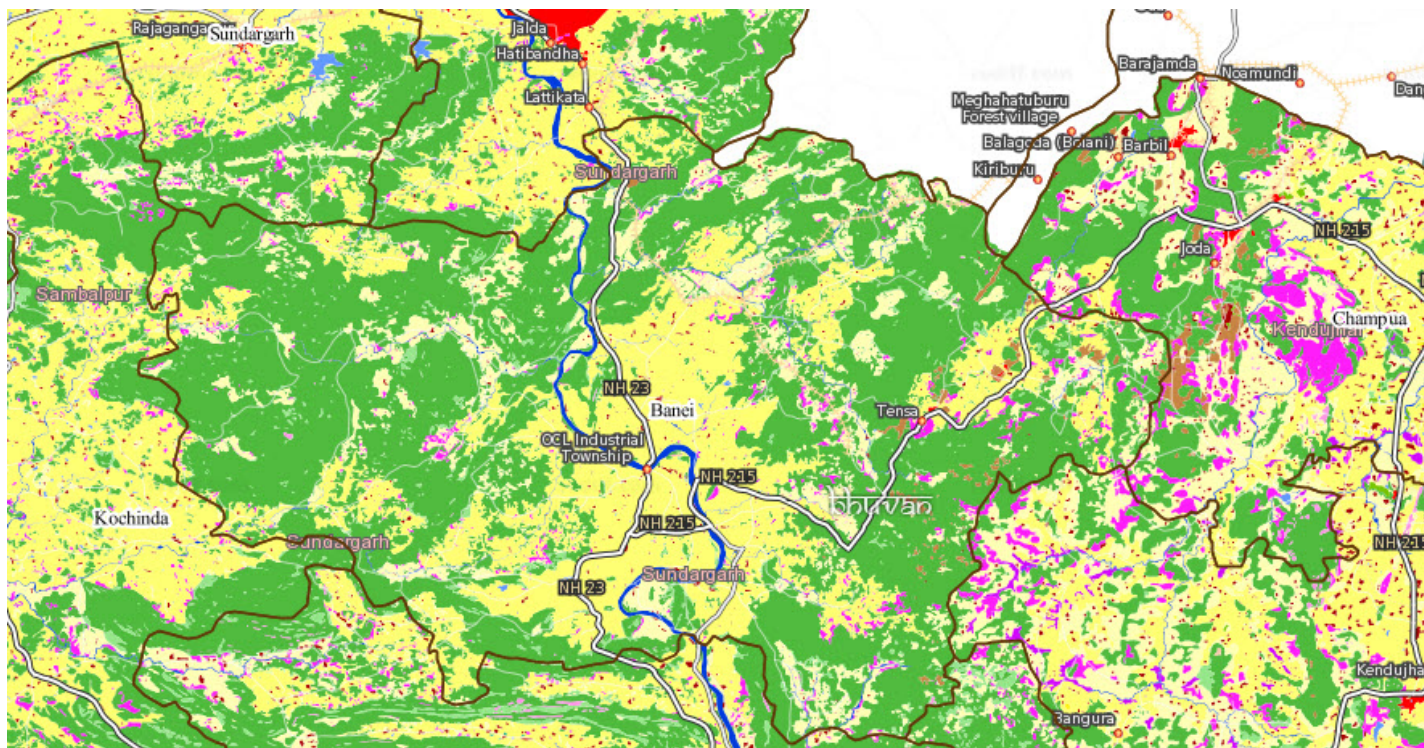


1. Bonai is one among the 3 sub-divisions in Sundergarh District which is predominantly tribal and is a Scheduled Area. Bonai is a ST assembly constituency with its four blocks under the constituency (see list in the table in

annexure).



2. For mineral administration, the state has been divided into several mining circles and Bonai region comes under the Koira Mining Circle. There are 6 revenue circles in Bonai Tehsil – Bad Godua, Jhirdapali, S Balang, Kenaveta, Ruguda and Bonai comprising of 118 revenue villages.
3. The countryside is an undulating landscape with compact valley's and pahar's (low mountains) thereby giving this region a bounty of water and agricultural resources. The image below gives an overview of the tehsil's land use profile where forests, agriculture are seen predominantly. The region is well connected through National Highway and with adjoining districts. The district headquarters is around 200 kms.



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4. Being predominantly tribal in nature, the region invites several constitutional safeguards as well as decentralized governance initiatives like PESA and now FRA. But despite that extractive activity of natural resource like minerals – iron ore, manganese, bauxite and other associated minerals is ongoing.
5. Currently there are 26¹ working mines in Koira circle, majorly of iron ore and manganese almost in the private sector category involving more than 61 sq. kms of forest area. The new land acquisition bill is on the anvil and is the parliament, it talks about certain safeguards for the ST's and in this interim period a greater check is required whether the ST lands are being taken up for mining as this would mean extinguishing the rights. The example of Patabeda is a recent one in this context, one plot measuring >1.5 acres belong to a ST which is in the lease area, the proponent wants to acquire it. The administration says that it has to be acquired under Land Acquisition Act as granting surface rights to miner would mean 'transfer of immovable property' under regulation 2 of 1956 which would become null and void and the lessee will be liable for eviction. (map on next page)



6. 43 leases are under temporary discontinuance and suspended due to lack of procedural processes still pending and clearance letters not obtained as well as in renewal process. It would mean that once these mines meet the criteria of clearances, the mining activity will increase geographically.
7. There is a mining section in District Collectorate, Sundergarh. The Deputy Collector is the Public Information Officer and the appellate authority is Additional district magistrate. Tehsildar looks at the technical issues from revenue point of view and sends a report to the DC / DDM.

¹ List enclosed as annexure I – Status of Mining Leases in Koira Circle. In district Sundergarh there are 135 mining leases, out of which 37 are working and 85 non-working. It means that majority of the leases are in Koira circle and the working mines proportion is almost in this circle.

- a. What can be accessed from the DC office – Surveys, tehsildar reports on land, determination and assessment of surface rights etc. can be asked for.

8. At the mining circle level, the list of officials under RTI is in the table below;

No.	Name	Designation	Ph. No.	Address
1	Sri S.K. Sahu (PIO)	M.O	06625-235033	O/o the Deputy Director, Mines, Koira Circle, Post : Koira, Dist: Sundargarh, Pin- 770048
2	Sri L.K. Barik (APIO)	S.I.M		
3	Sri S.N. Sinku (FAA)	MO I/c DDM (K)		

The mining details like mine lease, mining plan, mine closure plan from the above office.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT : SUNDARGARH Constituencies

TALSARA (ST) 1. Subdega Block 2. Balisankara Block 3. Alpaka, Dumabahal, Giringkela, Gundiadihi, Hurmei, Kulabira, Lephripara, Masabira, Rajbahal and Sarafgarh GPs of Lephripara Block 4. Bargaon Block.

SUNDARGARH (ST) 1. Tangarpali Block 2. Hemgiri Block 3. Badbanga, Chhatenpali, Darlipali, Jhurimal, Raibaga, Raidihi and Sargipali GPs of Lephripara Block 4. Sundargarh Block, 5. Sundargarh (M).

BIRAMITRAPUR (ST) 1. Kuarmunda Block, 2. Nuagaon Block, 3. Birmitrapur (M), 4. Bisra Block (excluding Kulunga (O.G) Jagada & Jhirpani GPs).

RAGHUNATHPALI (SC) 1. Hatibandha, Lathikata, Mundajore, Ramjodi, Suidihi and Jalda GPs of Lathikata Block 2. Rourkela Township.

ROURKELA 1. Rourkela (M) 2. Kulunga (O.G.) Jagada and Jhirpani GPs OF Bisra Block.

RAJGANGPUR (ST) 1. Rajgangpur Block 2. Rajgangpur (M) including OCL Industrial Township(IT) 3. Bad-Dalki, Birda, Birkeria, Tainsar, Jhartrang, Chikatmati, Garjan, Balanda, Kulunga and Jadakudar GPs of Lathikata Block, 4. Kutra Block.

BONAI (ST) 1. Gurundia Block 2. Bonaigarh Block, 3. Lahunipara Block, 4. Koira Block.

Sl No.	Location	NAME OF LESSEE	Mineral	Forest	Non-Forest (Tenant Land)	Non-Forest (Govt.)	Total
Working Mines							
1	Narayanposhi, Koira	A.M.T.C. (P) Ltd	Iron & Manganese	259.191	32.023	58.049	349.263
2	Nadidihi	B.I.Co. Ltd.	Iron & Manganese	480.857	5.761	10.739	497.357
3	Patabeda-19.425 HA	M.G. Mohanty	Iron & Manganese	16.507	0	2.918	19.425
4	Nuagaon	Prabodh Mohanty	Iron & Manganese	0	0	29.257	29.257
5	Gonua	Prabodh Mohanty	Iron & Manganese	34.99	0	0	34.99
6	Rengalibeda , Nadikasira	FEEGRADE and CO PVT. LTD	Iron & Manganese	89.87	8.866	22.669	121.405
7	Teherai	B.I.CO. LTD	Iron & Manganese	120.788	9.933	19.015	149.736
8	Nuagaon, Kadodiha,Koira	Essel Mining and Industries Ltd.	Iron Ore	59.458	18.433	12.252	90.143

9	Raikela	Geetarani Mohanty	Iron Ore	66.671	0	0.915	67.586
10	Tantra-Raikela-Bandhal	Jindal Steel and Power Ltd	Iron Ore	296.713	1.135	0	297.848
11	Tantra	Korp Resources (P) Ltd.	Iron Ore	72.419	0	0.141	72.56
12	Patabeda	M.G. Mohanty	Iron Ore	14	0	0	14
13	Patabeda	MGM Minerals Ltd.	Iron Ore	27.086	1.311	0	28.397
14	Raikela	National Enterprises	Iron Ore	43.876	0.712	1.344	45.932
15	Kurmitar Pahar	O.M.C. Ltd.	Iron Ore	1212.47	0	0	1212.47
16	Raikela	Penguin Trading and Agencies (P) Ltd.	Iron Ore	48.632	0	0.74	49.372
17	Oraghat	Rungta Sons P Ltd.	Iron Ore	74.933	1.934	6.094	82.961
18	Barsuan	SAIL	Iron Ore	2347.673	24.463	114.247	2486.383
19	Sanindupur	Rungta Sons (P) Ltd.	Iron Ore	126.324	2.857	17.919	147.1
20	KJST,Jaldihi	S.N. Mohanty(KJST-Jaldihi)	Iron, Mangese, Bauxite	19.732	2.222	311.109	333.063
21	Mahulsukha	A.M.T.C. (P) Ltd Kanakhara Mining and Minerals (P) Ltd.	Manganese	340.332	3.694	55.812	399.838
22	Bandhal		Manganese	0	11.327	16.693	28.02
23	Orahuri	O.M. and M. (P) Ltd.	Manganese	32.759	17.029	1.688	51.476
24	Bhanjikusum	O.M. and M. (P) Ltd.	Manganese	0	0.243	7.892	8.135
25	Kolmong	Rungta Mines Ltd.	Manganese	165.343	50.95	75.89	292.183
26	Kanthor-Koira	Rungta Mines Ltd.	Manganese	165.343	50.95	75.89	292.183
TOTAL				6115.967	243.843	841.273	7201.083
% to total				84.93	3.39	11.68	100.00
Temporarily Discontinued							
1	Tantra	P.D. Agrawal	Bauxite	106.138	0	0	106.138
2	Raikela	C.P. Shamra	Iron & Manganese	67.716	0	2.255	69.971
3	Sanindupur	National Enterprises	Iron & Manganese	54.39	0	16.527	70.917
4	Gonua	P.K. Ahluwalia	Iron & Manganese	76.882	3.857	6.147	86.886
5	Oraghat	S.A. Halim	Iron & Manganese	5.88	12.121	7.846	25.847
6	Raikela	S.D. Sharma	Iron Ore	6.851	0.587	7.495	14.933
7	Raikela	S.N. Mohanty	Iron Ore	17.473	0	0.842	18.315
8	Patmunda	O.M. and M. (P) Ltd.	Manganese	612.351	124.06	70.898	807.309
9	Malda	TATA Steel Ltd.	Manganese	578.859	92.082	151.059	822
10	Kamando	Rungta Sons (P) Ltd.	Manganese & Bauxite	18.053	8.324	16.69	43.067
TOTAL				1544.593	241.031	279.759	2065.383
% to total				74.78	11.67	13.55	100.00
Suspended							
1	Kushumdihi	ORIND LTD.	Bauxite	95.17	1.92	5.7	102.79
2	Tantra	SAIL	Bauxite	71.86	29.22	16.36	117.44
3	Gonua - Mandajoda	B.C. Dagara	Iron & Manganese	12.08	0	0	12.08
4	Dalita	B.C. Dagara	Iron & Manganese	0	0	22.165	22.165
5	Kanther-Koira	B.S. Mishra	Iron & Manganese	0.538	0	0	0.538
6	Gonua	K.C. Pradhan	Iron & Manganese	0	0	12.56	12.56
7	Gonua	K.J.S. Ahluwalia	Iron & Manganese	21.117	0.621	1.562	23.3
8	Tantigram	K.J.S. Ahluwalia	Iron & Manganese	29.575	0	0	29.575
9	Gonua	M.G. Mohanty	Iron & Manganese	186.131	0	0	186.131
10	Teherai-Gonua	Tarini Minerals	Iron & Manganese	6.317	21.181	1.578	29.076
11	Gonua	Zenith Mining (p) Ltd.	Iron & Manganese	94.864	21.879	34.315	151.058
12	Khajurdihi	Matadin Sarda	Iron & Manganese	70.521	44.132	13.027	127.68
13	Sarkunda	FEEGRADE and CO PVT. LTD	Iron & Manganese	390	1.817	1.748	393.565
14	Bhanjapali	J.N. Patnaik	Iron Ore	0	4.636	13.364	18
15	Rantha	O.M.C. Ltd.	Iron Ore	408.873	0	0	408.873
16	Kasira	O.M.C. Ltd.	Iron Ore	222.013	26.778	19.221	268.012
17	Bhanjapali	O.M.C. Ltd.	Iron Ore	99.963	9.793	31.479	141.235
18	Toda RF	SAIL	Iron Ore	77.94	0	0	77.94
19	Toda RF	SAIL	Iron Ore	25.981	0	0	25.981