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FOREST, ENVIROMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 30th June 2025

S.R.O. No. 489/2025—Whereas Forest block Gopalprasad Protected Forest under Section 33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972, has been notified by Government of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department Notification No. 10F(Prot.)1/05-16969/F&E, dated the 27th September 2005 indicating an area of 72.92 Ac./29.51 ha in Athagarh Forest Range of Athagarh Division as per Annexure-I;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in the Forest & Environment Department have notified a "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Geo-referencing of Forest Block boundary through DGPS Survey" in the *Odisha Gazette* vide Notification No. 22572400112016-10F(Cons)-77/2016-14097-F&E, dated the 4th July 2017, for preparation of such geo-referenced forest maps in pursuance of the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court in their Order, dated the 6th July 2011 (in IA Nos. 1868, 2091, 2225—2227, 2380, 2568 and 2937 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995 – Lafarge matter);

And whereas, the Government of Odisha have appointed all Tehsildars in their respective Tehsil jurisdiction in the respective Districts as Forest Settlement Officer (FSO) vide Notification No. 7767—10F(TR)38/2020-F&E, dated the 21th May 2020;

And whereas, the Forest Revenue Joint Verification Committee has jointly verified and confirmed the boundary pillar positions as per report in Annexure-II;

And whereas, the Forest Settlement Officer has certified 'No Change' in the boundary extent of Gopalprasad PF Post 25th October 1980. The DGPS survey boundary coordinates have been verified by ORSAC and certified by the Forest Settlement Officer. The computed area (UTM Zone 45N projection and WGS 84 datum) Gopalprasad PF is 27.51.12 ha or 67.98 Ac. The change in area is due to method of Survey & Area Computation.

Therefore, it has been decided to supplement the existing notification of the Gopalprasad PF with the above mentioned FSO certified DGPS surveyed Forest Block map as per Annexure-III, and the statement of geo-coordinates of the forest block boundary pillar positions as per Annexure-IV, which shall be treated as the precise boundary description of the Gopalprasad PF and shall form an integral part of the original notification in place of any other form of boundary description notified earlier.

There shall be no change to the admitted rights in the original notification.

[No. 15686-FE-DIV-MISC-0011/2016-10F (Cons) 34/2020-FE&CC]

By order of the Governor

SATYABRATA SAHU

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Government of Orissa
Forest and Environment Department

NOTIFICATION

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 27/9/05

No. 102 (Prot.) 1/05 16969/F&E. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 33 of the Orissa Forest Act, 1972 (Orissa Act 14 of 1972), the State Government do hereby declare that the land situated in Village Gopalprasad under Athagarh Tahasil of the District of Cuttack as specified in the schedule below mutated and transferred for compensatory afforestation purposes against the approved diversion of forest for Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s. Indian Charge Chrome Ltd. vide Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests orders in their letter F.No.8-116/2002 FC dated the 14th August, 2003 under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to be as protected forests and shall be called as "Gopalprasad protected forests."

Schedule

Forest Block:

Name of the protected forests- Gopalprasad

Area in Ac. 72.92

In Ha. 29.51

Name of the Village Gopalprasad
Name of the P.S. Gurudijhatia
Name of the Tahasil Athagarh
Name of the Sub-Division.. Athagarh
Name of the District .. Cuttack

(Athagarh Range)

LAND SCHEDULE:

Site Village No.	Khat No.	Plot No.	Kissam	Total Area in Acres
1 Gopalprasad	328	965/1523	Abada Ajogya Ac. 72.92 or Anebadi 29.51 Ha.	
Boundary: North	..	Plot No.	Khalakhala RF Village	
South	..	Plot No.	Sapua river Village	
East	..	Plot No. 964	of Gopalprasad Village	
West	..	Plot No. 1098, 966, 976	of Gopalprasad Village	

By orders of the Governor

S.P.Nanda
Principal Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 16970/198E.

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Dtd. 27/9/05

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2. The notification is an statutory and may be assigned SRO number.

Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16971/198E. Dtd. 27/9/05

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Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16972/198E. Dtd. 27/9/05

Copy forwarded to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Bhubaneswar/ Conservator of Forest, Angul Circle, Angul/ Divisional Forest Officer, Athagarh/ (2 spare copies for G.F.) for information and necessary action.

Deputy Secretary to Government

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FOREST REVENUE JOINT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Forest Division: Athgarh**Forest Range:** Athagarh**Minutes of Joint Verification:**

List of participation of the Forest-Revenue joint verification committee is given at Table 1.

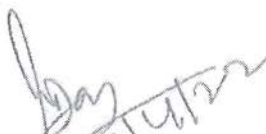
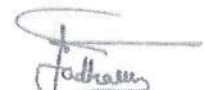
Joint Verification of the boundary of **Gopalprasad PF** Forest Block was carried out during 01-01-0001 to 16-01-2022. Existing pillar position recorded through GPS were plotted and compared against geo-referenced cadastral maps of adjoining villages. The verified forest boundary map is enclosed at Plate-1. Findings of the verification w.r.t. revenue cadastral is given below:

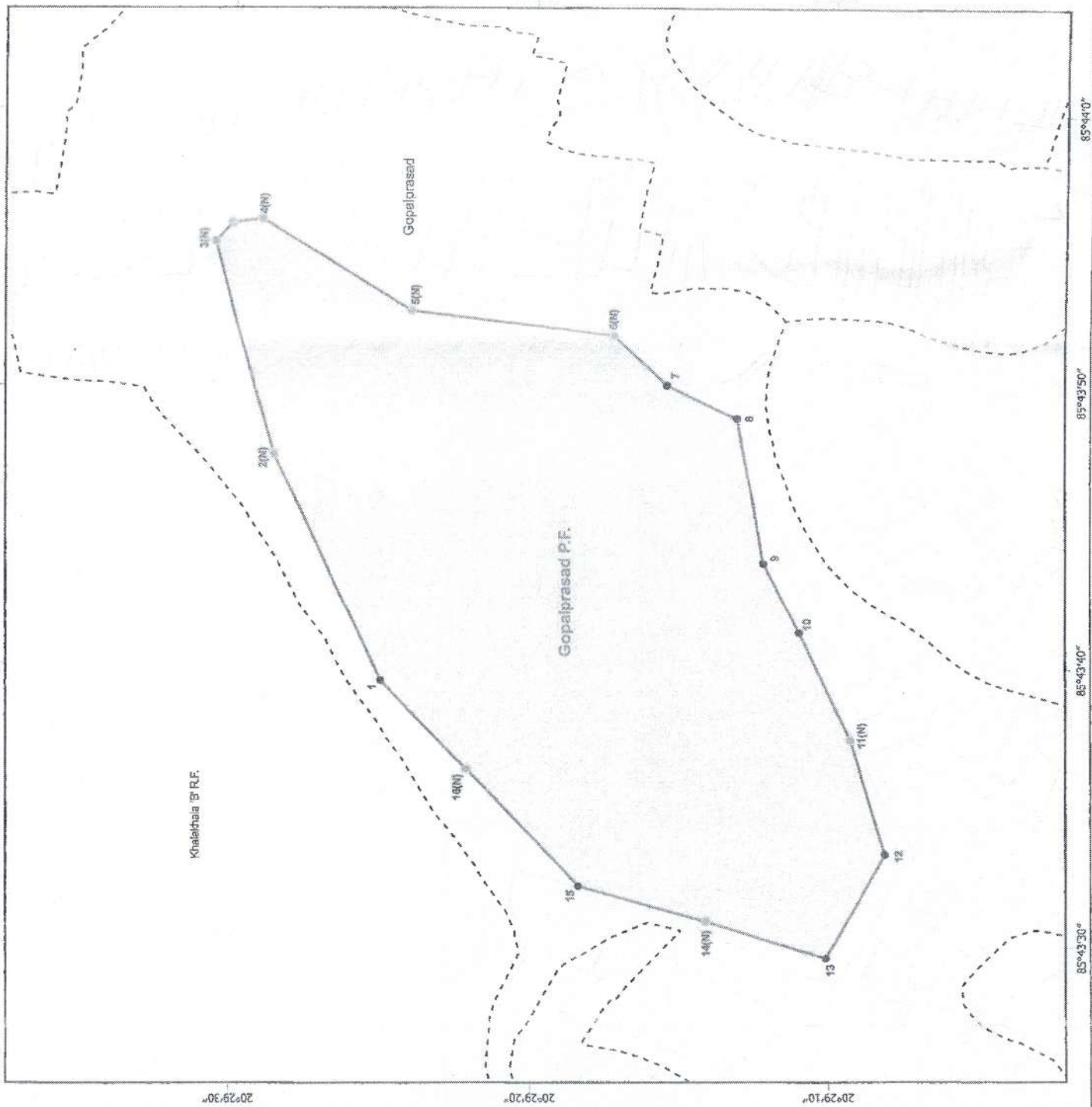
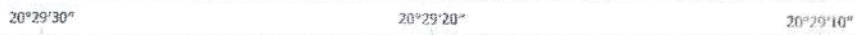
- Name of notified forest block: Gopalprasad PF
- Notification no. & date: 10F (Prot- 1/05/16965)/F&E Dt. 27-09-2005
- Area as per notification: 29.51 Ha.
- Existing no. of boundary demarcations in conformity with adjoining village boundary: 8 nos. (Annexure -1)
- New boundary demarcations in conformity with adjoining village boundary: 8 nos. (Annexure -2)
- GPS area of verified boundary: 27.553 ha
- GPS perimeter of verified boundary: 2.260 km

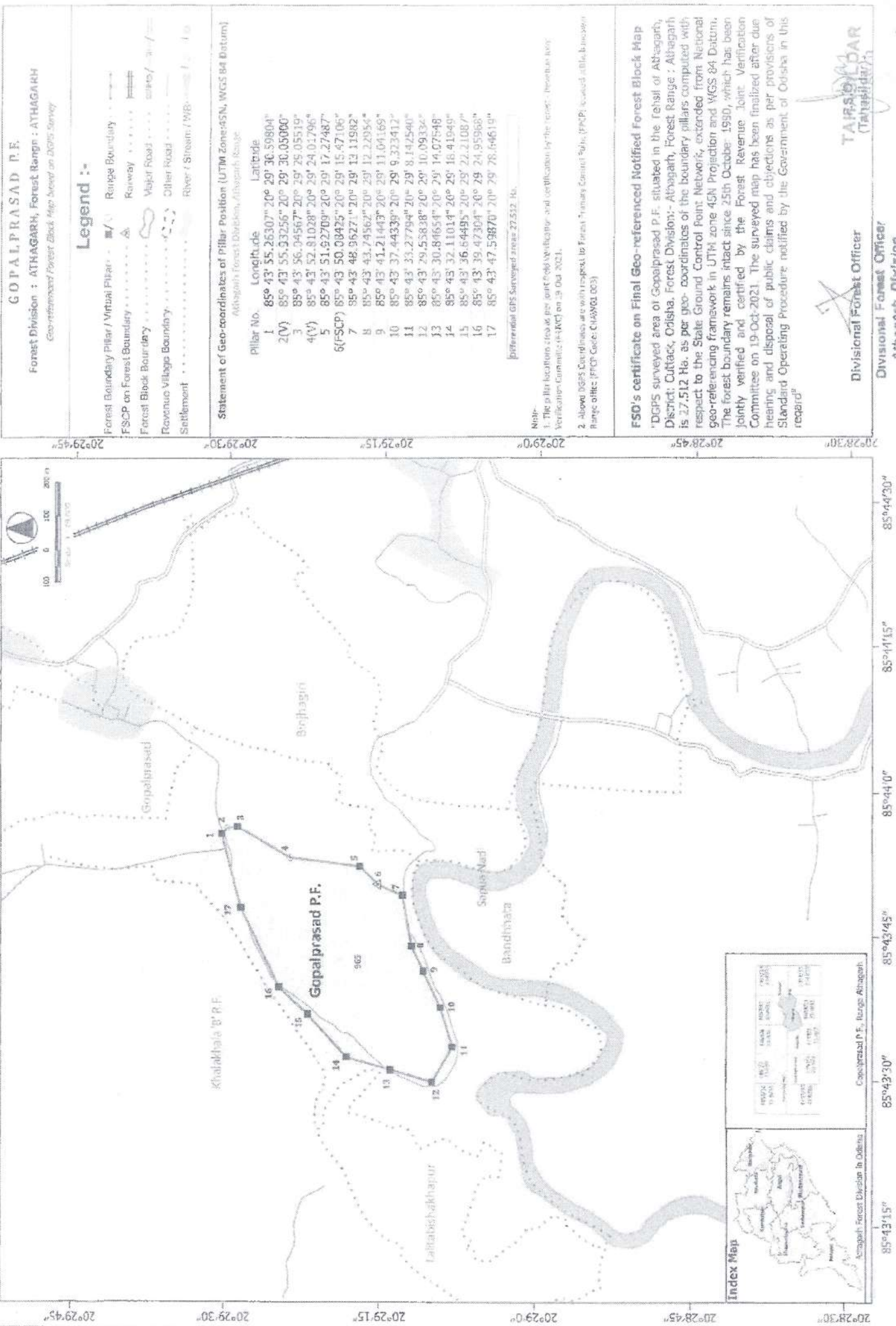
Observations:

Notification with detailed boundary description enclosed at Appendix-1. Area as per Division record =29.51 Ha. Traverse map is not available. The verified boundary area is found to be -1.957 Ha, i.e. -6.63% less than NFA. Forest boundary demarcation Pillars are in Conformity with Cadastral Map, existing pillars & HRSI. The Change in area may be due to old Survey techniques. Since all peripheral settlements have occurred prior to 1980, there is no implication under FC Act.

TABLE - 1

Forest and Revenue department officials(RO/FR/FG/RI/Amin) and TP involved in Joint verification of Forest Boundary		
Name	Designation	Signature
Suchandra Ku. Mohanty	Revenue Inspector, Midnapur	 Revenue Inspector MIDNAPUR
Pravat Kumar Rout	DY RO Athagarh	 Forest Range Officer Athagarh, Range
Kusuma Chandra Sain	Forester, Athagarh section	 FORESTER ATHGARH SECTION
<u>Counter Signed by :</u>		
 Tahasildar TAHASILDAR Athagarh  Divisional Forest Officer Divisional Forest Officer Athagarh Division		





STATEMENT OF GEO-COORDINATES OF PILLAR POSITIONS

Forest Division: **Athgarh** Forest Range : **Athagarh** Forest Block Name: **Gopalprasad PF**

Ground Control Point (GCP) References. (All coordinates in WGS84 datum & UTM Zone 45N projection)

GCP Type	GCP Location	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Latitude(DD)	Longitude(DD)
FPCP	Athagarh Range Office	20°31'17.040000"	85°38'14.193600"	20.52140000	85.63727600
FSCP1	Gopalprasad PF , Pillar No- 6	20°29'15.471060"	85°43'50.084256"	20.48763085	85.73057896

Geo-coordinates of Boundary Pillar Position (Total: 17 nos.)

Pillar No	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Latitude(DD)	Longitude(DD)
1	20°29'30.598044"	85°43'55.263072"	20.49183279	85.73201752
2	20°29'30.050016"	85°43'55.932564"	20.49168056	85.73220349
3	20°29'29.055192"	85°43'56.045676"	20.49140422	85.73223491
4	20°29'24.017964"	85°43'52.810284"	20.49000499	85.73133619
5	20°29'17.274876"	85°43'51.927096"	20.48813191	85.73109086
6	20°29'15.471060"	85°43'50.084256"	20.48763085	85.73057896
7	20°29'13.119828"	85°43'48.962712"	20.48697773	85.73026742
8	20°29'12.229548"	85°43'43.745628"	20.48673043	85.72881823
9	20°29'11.041692"	85°43'41.214432"	20.48640047	85.72811512
10	20°29'9.323412"	85°43'37.443396"	20.48592317	85.72706761
11	20°29'8.142540"	85°43'33.277944"	20.48559515	85.72591054
12	20°29'10.093344"	85°43'29.558388"	20.48613704	85.72487733
13	20°29'14.075484"	85°43'30.846540"	20.48724319	85.72523515
14	20°29'18.419496"	85°43'32.110140"	20.48844986	85.72558615
15	20°29'22.210872"	85°43'36.644952"	20.48950302	85.72684582
16	20°29'24.959688"	85°43'39.473040"	20.49026658	85.72763140
17	20°29'28.646196"	85°43'47.598708"	20.49129061	85.72988853

*** END of Statement***