

## Site Inspection Report

**In connection with improvement and Up-gradation of Hamren to Howraghat Section of SH-19 under Axom Mala roads passing through Kumurakata R.F under Nagaon South Division, Hojai.**

A proposal (Reference No. FP/AS/Road/48518/2022) has been received for Diversion of 4.193 Ha. Forest land in Kumurakata Reserve Forest for non-forestry purpose under FC. Act. The proposal has been received from the Executive Engineer, O/o the Chief Engineer, EAP, PWR, Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati - 25. The area was jointly verified by the forest official of Nagaon South Division, Hojai along with the official of the Chief Engineer, EAP, PWR, Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati - 25 and found that the proposed 4.193 Ha. Forest land is required by the User Agency for improvement and Up-gradation of Hamren to Howraghat Section of SH-19 under Axom Mala roads passing through Kumurakata R.F in the jurisdiction of Kapili Valley Range, Hojai under Nagaon South Division, Hojai.

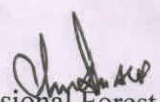
Kumurakata RF comprises of rich flora and fauna. Animals like elephant, Jungle Cat, barking deer, Hog deer, Jackal, Civet cat etc. are seen in the Reserve Forest area. The forest is also comprises of some patches which are marshy areas and different type of medicinal plants are available. Natural water sources are also seen in the RF area.

Herd of Wild Elephants stays in the Kumurakata RF almost throughout the year and by using their natural corridors passes to the nearby Karbi Anglong areas and also to different areas. Hence it can be considered as a critical elephant habitat.

The proposal received from the User Agency and they requested for an area of forest land in Kumurakata RF in 4.193 Hect. for improvement and Up-gradation of Hamren to Howraghat Section of SH-19 under Axom Mala roads passing through Kumurakata R.F.

### **Recommendation:**

The improvement and Up-gradation of Hamren to Howraghat Section of SH-19 under Axom Mala roads passing through Kumurakata R.F is a Project initiated by the Executive Engineer, O/o the Chief Engineer, EAP, PWR, Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati - 25 having public interest. It will improve the communication system without causing major damaged to the forest land, by providing mitigation measure to be implemented by the User Agency to protect forest and Environment as per guide line. Therefore, the permission for diversion of forest land is recommended by construction of elevated pass for the entire stretch of Kumurakata RF so that critical habitat for elephant can be maintained.

  
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