## RECOMMENDATION

The proposal of the Education Department, Manipur for diversion of 0.99 Ha forest land at Chingkheiching Reserved Forests under Sawombung Range is for providing quality education with a healthy educational environment and residential facility to poor and destitute students. The Agency has violated the provisions of FCA, 1980 and Indian Forest Act 1927 by clearing/damaging 1.63 Ha forest land. Structures and roads which have already been constructed can be accommodated within the proposed area of diversion of 0.99 Ha.

Considering both the need for having of the School and violations taken place, the project proposal for diversion of 0.99 Ha forest land at Chingkheiching Reserved Forest for construction of "Residential School under SSA (Central)" by the Education Department, Manipur is recommended subject to the following conditions:

- The User Agency shall bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation over 3.26
  Ha forest land already damaged/cleared.
- b) The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value (NPV) for 1.63 Ha, instead of 0.99 Ha forest land being proposed for diversion. The Net Present Value (NPV) for 1.63 Ha forest land is Rs. 11,89,900/-.
- School, Hostel, Office building and Playground campuses may be physically demarcated by constructing pucca compound walls all around.
- d) Retaining walls shall be constructed at vulnerable points along the approach roads to prevent land slide and soil erosion. RCC pillars are required to be constructed along the approach roads.
- e) Adequate fire protection measures shall be taken up to prevent forest fire during the dry seasons.

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