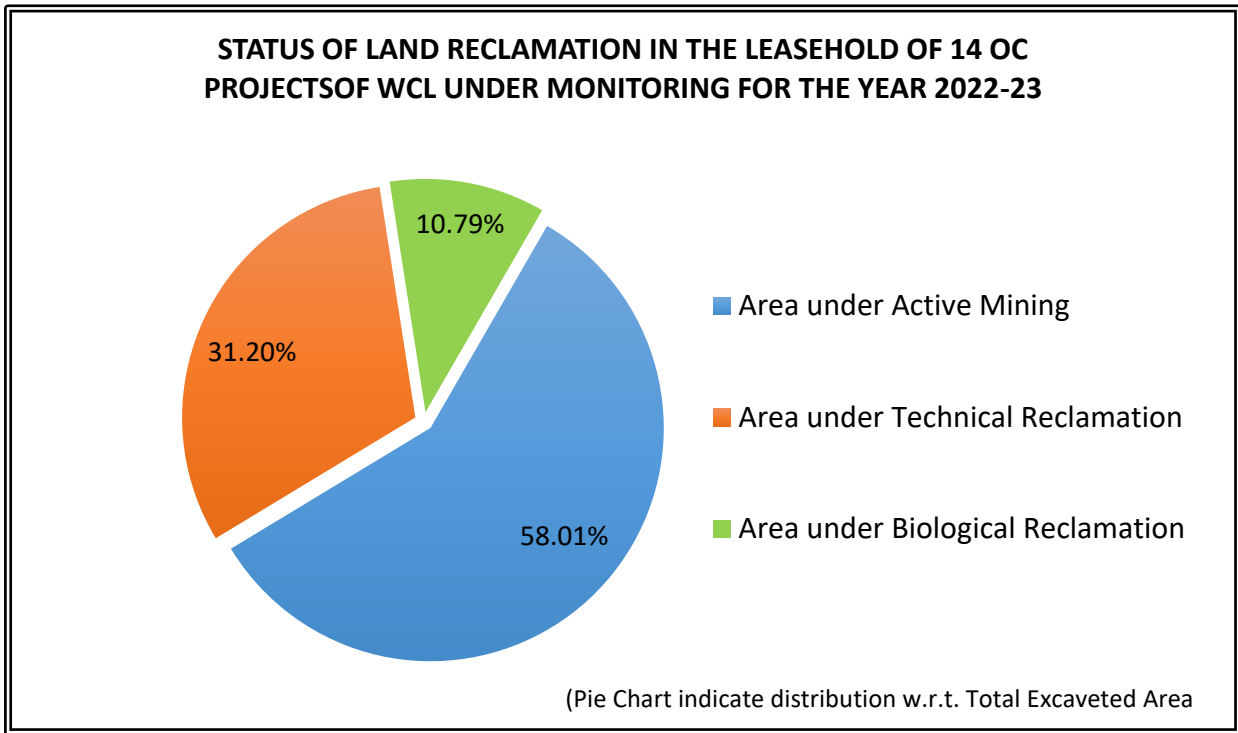
- विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए वर्ष २०२२ के सापेक्ष में वर्ष २०२३ में किये गए भूमि पुनरुद्धार की स्थिति की तुलना करने के पश्चात विश्लेषण से यह स्पष्ट है कि भूमि पुनरुद्धार के अंतर्गत वर्ष २०२२ के कुल क्षेत्र १६.१० वर्ग किलोमीटर से बढ़कर वर्ष २०२३ में १६.५० वर्गकिलोमीटर तथा हो गया है! डब्लू.सी.एल के १४ खुली परियोजनाओं में से सस्ती खुली खदान में भूमि पुनरुद्धार का कार्य अधिकतम ८७.३४ प्रतिशत हुआ है अतः इसे शीर्ष स्थान पर रखा गया है इसके बाद क्रमशः उमरेड तथा मुगोली खुली परियोजनाओं का स्थान है जिनके भूमि पुनरुद्धार का क्षेत्र क्रमशः ६५.०१ तथा ४६.५८ प्रतिशत है!
- वर्ष २०२२ के कुल जैविक भूमि पुनरुद्धार ( बृक्षारोपण ) के अंतर्गत का क्षेत्र ४.२३ वर्ग किलोमीटर के तुलना में वर्ष २०२३ में बढ़कर ४.२४ वर्ग किलोमीटर हो गया है जबकि वर्ष २०२२ के तकनीकी पुनरुद्धार ( बैकफील के अंतर्गत क्षेत्र )का क्षेत्र ११.८७ वर्ग किलोमीटर से बढ़कर वर्ष २०२३ में १२.२६ वर्ग किलोमीटर हो गया है ! भूमि पुनरुद्धार के अंतर्गत ०.४० वर्ग किलोमीटर की यह बृद्धि पर्यावरण संरक्षण के दिशा में वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड के द्वारा उठाये गए सकारात्मक प्रयासों का परिणाम है!

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## Executive Summary

- 1.0 Project** Land restoration / reclamation monitoring of 14 opencast coal mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) producing 5 million cu.m. and more (Coal+OB) per year based on satellite data, regularly on annual basis. Among 14 opencast coal mines projects, 4 projects namely Yekona-I & II (Amal), New Majri UG to OC, Pauni-II (Expn) and MKD-I (Expn) have been included in 2021 for the first time as their capacity (Coal+OB) have been increased to category of more than 5 million cubic meter from category of less than 5 million cu.m. per year.
- 2.0 Objective** Objective of the land restoration / reclamation monitoring is to assess the area of backfilled, plantation, social forestry, active mining area, water bodies, and distribution of wasteland, agricultural land and forest in the leasehold area of the project. This will help in assessing the progressive status of mined land reclamation and to take up remedial measures, if any, required for environmental protection.
- 3.0 Salient Findings**
- Out of total leasehold area of 150.99 Km<sup>2</sup> of 14 projects of WCL viz. Sasti, Padmapur, Durgapur, Mugoli, Umrer, Ukni, Niljai, New Majri. Makardhokra-III, Penganga, Yekona-I & II (Amal), New Majri UG to OC, Pauni-II (Expn.) and MKD-I (Expn.) considered for monitoring during 2023-24; the total excavated area is 39.29 Km<sup>2</sup> out of which 12.26 Km<sup>2</sup> area (31.20%) is backfilled, 4.24 Km<sup>2</sup> area (10.79%) has been planted and 22.79 Km<sup>2</sup> area (58.00%) is under active mining. It is evident from the analysis that 42.00% area of the OC projects has been reclaimed (biological and technical) and balance 58.00% area is under active mining. Project wise details are given in Table-1 & Fig-1. (For comparison purpose, refer Table-1).
  - On comparing the status of land reclamation for the year 2023 with respect to the year 2022 in different projects, it is evident from the analysis that total area under land reclamation has increased from 16.10 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2022) to 16.50 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2023). Out of 14 projects of WCL, Sasti OC ranks on top for land reclamation (87.34%) followed by Umrer OC (65.01%) and Mugoli OC (46.58%).
  - Area under biological reclamation (plantation) has increased from 4.23 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2022) to 4.24 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2023) whereas area of technical reclamation (area under backfilling) has increased from 11.87 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2022) to 12.26 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2023) in WCL. The total increase of 0.40 Km<sup>2</sup> under reclamation is the result of the efforts of the Western Coalfields Ltd. taken up towards environmental protection.





**Fig.1: Pie Chart indicating distribution (%) of reclamation activities in 14 OC Mines of WCL**

**Table-1**  
**Projectwise Land Reclamation Status in Opencast Projects of WCL**  
 (>5 Million Cubic Metre Coal+OB) based on Satellite Data of the year 2023

(Area in Sq. Kms.)

Sl. No.	Project	Total Leasehold Area		Technical Reclamation		Biological Reclamation		Plantation				Area under Active Mining		Total Excavated Area		Total Area under Plantation		Total Area under Reclamation	
				Area under Backfilling		Plantation on Excavated / Backfilled Area		Other Plantations		(% Green Cover Generated in Leasehold)									
				2022	2023	2022	2023	Plantation on External Over Burden Dumps	Social Forestry, Avaneu Plantation Etc.	2022	2023					2022	2023		
1	2	3		4		5		6		7		8		9 (=4+5+8)		10 (=5+6+7)		11(=4+5)	
1	Sasti	9.20	9.20	2.62	2.72	0.83	0.73	1.70	1.68	0.67	0.68	0.35	0.50	3.80	3.95	3.20	3.09	3.45	3.45
				68.95%	68.86%	21.84%	18.48%					9.21%	12.66%			34.78%	33.59%	90.79%	87.34%
2	Padmapur	8.29	8.29	0.59	0.65	0.28	0.28	2.14	2.21	0.83	0.83	1.18	1.12	2.05	2.05	3.25	3.32	0.87	0.93
				28.78%	31.71%	13.66%	13.66%					57.56%	54.63%			39.20%	40.05%	42.44%	45.37%
3	Durgapur	15.50	15.50	1.17	1.04	0.93	1.06	2.72	2.81	1.19	1.19	2.53	2.57	4.63	4.67	4.84	5.06	2.10	2.10
				25.27%	22.27%	20.09%	22.70%					54.64%	55.03%			31.23%	32.65%	45.36%	44.97%
4	Mugoli	12.55	12.55	1.46	1.53	0.14	0.17	1.81	1.90	0.56	0.61	1.85	1.95	3.45	3.65	2.51	2.68	1.60	1.70
				42.32%	41.92%	4.06%	4.66%					53.62%	53.42%			20.00%	21.35%	46.38%	46.58%
5	Umrer	9.45	9.45	1.50	1.51	1.58	1.63	1.45	1.45	2.31	2.32	1.72	1.69	4.80	4.83	5.34	5.40	3.08	3.14
				31.25%	31.26%	32.92%	33.75%					35.83%	34.99%			56.51%	57.14%	64.17%	65.01%
6	Ukni	12.85	12.85	0.52	0.54	0.00	0.00	1.66	1.74	0.86	0.91	1.94	2.15	2.46	2.69	2.52	2.65	0.52	0.54
				21.14%	20.07%	0.00%	0.00%					78.86%	79.93%			19.61%	20.62%	21.14%	20.07%
7	Niljai	17.61	17.61	1.44	1.46	0.11	0.13	2.04	2.11	1.23	1.25	2.84	2.99	4.39	4.58	3.38	3.49	1.55	1.59
				32.80%	31.88%	2.51%	2.84%					64.69%	65.28%			19.19%	19.82%	35.31%	34.72%
8	New Majri	7.74	7.74	1.52	1.64	0.36	0.24	1.24	0.97	1.47	1.47	2.10	2.22	3.98	4.10	3.07	2.68	1.88	1.88
				38.19%	40.00%	9.05%	5.85%					52.76%	54.15%			39.66%	34.63%	47.24%	45.85%
9	MKD-III	9.23	9.23	0.37	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.12	1.01	1.09	1.38	1.50	0.07	0.12	0.37	0.41
				26.81%	27.33%	0.00%	0.00%					73.19%	72.67%			0.76%	1.30%	26.81%	27.33%
10	Penganga	7.63	7.63	0.67	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.49	0.55	0.90	1.25	1.57	2.00	0.49	1.04	0.67	0.75
				42.68%	37.50%	0.00%	0.00%					57.32%	62.50%			6.42%	13.63%	42.68%	37.50%
11	Yekona-I&II(Amal)	16.79	16.79	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	1.11	1.29	1.12	1.30	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01
				-	0.77%	-	0.00%					-	99.23%			0.18%	0.18%	0.89%	0.77%
12	New Majri UG to OC	7.06	7.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.37	0.37	1.03	1.06	1.03	1.06	0.37	0.64	0.00	0.00
				-	0.00%	-	0.00%					-	100.00%			5.24%	9.07%	0.00%	0.00%
13	Pauni -II (Expn)	10.95	10.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.22	1.17	1.34	1.17	1.34	0.31	0.40	0.00	0.00
				-	0.00%	-	0.00%					-	100.00%			2.83%	3.65%	0.00%	0.00%
14	MKD-1 (Expn) OC	6.14	6.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	1.34	1.57	1.34	1.57	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00
				-	0.00%	-	0.00%					-	100.00%			1.63%	1.63%	0.00%	0.00%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150.99</b>	<b>150.99</b>	<b>11.87</b>	<b>12.26</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>4.24</b>	<b>14.99</b>	<b>15.91</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>10.55</b>	<b>21.07</b>	<b>22.79</b>	<b>37.17</b>	<b>39.29</b>	<b>29.48</b>	<b>30.70</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>16.50</b>
				31.93%	31.20%	11.38%	10.79%					56.69%	58.00%			19.52%	20.33%	43.31%	42.00%

Note : In reference of the above Table-1, different parameters are classified as follows

- 1 Area under Biological Reclamation includes area under plantation done on backfilled area only.
- 2 Area under Technical Reclamation includes areas under barren backfill only.
- 3 Area under Active Mining includes coal quarry, advance quarry & quarry filled with water etc.
- 4 Social forestry and plantation on external OB dump are not included in biological reclamation and are put under other plantation.
- 5 % calculated in respect to total excavated area except for "Total area under plantation" where % is in terms of leasehold area.

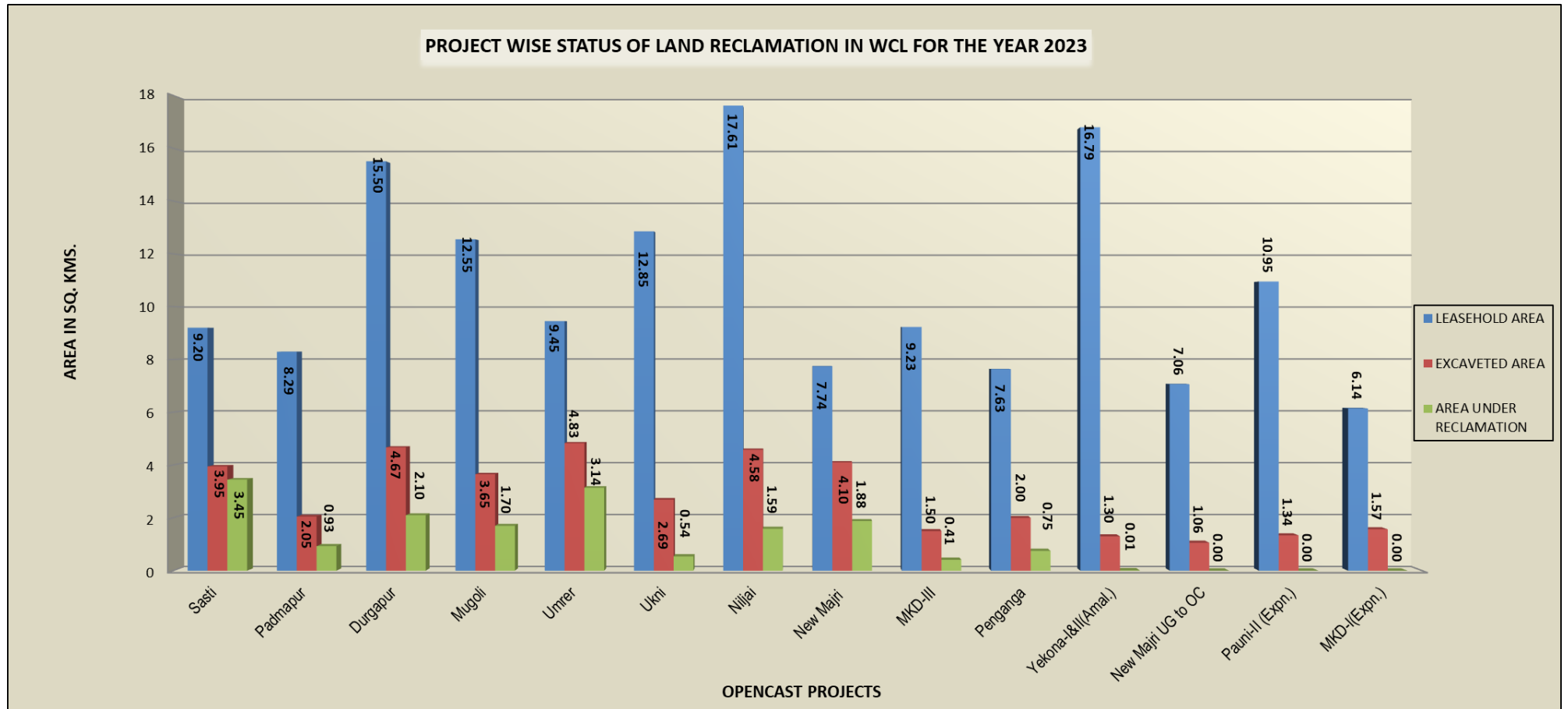


Fig.2: Land reclamation status in 14OC projects of WCL for the year 2023

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1** Land is the most important natural resource which embodies soil, water, flora, fauna and total ecosystem. All human activities are based on the land which is the scarcest natural resource in our country. Mining is a site specific industry and it could not be shifted anywhere else from the location where mineral occurs. It is a fact that surface mining activities do effect the land environment due to ground breaking. Therefore, there is an urgent need to reclaim and restore the mined out land for its productive use for sustainable development of mining. This will not only mitigate environmental degradation, but would also help in creating a more congenial environment for land acquisition by coal companies in future.
- 1.2** Keeping above in view, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) issued a work order vide letter no. CIL/WBP/Env/2009/2428 dated 29.12.2009 to Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI), Ranchi, for monitoring land reclamation. status of all the opencast coal mines having production of more than 5 million m<sup>3</sup> per annum (coal + OB taken together per annum) based on remote sensing satellite data, regularly on annual basis for sustainable development of mining. Further, another work order vide letter no. CIL/WBP/ENV./2011 dated 23/08/11 was issued by CIL for monitoring of less than 5 million m<sup>3</sup> per annum capacity (Coal +OB) projects from the year 2011 at interval of three years. This order has been renewed in CIL letter no. CIL/WBP/Env/2011/4706 dated 12.10.2012 for the next five years. Again this work order has been renewed vide letter no. CIL/WBP/Env/2017/DP/8391 dated 22.06.2017 for a period next five years starting from 2017-18 to 2021-22. The work order was renewed vide letter no. CIL/ ENVT/2022-23/W.O/10899 dated 06.07.2022 for a period of 2 more years from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The result of land reclamation status of all such mines is put on the websites of **CIL**, ([www.coalindia.in](http://www.coalindia.in)), **CMPDI** ([www.cmpdi.co.in](http://www.cmpdi.co.in)) and the concerned coal companies in public domain. Detailed report is submitted to Coal India and respective subsidiaries.

- 1.3** Land reclamation monitoring of all opencast coal mining projects would also comply the statutory requirements of Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF).Such monitoring would not only facilitate in taking timely mitigation measures against environmental degradation, but would also enable coal companies to utilize the reclaimed land for larger socio-economic benefits in a planned way.
- 1.4** Present report is embodying the finding of the study based on satellite data of the year 2023 carried out for all the OC projects producing more than 5 mcm (Coal+OB) for Western Coalfields Ltd.

## **2.0 Objective**

Objective of the land reclamation/restoration monitoring is to assess the area of backfilled, plantation, OB dumps, social forestry, active mining area, settlements and water bodies, distribution of wasteland, agricultural land and forest land in the leasehold area of the project. This is an important step taken up for assessing the progressive status of mined land reclamation and for taking up remedial measures, if any, required for environmental protection.

## **3.0 Methodology**

There are number of steps involved between raw satellite data procurement and preparation of final map. National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) Hyderabad, being the nodal agency for satellite data supply in India, provides only raw digital satellite data, which needs further digital image processing for extracting the information and map preparation before uploading the same in the website. Methodology for land reclamation monitoring is given in Fig 2. Following steps are involved in land reclamation /restoration monitoring:

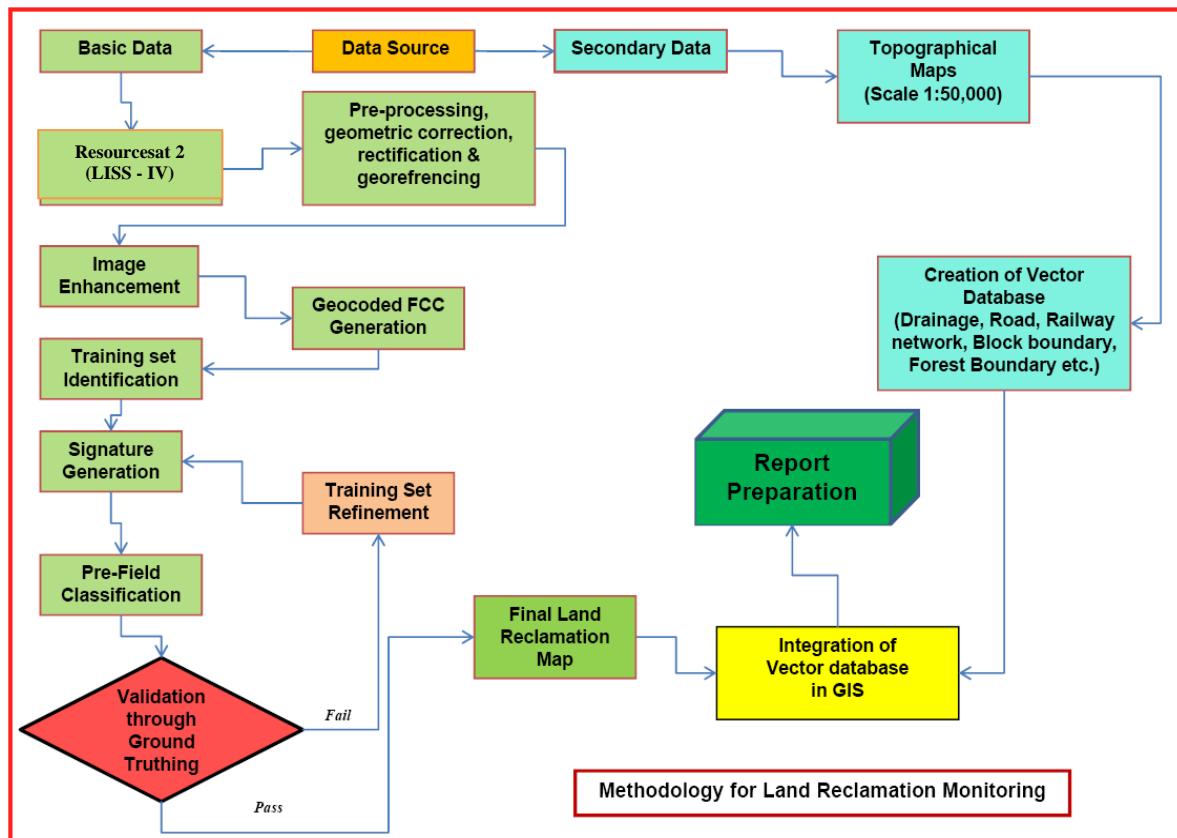


Figure: 3- **Methodology for Land Reclamation Monitoring**

**3.1 Data Procurement:** After browsing the data quality and date of pass on internet, supply order for data is placed to NRSC. Secondary data like leasehold boundary, topo sheets are procured for creation of vector database.

**3.2 Satellite Data Processing:** Satellite data are processed using ERDAS IMAGINE 2014 digital image processing s/w. Methodology involves the following major steps:

- Rectification & Georeferencing:** Inaccuracies in digital imagery may occur due to 'systematic errors' attributed to earth curvature and rotation as well as 'non-systematic errors' attributed to satellite receiving station itself. Raw digital images contain geometric distortions, which make them unusable as maps. Therefore, georeferencing is required for correction of image data using ground control points (GCP) to make it compatible to Soltoposheet.

- **Image enhancement:**

To improve the interpretability of the raw data, image enhancement is necessary. Local operations modify the value of each pixel based on brightness value of neighbouring pixels using ERDAS IMAGINE 2014 s/w. and enhance the image quality for interpretation.

- **Training set selection**

Training set requires to be selected, so that software can classify the image data accurately. The image data are analysed based on the interpretation keys. These keys are evolved from certain fundamental image-elements such as tone/colour, size, shape, texture, pattern, location, association and shadow. Based on the image-elements and other geo-technical elements like land form, drainage pattern and physiography; training sets were selected/identified for each land use/cover class. Field survey was carried out by taking selective traverses in order to collect the ground information (or reference data) so that training sets are selected accurately in the image. This was intended to serve as an aid for classification.

- **Classification and Accuracy assessment**

Image classification is carried out using the maximum likelihood algorithm. The classification proceeds through the following steps: (a) calculation of statistics [i.e. signature generation] for the identified training areas, and (b) the decision boundary of maximum probability based on the mean vector, variance, covariance and correlation matrix of the pixels. After evaluating the statistical parameters of the training sets, reliability test of training sets is conducted by measuring the statistical separation between the classes that resulted from computing divergence matrix. The overall accuracy of the classification was finally assessed with reference to ground truth data.

- **Area calculation**

The area of each land use class in the leasehold is determined using ERDAS IMAGINE v.2014 software.

- **Overlay of Vector data base**

Vector data base created based on secondary data. Vector layer like drainage, railway line, leasehold boundary, forest boundary etc. are superimposed on the image as vector layer in the Arc GIS 10.2 database.

- **Pre-field map preparation**

Pre-field map is prepared for validation of the classification result

### **3.3 Ground Truthing:**

Selective ground verification of the land use classes is carried out in the field and necessary corrections if required, are incorporated before map finalization.

### **3.4 Land reclamation database on GIS:**

Land reclamation database is created on GIS platform to identify the temporal changes identified from satellite data of different cut-of dates.

## **4.0 Work Plan**

Fourteen opencast projects of WCL producing more than 5 million cubic m. (Coal + OB together) have been taken up for land reclamation/ restoration monitoring in 2022-23, based on the Resourcesat-2/2A(L-IV) Satellite data, using ERDAS Imaging digital image processing s/w and ArcGIS 10.2 platform. Land reclamation monitoring will be carried out regularly on annual basis to assess the progressive status of land reclamation/ restoration in the above OC mines. The report of this study has been uploaded on the websites of CMPDI, CIL & WCL in public domain.



## **5.0 Land Reclamation Status in Western Coalfields Limited**

**5.1** Following 14 OC projects producing more than 5 million cubic m. (Coal + OB together) of Western Coalfields Ltd. have been taken up for land reclamation monitoring based on Satellite Data of the year 2023:

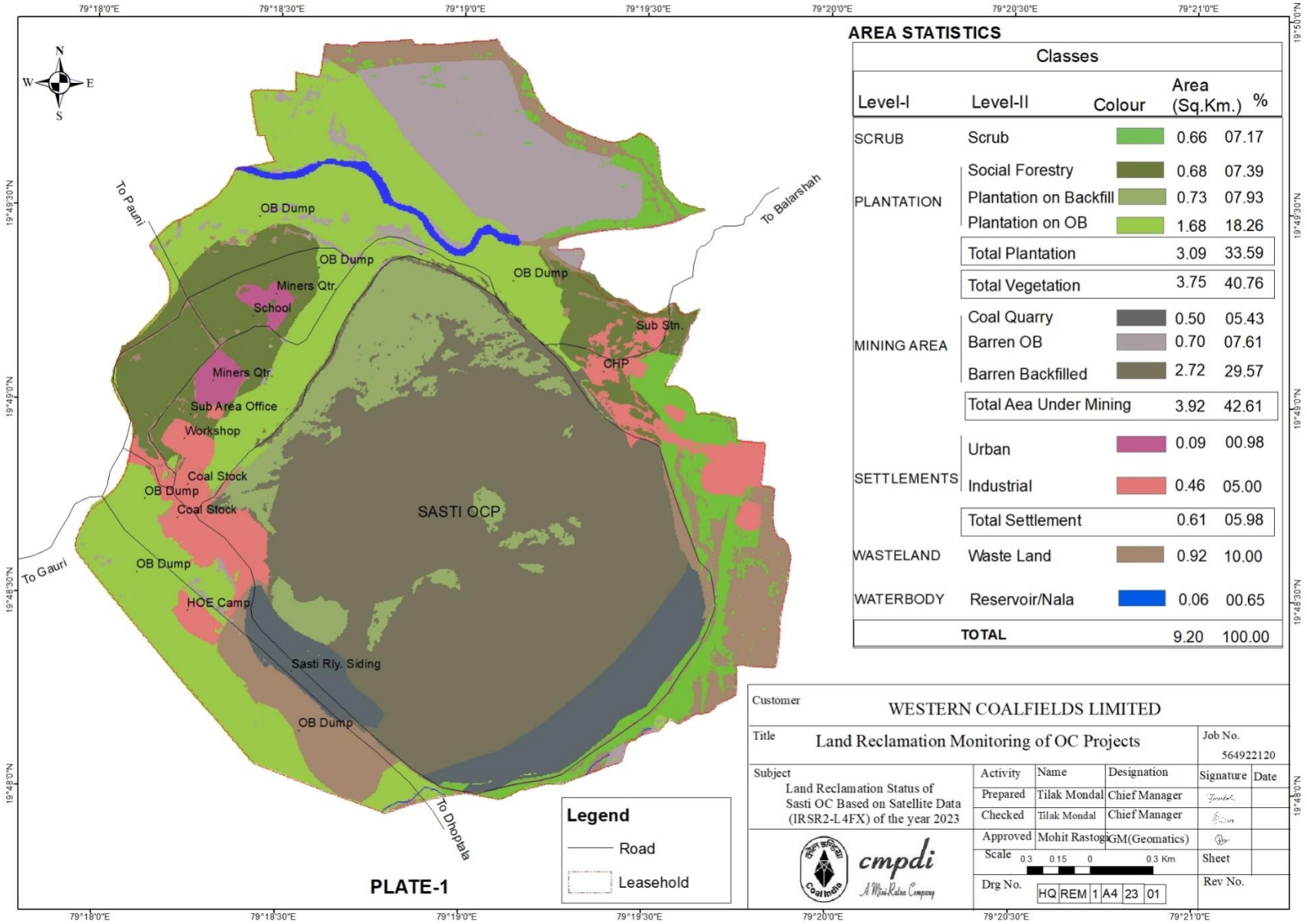
- Sasti
- Padmapur
- Durgapur
- Mugoli
- Umrer
- Ukni
- Niljai
- New Majri
- MKD-III
- Penganga
- Yekona-I&II (Amal.)
- New Majri UG to OC
- Pauni-II (Expn.)
- MKD-I(Expn.)

**5.2** Project wise Land Reclamation status in WCL for the year 2022 is given in Table 1 and also shown graphically in Fig 1. Area statistics of different land use class present in the mine leasehold of the above projects for the year 2022 are shown in the Table 2. It is important to mention here that leasehold boundaries of Yekona-I&II (Amal), New Majri UG to OC and MKD-I (Expn.) projects have been modified as per latest EC. Land use maps derived from satellite data are shown in Plate 1-14. Year wise changes in the different land use classes based on satellite data are depicted in Bar Charts in Fig.4–17 for the last three years only.

- 5.3** Study reveals that 16.50 Km<sup>2</sup> (42.00%) of excavated area has been under reclamation in the above mentioned mines of WCL out of which 4.24 Km<sup>2</sup>(10.79%) area has been revegetated and 12.26 Km<sup>2</sup> (31.20%) area is under backfilling. There is an overall increase of 0.40Km<sup>2</sup> in area under reclamation in WCL in the year 2023 with respect to the year 2022, out of which there is an increase of 0.39 Km<sup>2</sup> in area under technical reclamation (Barren Backfilling) and an increase of 0.01 Km<sup>2</sup> in area under biological reclamation (Plantation on Backfilled Areas) (Refer Table-1). In Sasti OC project, plantation on OB has been reduced by 0.02 Km<sup>2</sup> on account of OB dumping on vegetated OB dump area due to constraint of dumping space and plantation on backfilled area has also been reduced by 0.10 Km<sup>2</sup> on account of tree felling for the purpose of coal mining. In New Majri OC project, plantation on OB has been reduced by 0.27 Km<sup>2</sup> on account of OB dumping on vegetated OB dump area due to constraint of dumping space and plantation on backfilled area has also been reduced by 0.12 Km<sup>2</sup> on account of tree felling for the purpose of coal mining.
- 5.4** Analysis of satellite data also indicates that total area under active mining has increased from 21.07 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2022) to 22.79 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2023). In Padmapur OC project area under active mining has reduced due to increase in area under backfilling.
- 5.5** After comparing the satellite data of year 2023 vs. 2022, study also reveals that area under backfilling has increased from 11.87 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2022) to 12.26 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2023).
- 5.6** Total area under biological reclamation has increased from 4.23 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2022) to 4.24 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2023). There is no biological reclamation in Yekona-I&II (Amal.), New Majri UG to OC, Pauni-II (Expn.), MKD-I and MKD-III OC& Penganga OC.
- 5.7** Analysis of satellite data also indicates that total area under plantation (Green Cover) has increased from 29.48Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2022) to 30.70Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr.2023). The increase of 1.22Km<sup>2</sup> area under Green Cover areas may be attributed to continuous effort of WCL towards environmental protection.

- 5.8** After comparing the satellite data of year 2023 vs. 2022, it is evident that total area under plantation (Green Cover) in Padmapur, Durgapur, Mugoli, Umrer, Ukni, Niljai, Makardhokra-III, Penganga, New Majri UG to OC and Pauni-II(Expn.) Opencast Projects has increased. It has been also observed in some of the projects natural vegetation has also started growing on stabilized old backfilled areas and overburden dumps due to high soil fertility.
- 5.9** On comparing the status of land reclamation for the year 2023 with respect to the year 2022 in different projects, it is evident that the total area under reclamation has increased from 16.10 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2022) to 16.50 Km<sup>2</sup> (Yr. 2023).
- 5.10** Out of 14 projects of WCL, maximum area under reclamation is in Sasti Opencast Project (87.34%) followed by Umrer OC (65.01%) and Mugoli OC (46.58%).





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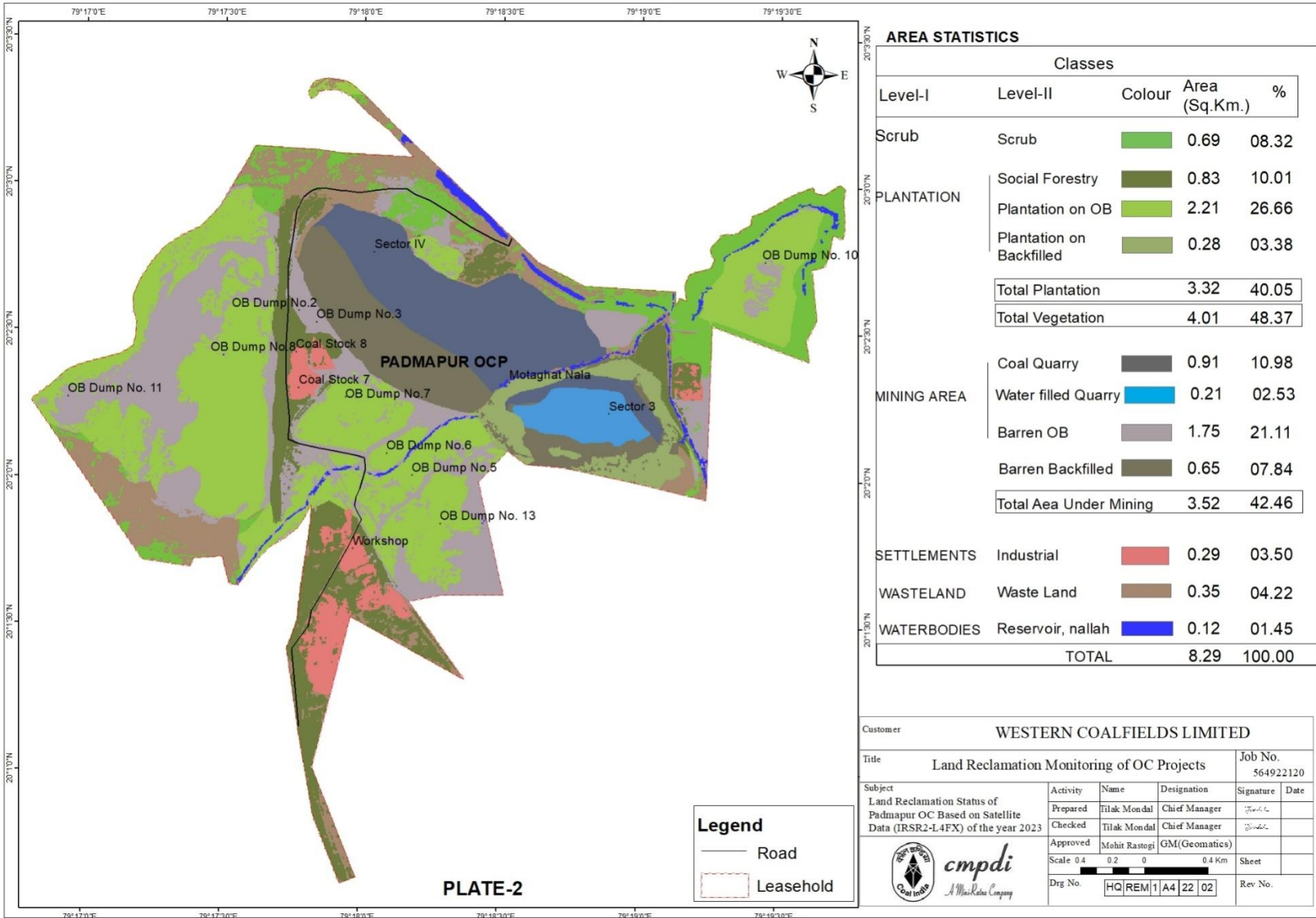
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		Plantation on Backfill		0.73	07.93
		Plantation on OB		1.68	18.26
Total Plantation			3.09	33.59	
Total Vegetation			3.75	40.76	
MINING AREA	Coal Quarry		0.50	05.43	
	Barren OB		0.70	07.61	
	Barren Backfilled		2.72	29.57	
	Total Aea Under Mining			3.92	42.61
SETTLEMENTS	Urban		0.09	00.98	
	Industrial		0.46	05.00	
	Total Settlement			0.61	05.98
WASTELAND	Waste Land		0.92	10.00	
WATERBODY	Reservoir/Nala		0.06	00.65	
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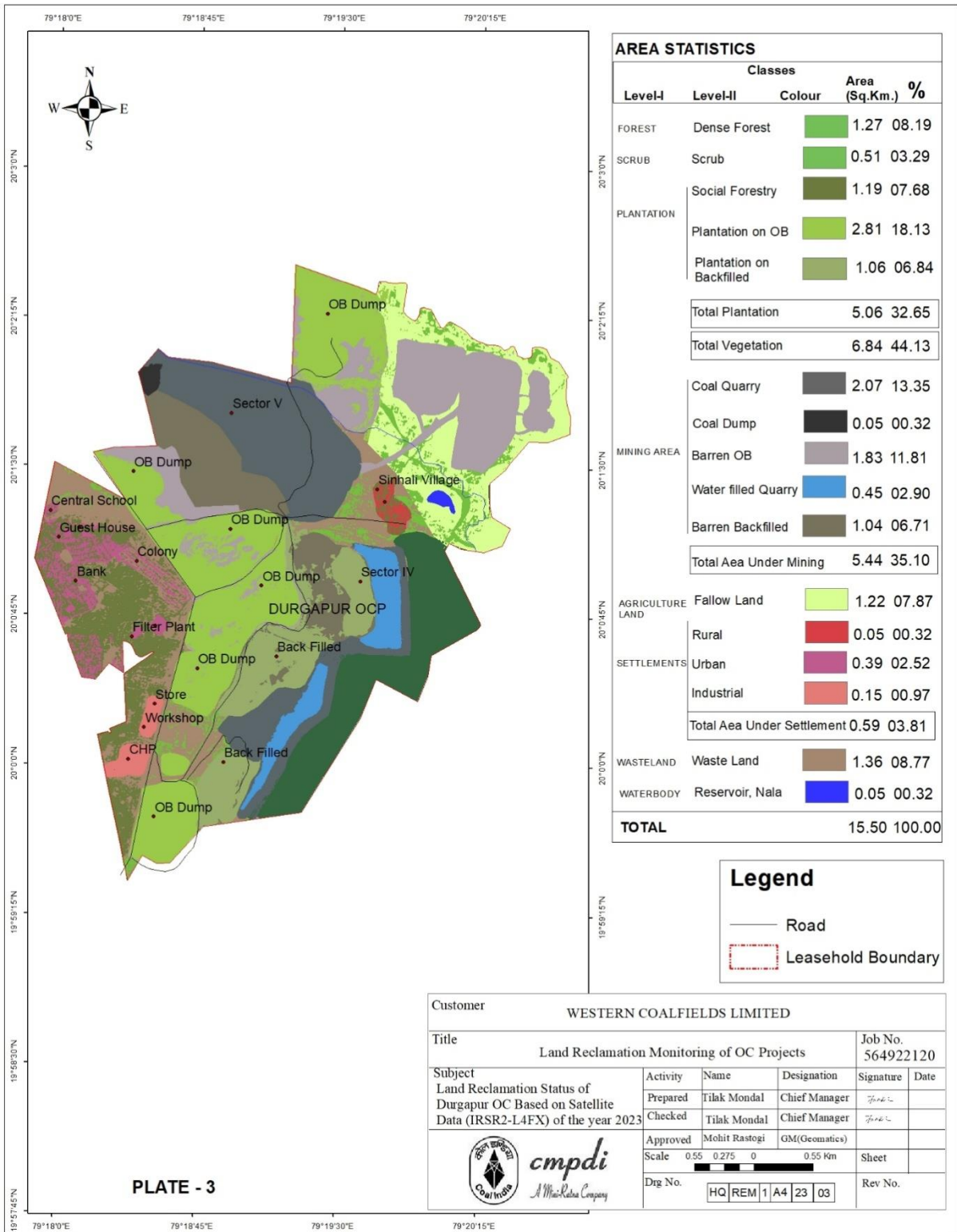
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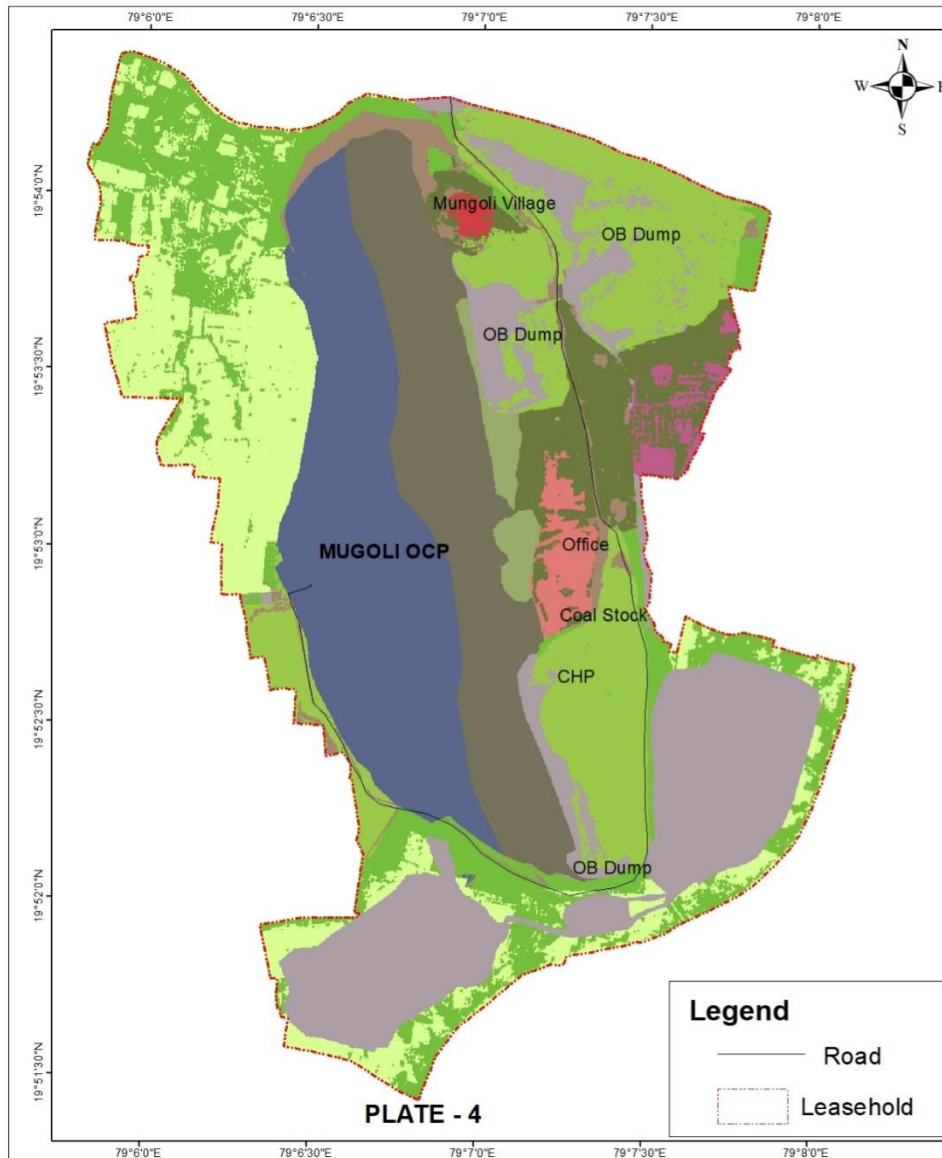
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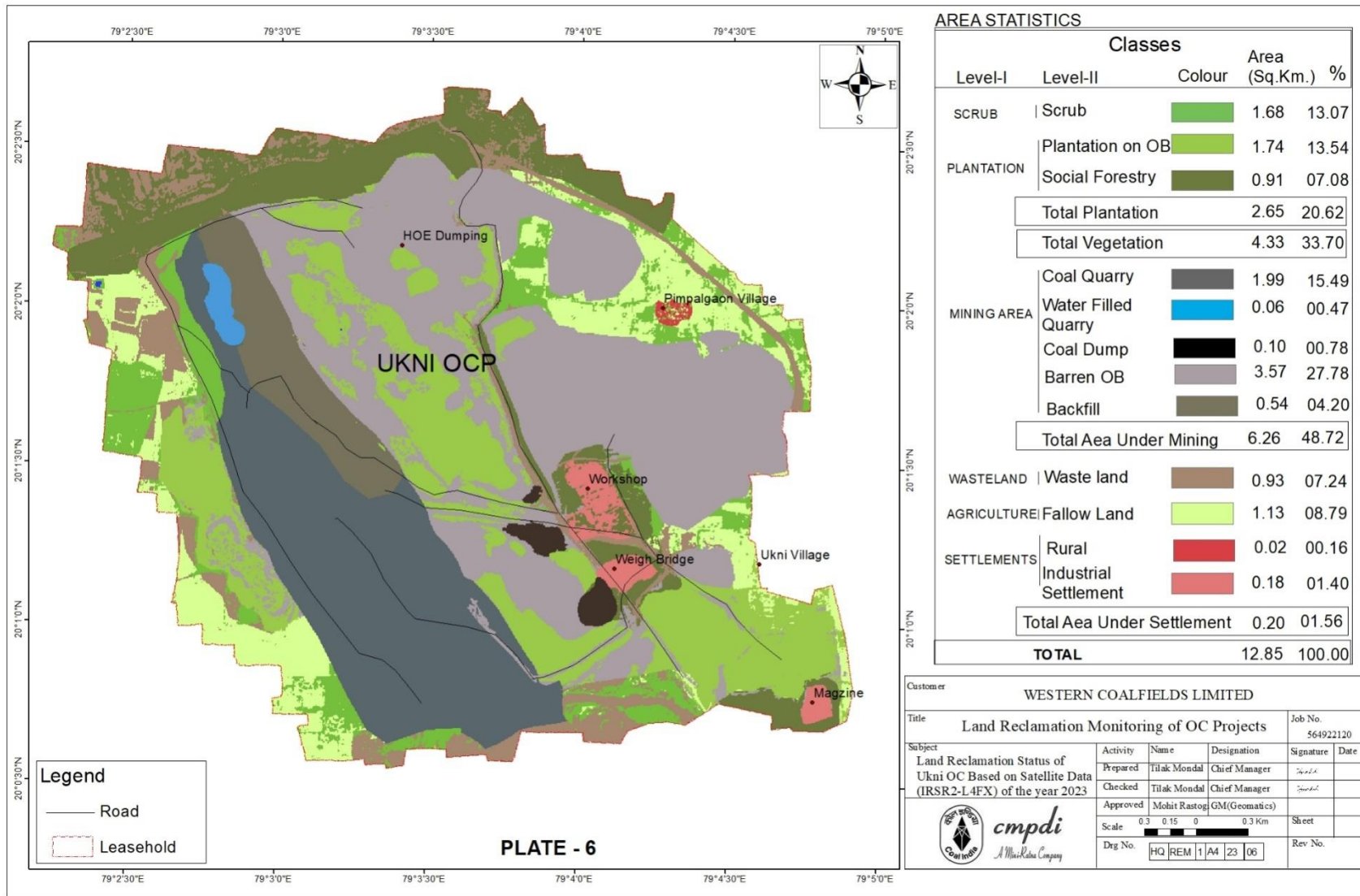
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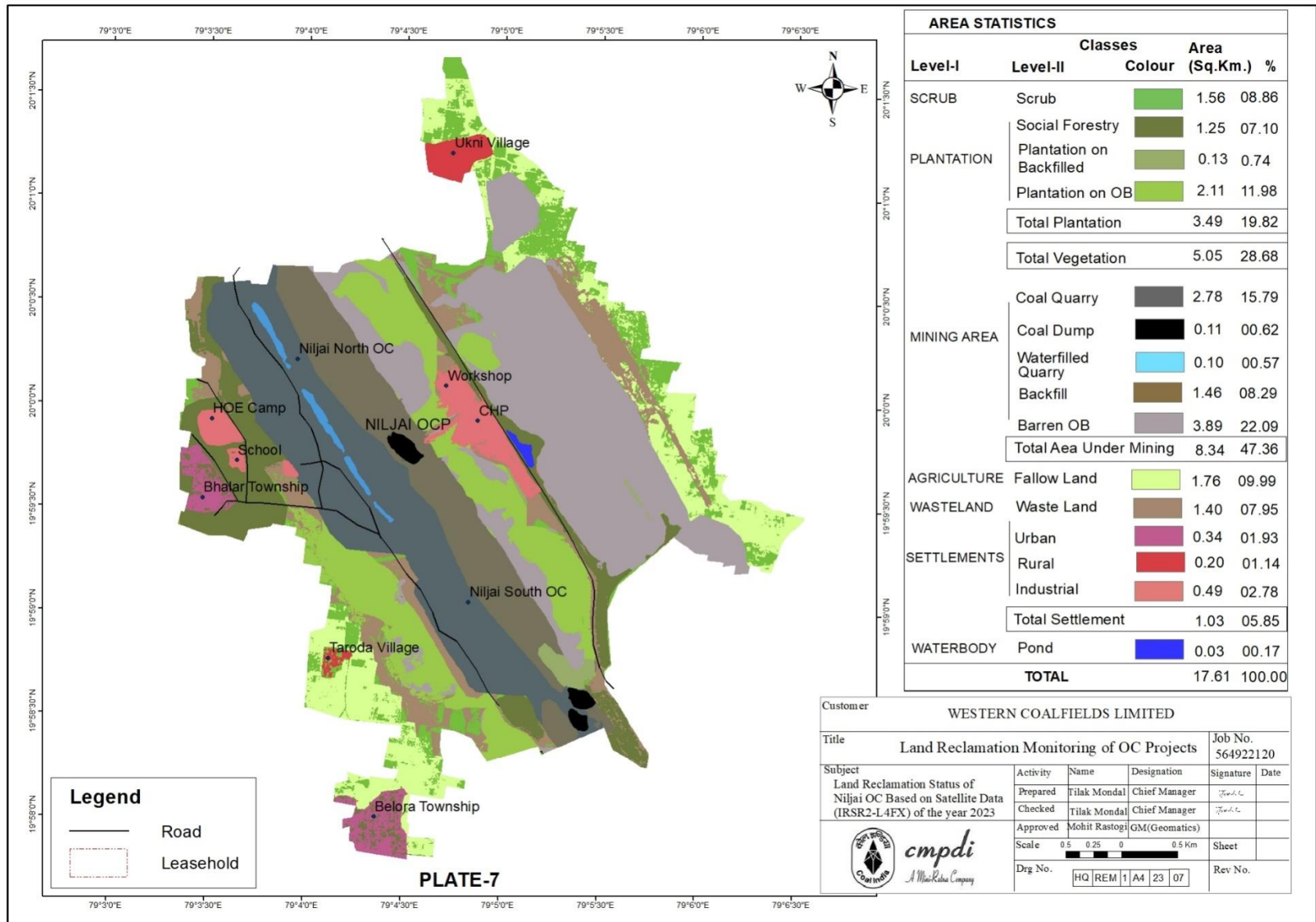
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	Social Forestry		0.61 04.86
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	Plantation on Backfill		0.17 01.35
	<b>Total Plantation</b>		<b>2.68 21.35</b>
<b>Total Vegetation</b>		<b>4.46</b>	<b>35.54</b>
MINING AREA	Coal Quarry		1.95 15.54
	Barren Backfilled		1.53 12.19
	Barren OB		2.19 17.45
<b>Total Aea Under Mining</b>		<b>5.67</b>	<b>45.18</b>
AGRICULTURE	Fallow Land		1.80 14.34
WASTELAND	Waste Land		0.29 02.31
SETTLEMENTS	Rural		0.03 00.24
	Urban		0.12 00.96
	Industrial		0.18 01.43
<b>Total Settlement</b>		<b>0.33</b>	<b>02.63</b>
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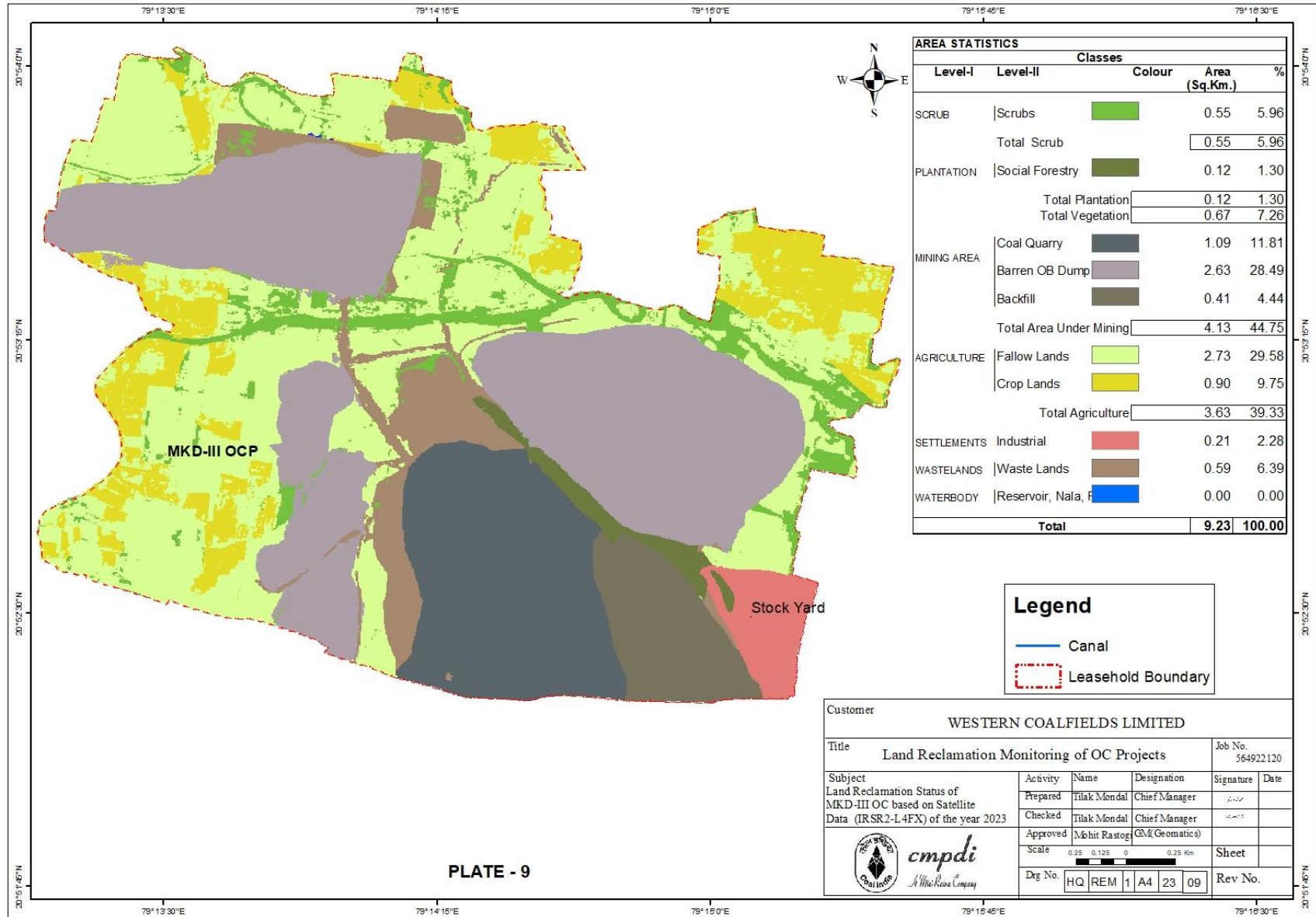


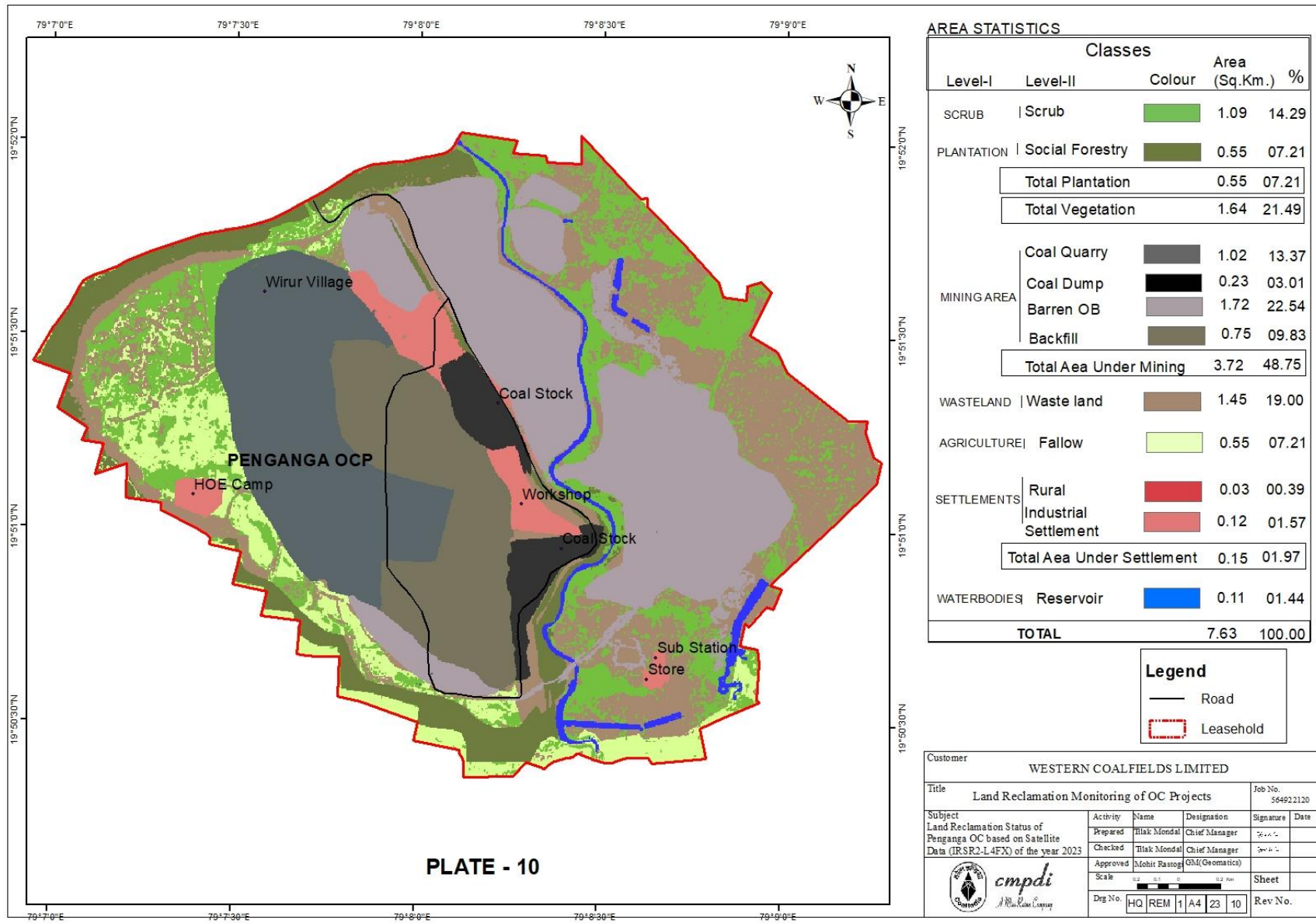












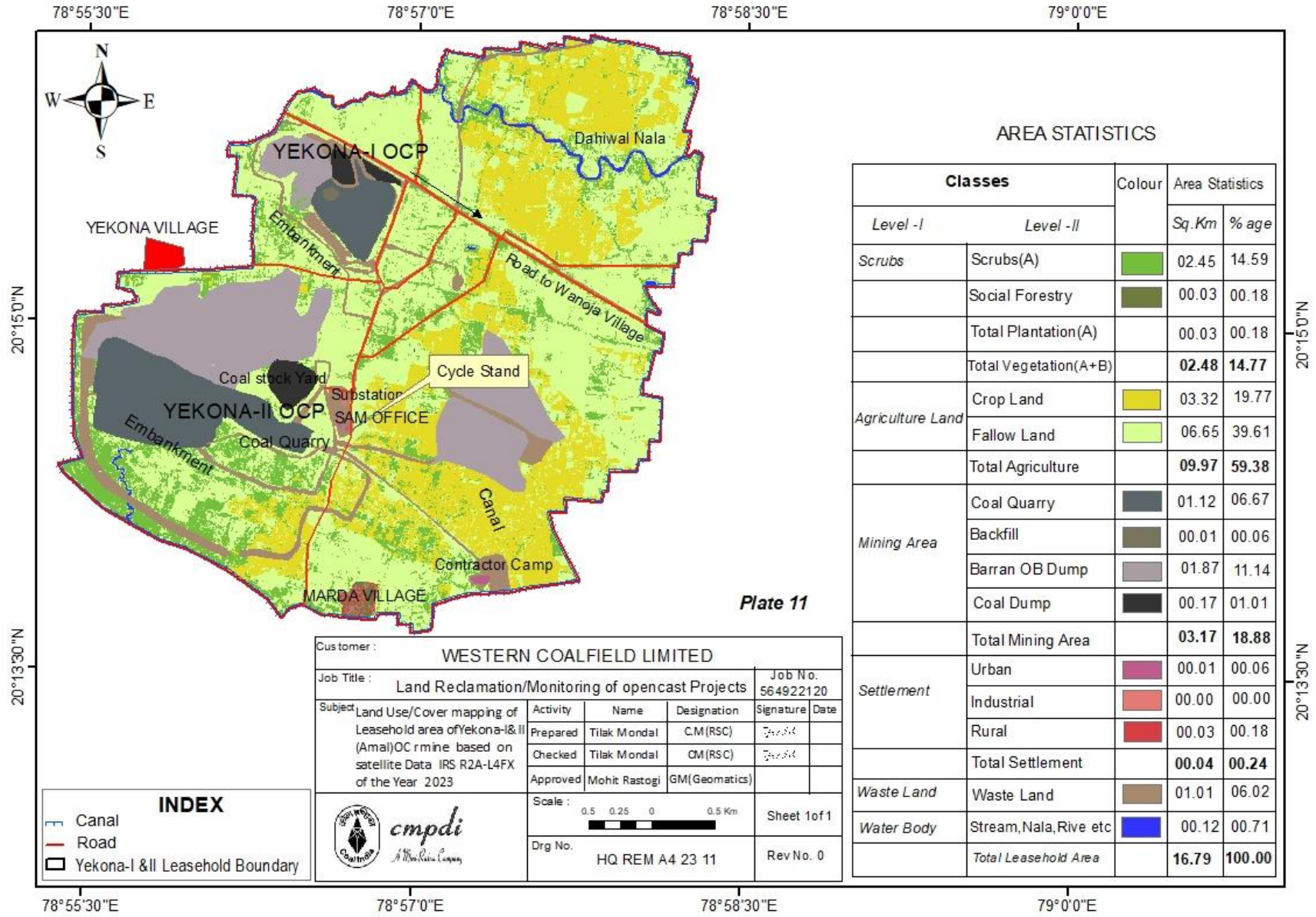
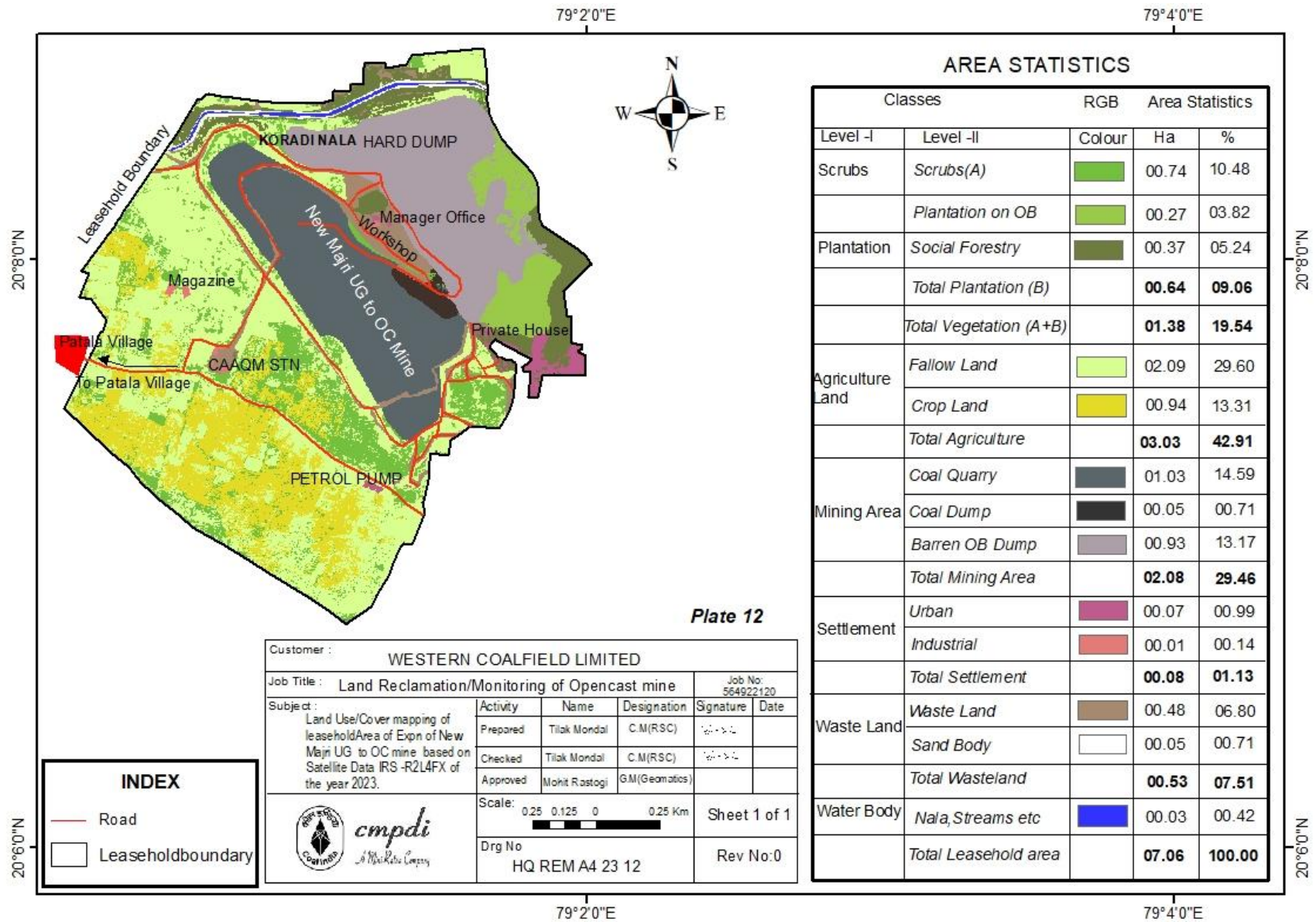


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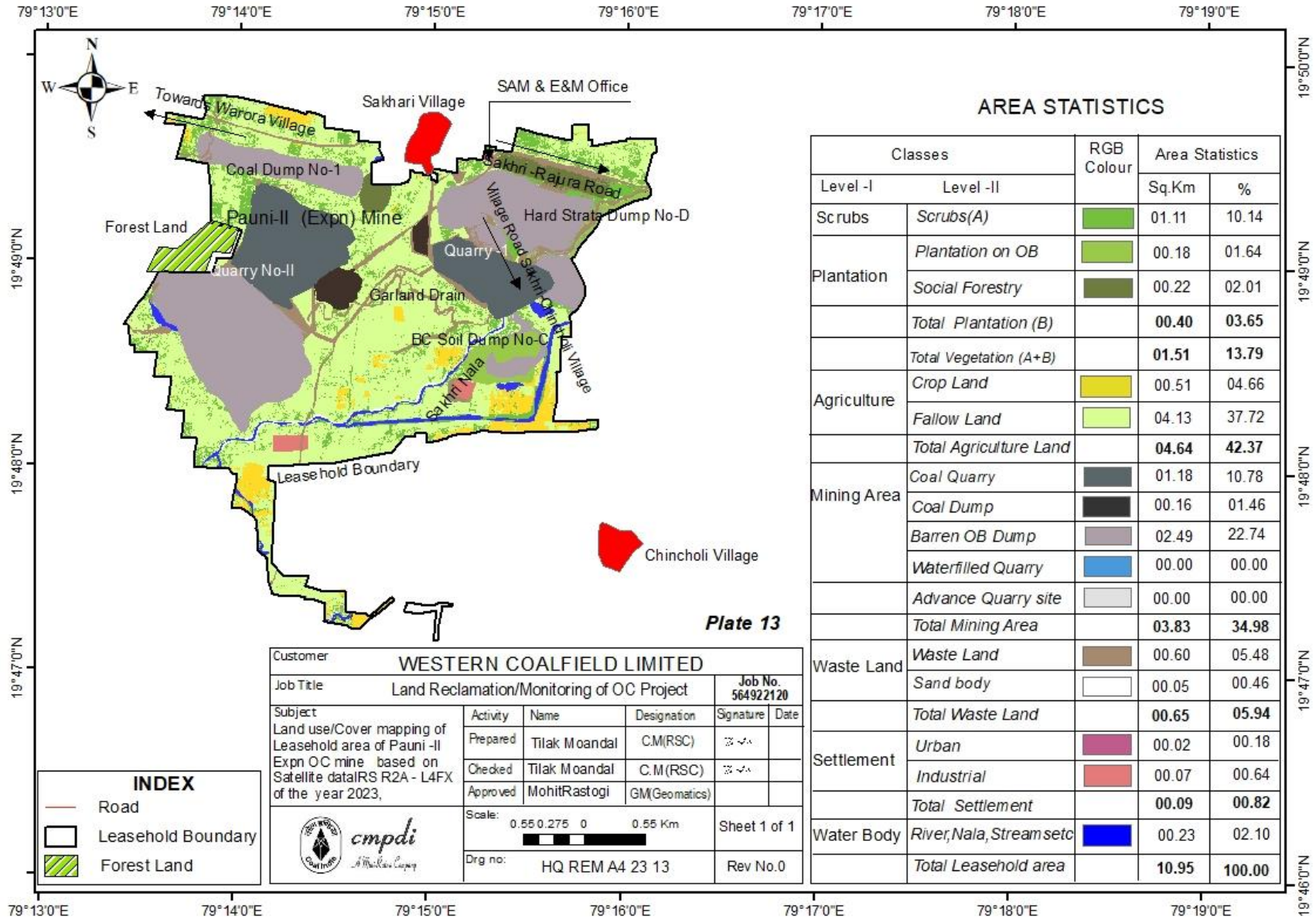
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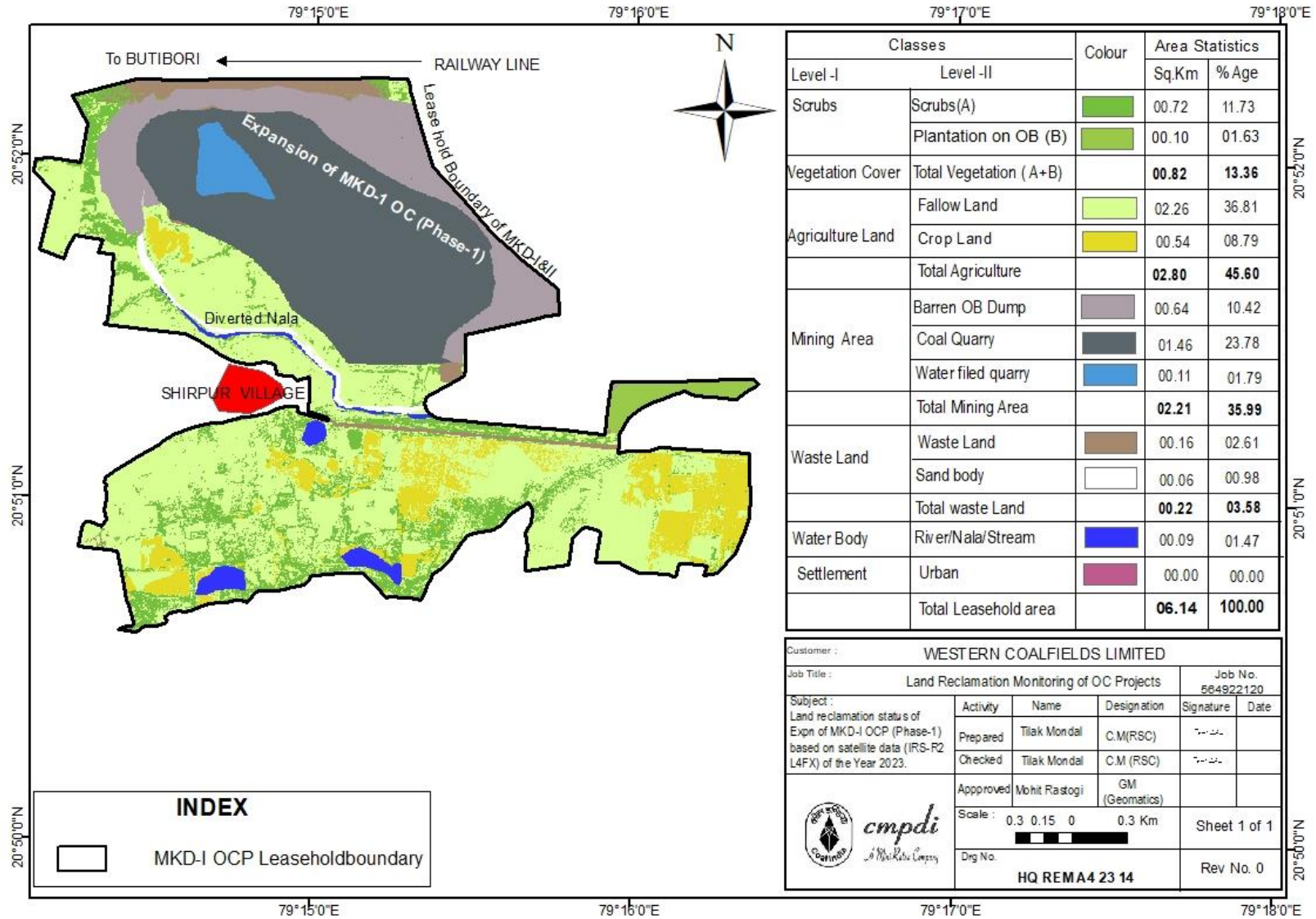
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Scrubs	Scrubs(A)		01.11	10.14
Plantation	Plantation on OB		00.18	01.64
	Social Forestry		00.22	02.01
	<b>Total Plantation (B)</b>		<b>00.40</b>	<b>03.65</b>
	<b>Total Vegetation (A+B)</b>		<b>01.51</b>	<b>13.79</b>
Agriculture	Crop Land		00.51	04.66
	Fallow Land		04.13	37.72
	<b>Total Agriculture Land</b>		<b>04.64</b>	<b>42.37</b>
Mining Area	Coal Quarry		01.18	10.78
	Coal Dump		00.16	01.46
	Barren OB Dump		02.49	22.74
	Waterfilled Quarry		00.00	00.00
	Advance Quarry site		00.00	00.00
	<b>Total Mining Area</b>		<b>03.83</b>	<b>34.98</b>
Waste Land	Waste Land		00.60	05.48
	Sand body		00.05	00.46
	<b>Total Waste Land</b>		<b>00.65</b>	<b>05.94</b>
Settlement	Urban		00.02	00.18
	Industrial		00.07	00.64
	<b>Total Settlement</b>		<b>00.09</b>	<b>00.82</b>
Water Body	River,Nala,Stream setc		00.23	02.10
	<b>Total Leasehold area</b>		<b>10.95</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Plate 13**

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Classes		Colour	Area Statistics	
Level -I	Level -II		Sq.Km	% Age
Scrubs	Scrubs(A)		00.72	11.73
	Plantation on OB (B)		00.10	01.63
Vegetation Cover	Total Vegetation (A+B)		<b>00.82</b>	<b>13.36</b>
Agriculture Land	Fallow Land		02.26	36.81
	Crop Land		00.54	08.79
	Total Agriculture		<b>02.80</b>	<b>45.60</b>
Mining Area	Barren OB Dump		00.64	10.42
	Coal Quarry		01.46	23.78
	Water filed quarry		00.11	01.79
	Total Mining Area		<b>02.21</b>	<b>35.99</b>
Waste Land	Waste Land		00.16	02.61
	Sand body		00.06	00.98
	Total waste Land		<b>00.22</b>	<b>03.58</b>
Water Body	River/Nala/Stream		00.09	01.47
Settlement	Urban		00.00	00.00
	Total Leasehold area		<b>06.14</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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	MKD-I OCP Leasehold boundary

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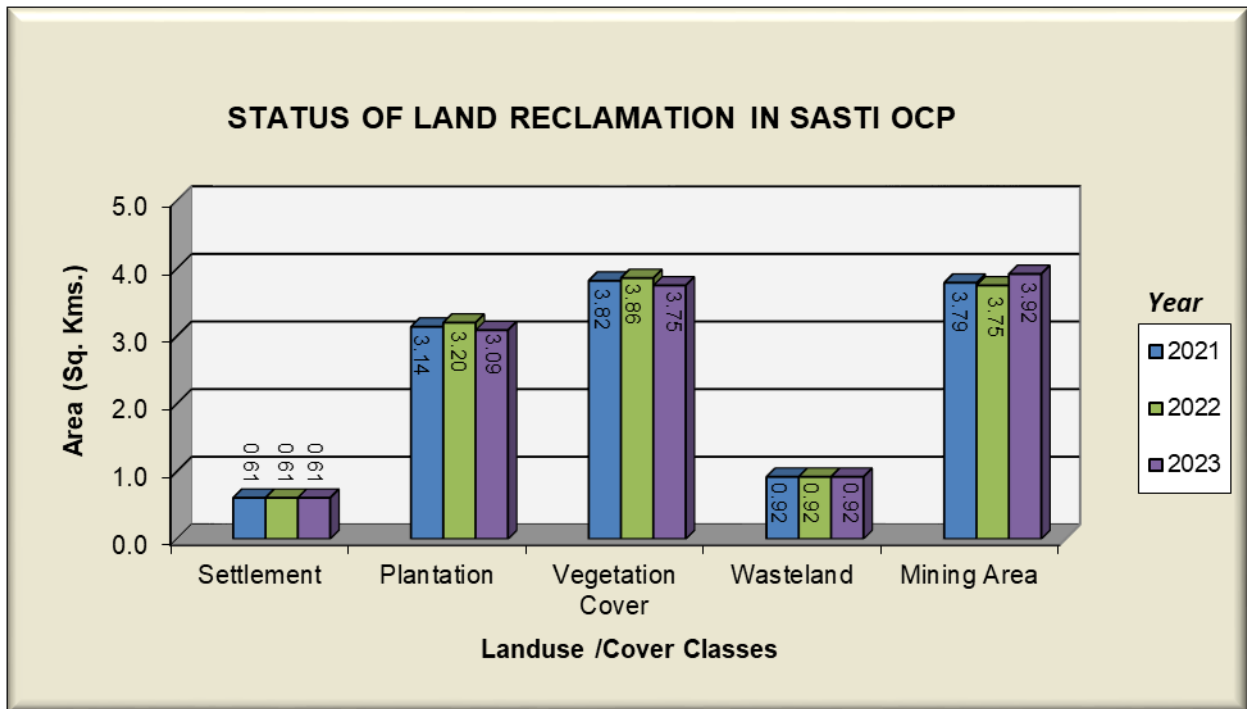


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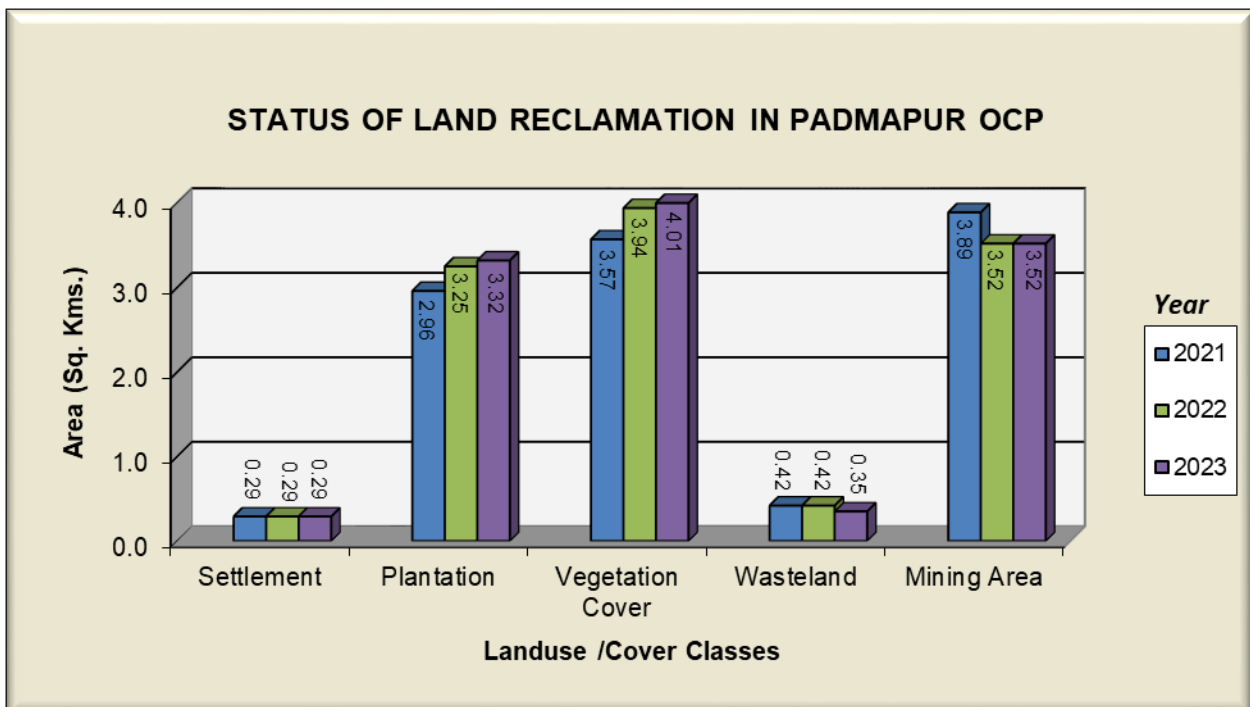


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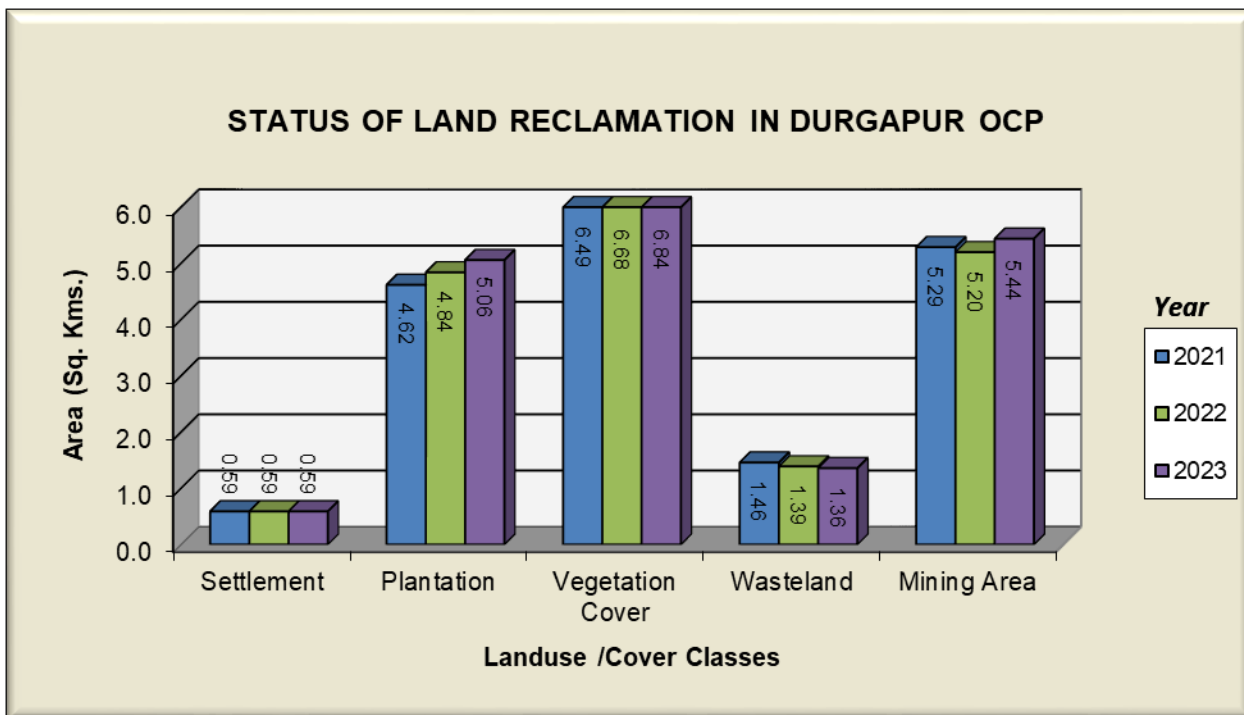


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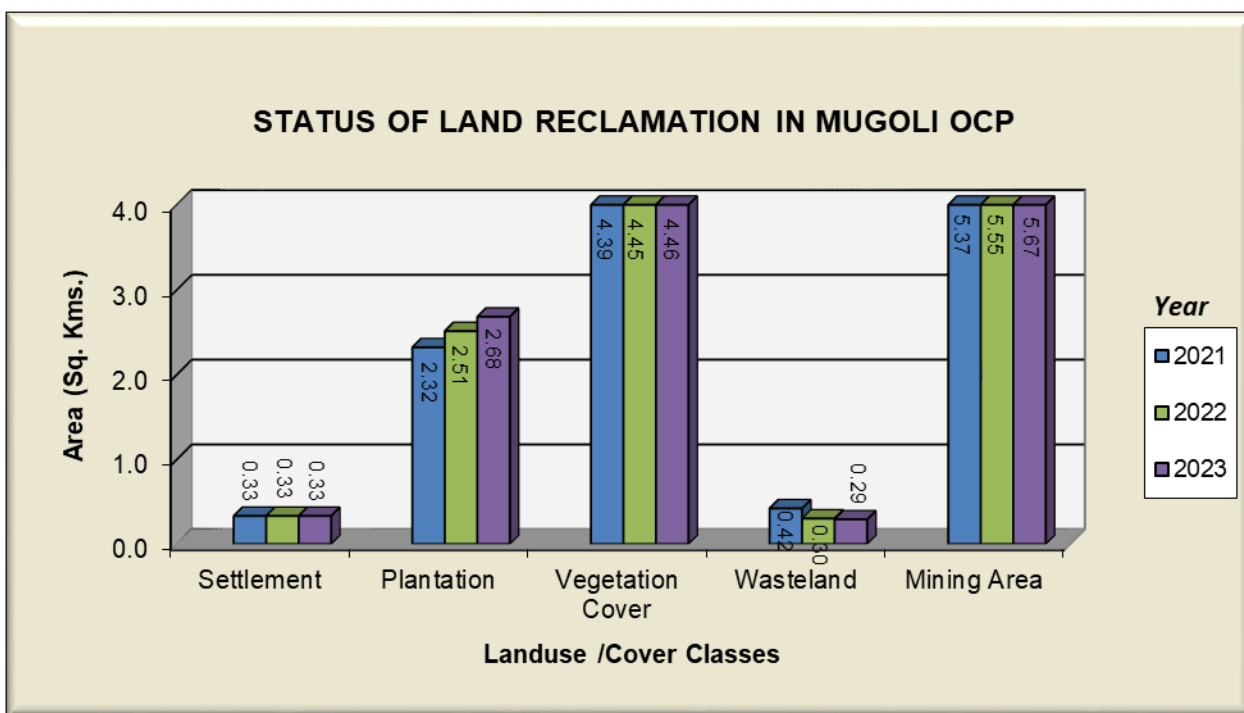


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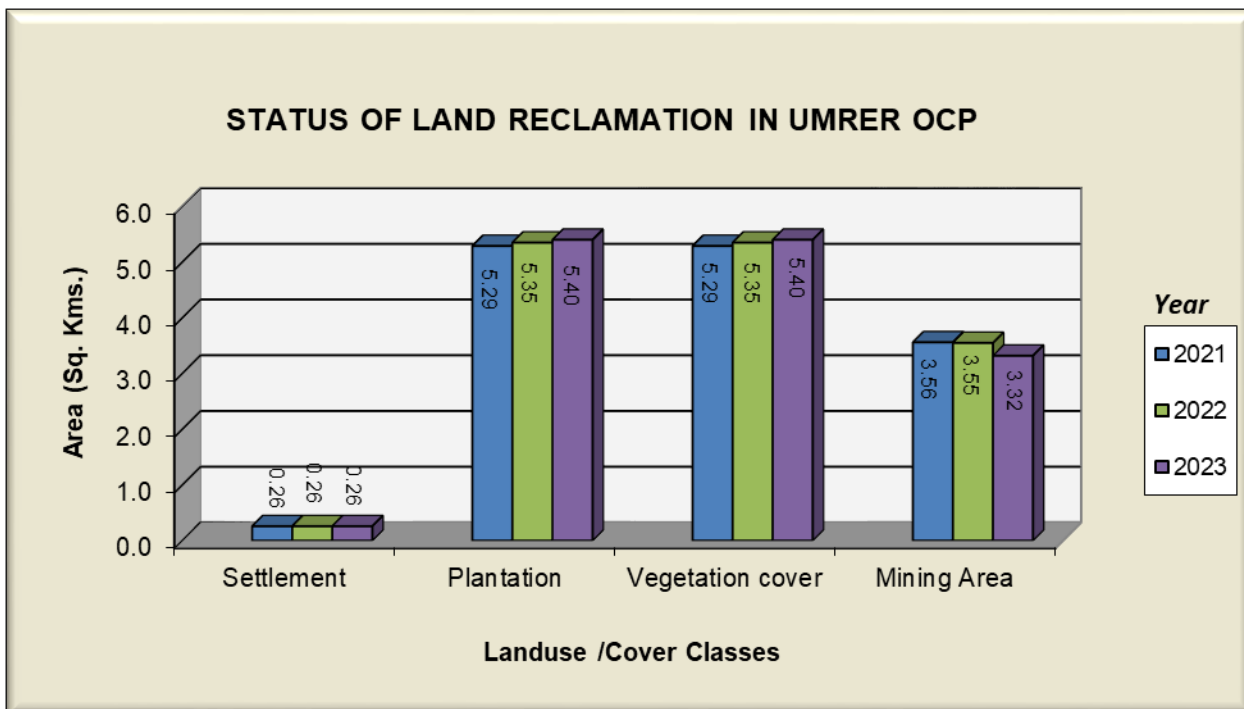


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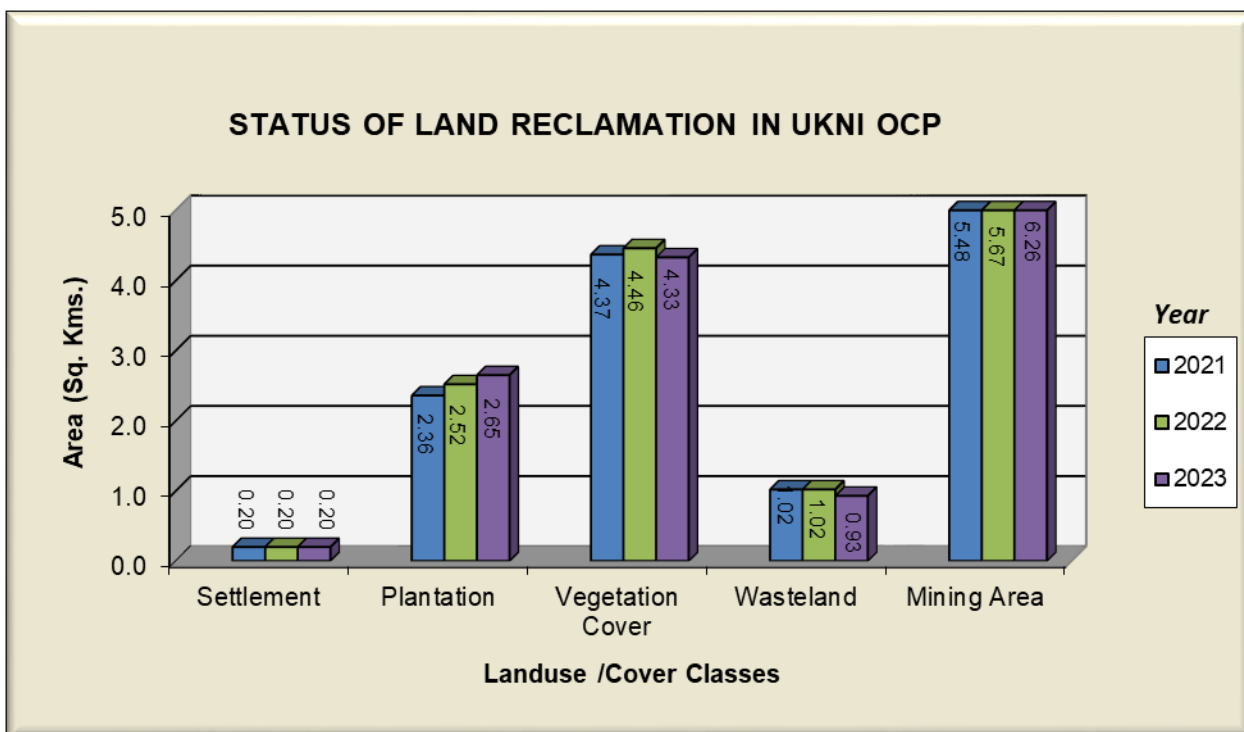


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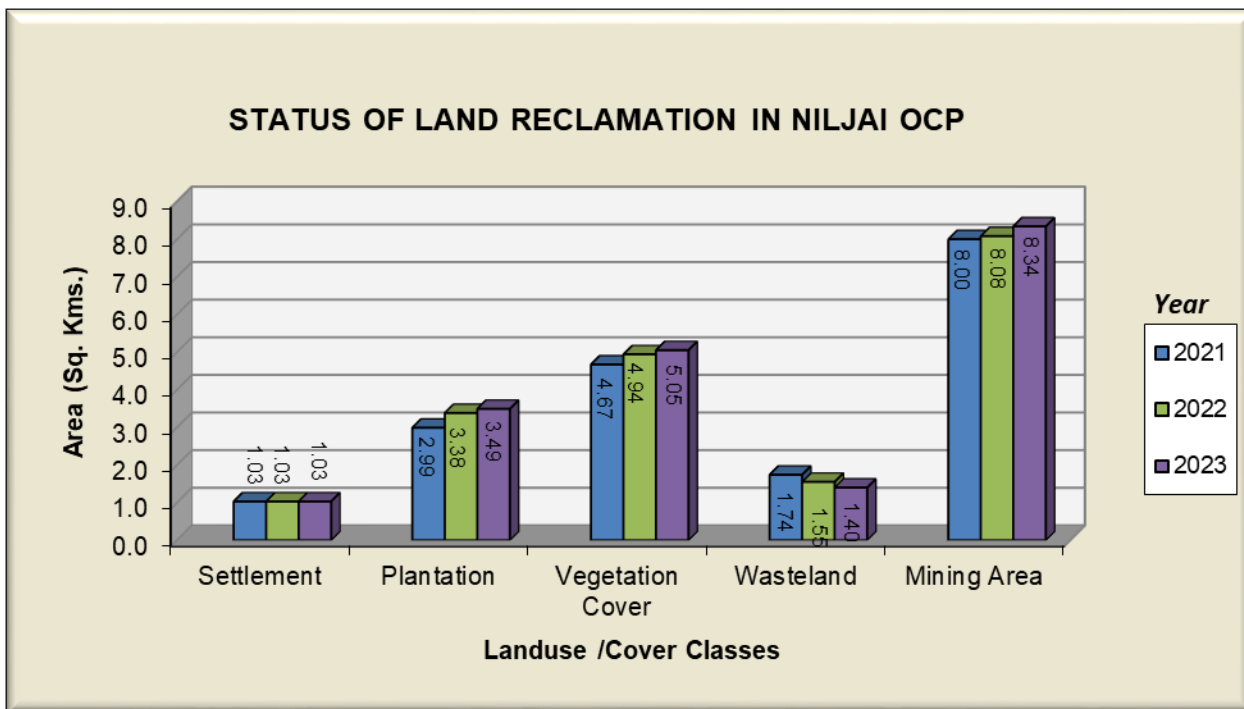


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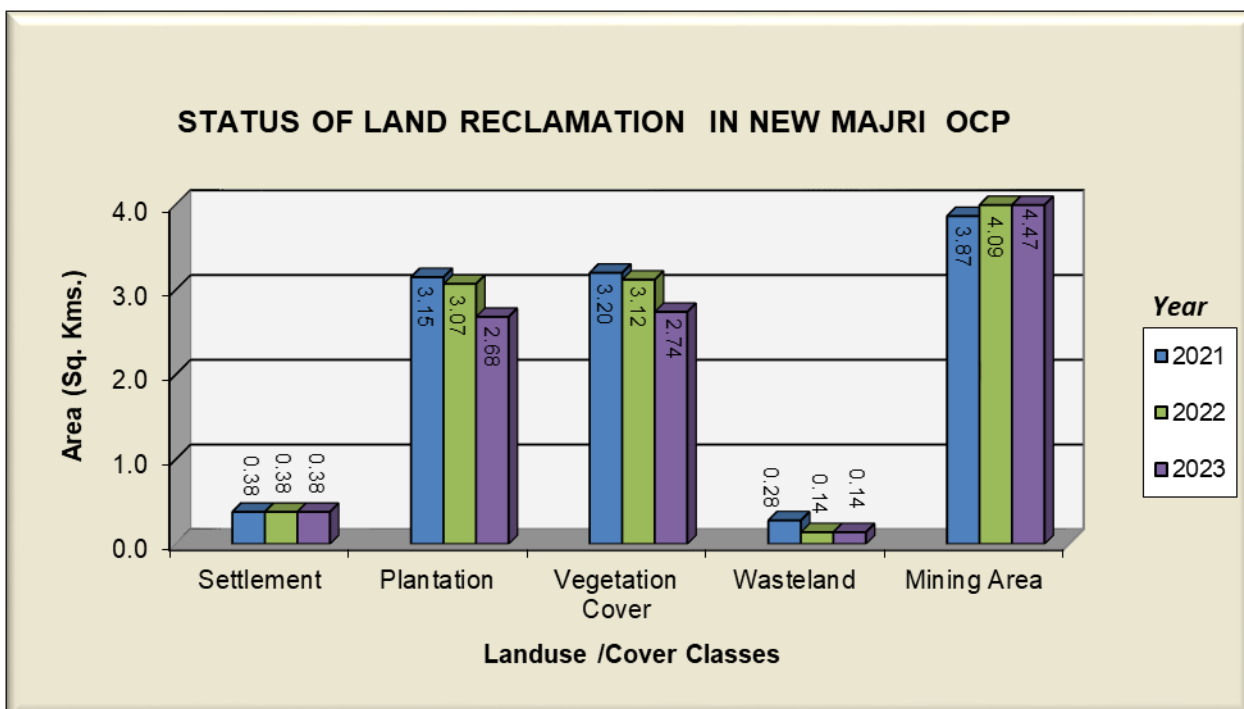


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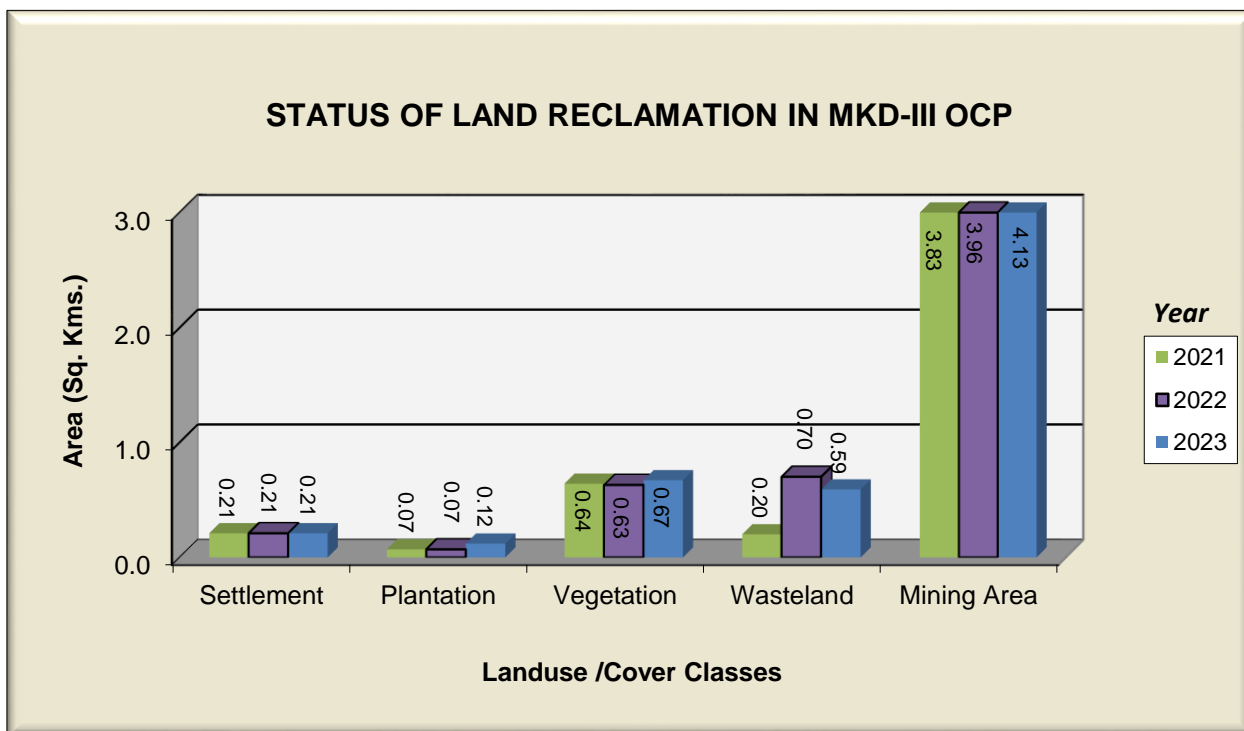


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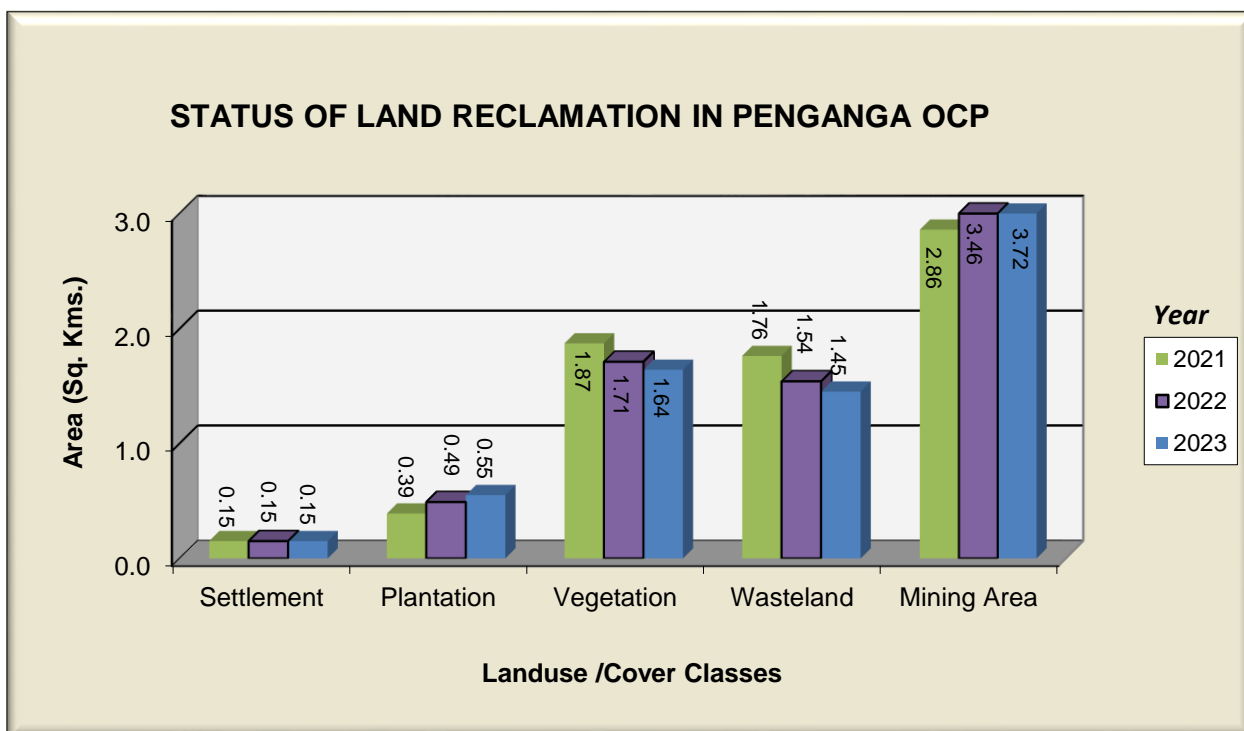


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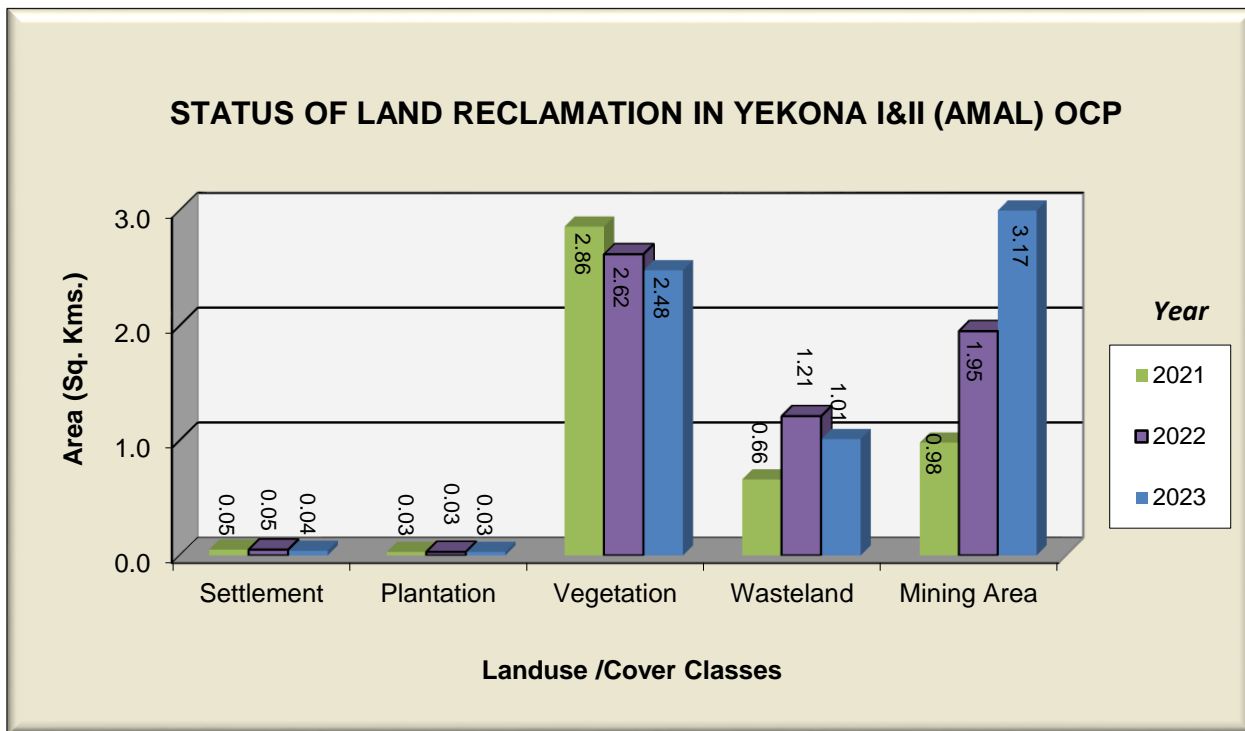


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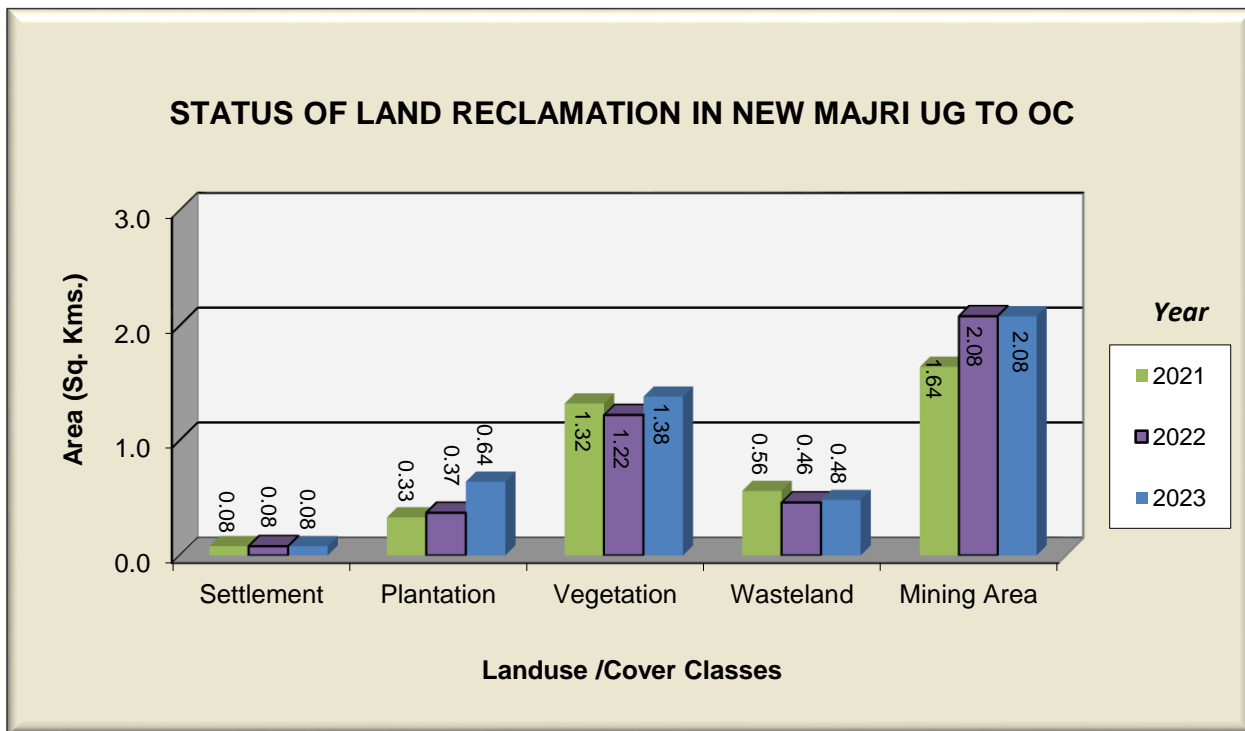


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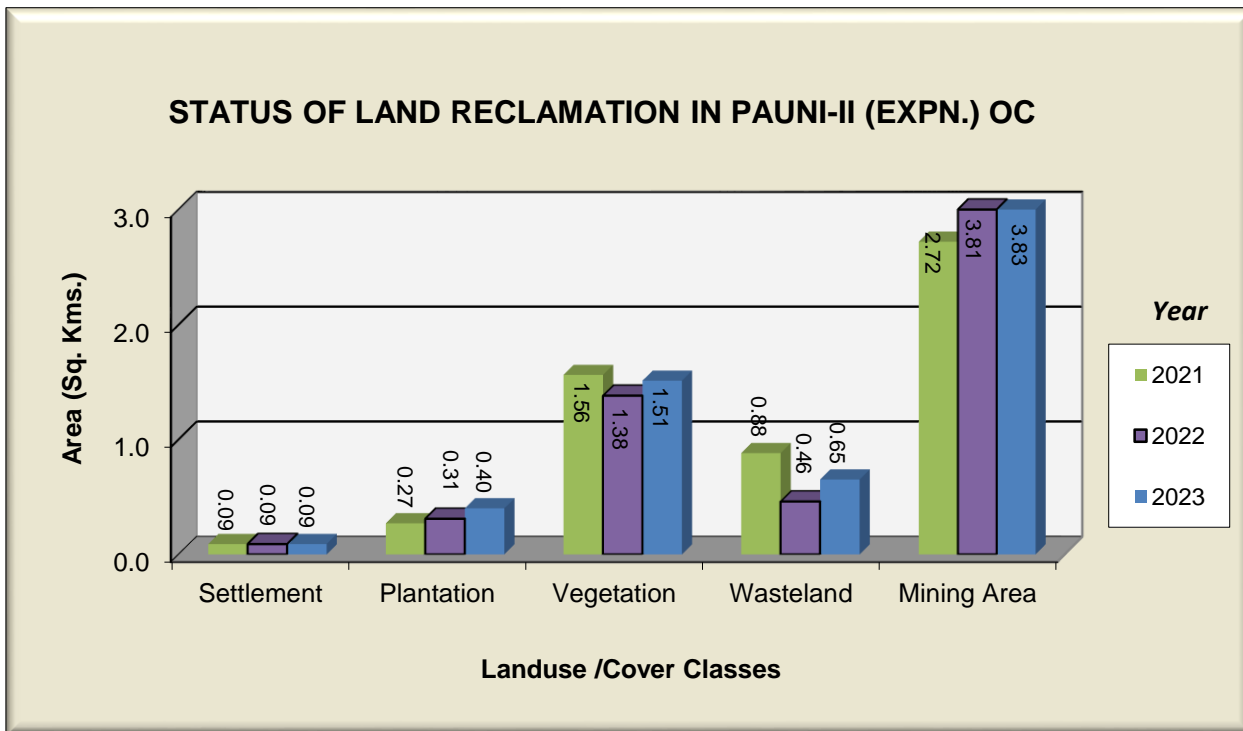


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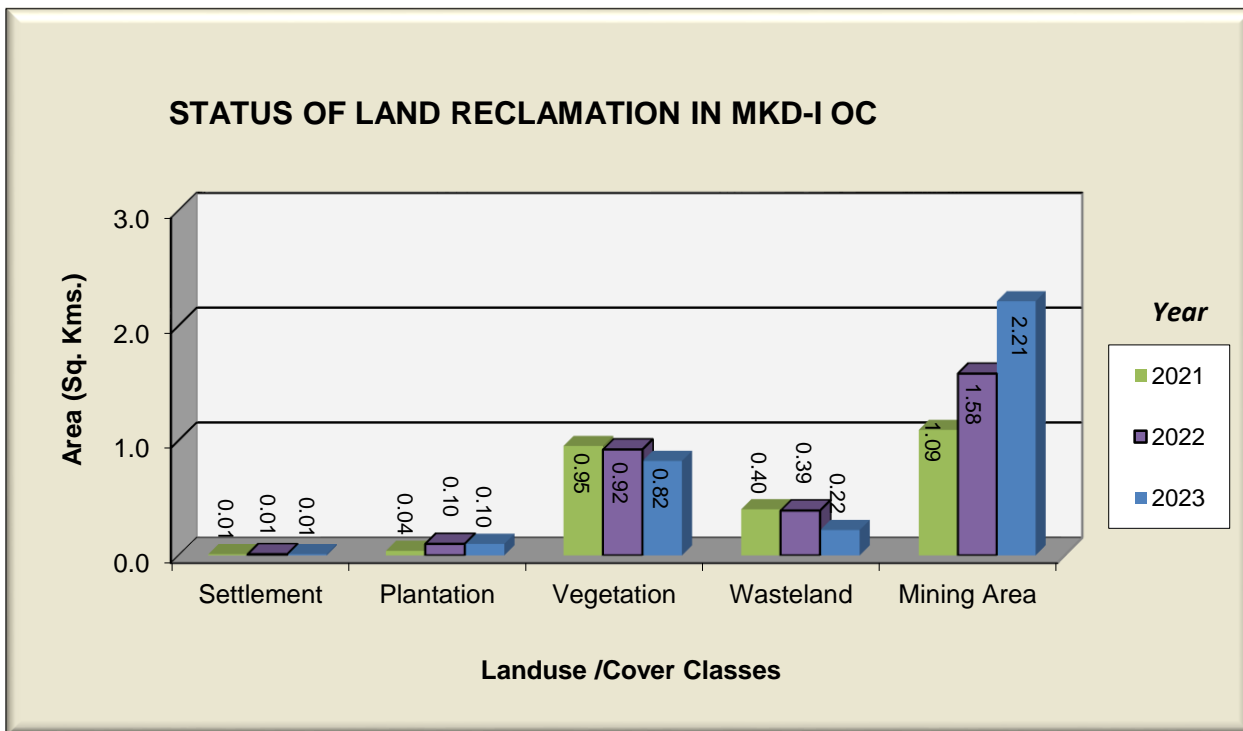


Figure 17



**Photograph-1: Plantation on Internal OB/Backfill (Sasti OCP)**



**Photograph-2: Plantation on External OB dump (Padmapur OCP)**



**Photograph-3: Avenue Plantation (Durgapur OCP)**



**Photograph-4: Plantation on OB Dump (Mugoli OCP)**



**Photograph-5: Plantation on Internal OB dump(Umrer OCP)**



**Photograph-6: Plantation on External OB dump (Ukni OCP)**



**Photograph-7: Social Forestry (Niljai OCP)**



**Photograph-8: Plantation on Embankment (New Majri OCP)**



**Photograph-9: Plantation on OB dump(Penganga OCP)**



**Photograph-10: Avenue Plantation (MKD-IIIOCP)**



**Photograph-11: Social Forestry (Yekona-I&II (Amal.) OCP)**



**Photograph-12: Social Forestry (New Majri UG to OC)**



Photograph-13: Social Forestry (Pauni-II (Expn.)OCP)



Photograph-14: Social Forestry (MKD-I OCP)



## शब्द-कोष

1	Land Reclamation	भूमि पुनरुद्धार
2	Over Burden	अधिभार
3	Monitoring	निगरानी
4	Report	प्रतिवेदन
5	Executive Summary	कार्यकारी सारांश
6	Opencast Mine	खुली खदान
7	Objective	उद्देश्य
8	Methodology	कार्य प्रणाली अथवा प्रक्रिया
9	Table	तालिका
10	List of Tables	तालिकाओं की सूची
11	Map	मानचित्र
12	Social Forestry	सामाजिक वानिकी
13	Plantation	पौधारोपण
14	Million	घनमीटर
15	Background	पृष्ठभूमि
16	Planning	योजनाबद्ध
17	Asses	आकलन
18	Status	स्थिति
19	Regularly	निरंतर
20	Satellite	उपग्रह
21	Subsidiary	अनुषांगिक
22	Production	उत्पादन
23	Biological Reclamation	जैविक पुनरुद्धार
24	Technical Reclamation	तकनीकी पुनरुद्धार

25	Leasehold Area	पट्टा क्षेत्र
26	Excavated Area	उत्खनन क्षेत्र
27	Active mining	सक्रिय खनन
28	Environmental Protection	पर्यावरण संरक्षण
29	Remedial Measure	उपचारात्मक उपाय
30	Interval	अंतराल
31	Systematic Error	व्यवस्थित त्रुटियाँ।
32	Error	अशुद्धियाँ
33	Curvature	वक्रता
34	Geometric	ज्यामितिक
35	Distortion	विरूपण
36	Plantation	पौधारोपण
37	Capacity	क्षमता
38	Software	सॉफ्टवेयर
39	Class	वर्ग
40	Accuracy	सटीकता
41	Statistical Separation	सांख्यिकीय पृथक्करण
42	Cubic meter	घनमीटर
43	Depicted	दर्शाया गया
44	Percentage	प्रतिशत
45	Salient Findings	मुख्य निष्कर्ष
46	Methodology	पद्धति
47	Data Procurement	डाटा क्रय
48	Satellite data Processing	उपग्रह डेटा प्रसंस्करण
49	Rectification and geo-referencing	सुधार और भूसन्दर्भ-

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50	Image enhancement	छविगुण - बृद्धि
51	Training set selection	प्रशिक्षण सेट का चयन
52	Classification and Accuracy assessment	वर्गीकरण और मूल्यांकन की सटीकता
53	Area calculation	क्षेत्र गणना
54	Temporal	लौकिक
55	Processing	प्रसंस्करण
56	Overlay of Vector data base	वेक्टर डेटा बेस का अरोपन
57	Area calculation	क्षेत्रगणना-
58	Pre-field map preparation	क्षेत्र जाने के पहले नक्शे की तैयारी
59	Ground Truthing	भू-सत्यापन
60	Ground Information	भू-सूचना
61	Interpretation	व्याख्या
62	Eco-system	पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र
63	Minor	मामुली
64	Water Drainage	जल निकाय
65	Interval	अंतराल
66	Maximum	अधिकतम
67	Coal field	कोयला क्षेत्र
68	Design	परिकल्पना
69	Superimpose	आरोपित
70	Update	अद्यतनीकरण/नवीनीकरण
71	Cumulative	संचयित
72	Embankment	तटबंध
73	Cluster	खुली तथा भूमिगत खदानों के समूह

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

Sol	Survey of India
MoEF&CC	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
CIL	Coal India Limited
ECL	Eastern Coalfields Limited
BCCL	Bharat Coking Coal Limited
CCL	Central Coalfields Limited
WCL	Western Coalfields Limited
SECL	South Eastern Coalfields Limited
NCL	Northern Coalfields Limited
MCL	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited
NEC	North Eastern Coalfields
CMPDIL	Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd
NRSC	National Remote Sensing Centre
R2/ R2A	ResourceSat Satellites
LISS - 4	Linear Imaging and Self Scanning Sensor
FCC	False Colour Composite
OCP	Opencast Project
UGP	Underground Project
OB	Over Burden
GCP	Ground Control points
GIS	Geographic Information System
WGS-84	World Geodetic System
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator

## GLOSSARY

Sl.	Term	Definition
1.	Land Reclamation	To manage, reclaim and restore mined out/ degraded land as close as possible to its original stage.
2.	Over Burden	The material that lies above the coal seam/ deposit
3.	Monitoring	A process of evaluation to check or keep record for a period of time.
4.	Opencast Coal Mine	Open-pit mining, also known as opencast mining, is a surface mining technique that extracts minerals from an open pit in the ground.
5.	Social Forestry	Social forestry is the management and protection of forests and afforestation of barren and deforested lands with the purpose of helping environmental, social and rural development. Plantation (Social/ Avenue or other) carried out outside mining area.
6.	Biological Reclamation	Plantation on Backfilled areas (Stabilised Internal Dumps)
7.	Technical Reclamation	Area under backfilling (Over burden dumped inside the mine voids) in mining area.
8.	Green Cover Generated	Total Plantation carried out in the lease area of Project. This includes Plantation on Backfill, Plantation on OB and Social Forestry.
9.	Leasehold Area	The area, for which lease is granted for the purpose of undertaking mining and allied operations.
10.	Excavated area	Mined out area which includes active mining, area under backfilling and plantation on backfilled areas
11.	Active Mining	Mining areas which include Coal Quarry, Advance Quarry, Quarry Filled with Water etc.
12.	Environmental Protection	It is the practice of protecting the natural environment by individuals, organizations and governments. Its objectives are to conserve natural resources and the existing natural environment and, where possible, to mitigate damage and reverse trends.
13.	Remedial Measure	Any measure or action required or undertaken to investigate, monitor, clean up, remove, treat, prevent, contain or otherwise remediate the presence or release of any hazardous substance or activity.
14.	Systematic Error	Every measurement differing from the true measurement in the same direction, and even by the same amount in some cases.

15.	Geometric Distortion	It refers to the improper positioning of any image with respect to their true geographic position when viewed in a properly scaled common image display plane.
16.	Land Use/Cover Class	Land cover is what covers the surface of the earth and land use describes how the land is used.
17.	Accuracy	The closeness of agreement between a measured quantity value and a true quantity value.
18.	Environmental Clearance	Environmental Clearance (EC) for any developmental projects like coal mining projects etc. has been made mandatory by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF& CC) through its Notification issued on 27.01.1994 under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
19.	Rectification and Geo-referencing	Geo-referencing is the assigning of absolute location of a data point or data points. Geo-rectification refers to the removal of geometric distortions between sets of data points, most often the removal of terrain, platform, and sensor induced distortions from remote sensing imagery.
20.	Image Enhancement	It is the process of modifying digital images so that the results are more suitable for processing or further image analysis.
21.	Training set selection	It is a portion of a data set used to fit or train a model for prediction or classification of values that are known in the training set, but unknown in other (future) data.
22.	Image Classification	It refers to the task of extracting information classes from a multiband raster image. The resulting raster from image classification can be used to create thematic maps.
23.	Temporal Changes	The 'temporal change' means the change in any entity with a period of time.
24.	Ground Truthing	Collection of primary/ basic information from ground realities for satellite image interpretation and thematic mapping.
25.	Cluster	Group of opencast and/ or underground mines clubbed together for administrative purposes.
26.	Arc GIS	GIS Software used for Map preparation
27.	ERDAS IMAGINE	Satellite Image Data Classification Software



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