Site inspection reports in respect of the land diversion proposal received vide state No.FP/TR/ROAD/143781/2021 for diversion of 30.4665ha of forest land for widening/improvement of road from Lalcherra to Kanchanpur section (Package-2) of NH-44A to lanning with paved shoulder under Dhalai District.

The site inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion was done on **20-07-2021** along with officials from Forest Department, officials of revenue department and official representative of the User Agency.

The observations were recorded as follows:-

- 1. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done on dated 20-07-2021.
- 2. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest measuring **30.4665ha**.
- 3. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. 2 of part-l is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
- 4. The forest land proposed for the diversion is located within the forest boundary under Manu Forest Sub-Division.
- 5. There is significant and endangered species of wildlife like Leopard Cat, Slow Loris, Indian Python, Jungle cat, Himalayan Masked Palm Civet, Large Indian Civet, Small Indian Civet, Common Palm Civet, Himalayan yellow throated Marten, Indian Porcupine, Monitor lizard, Red Jungle fowl, wild pig etc. and also different bird and butterfly species present in the area. The area has richness of NTFP, orchids and medicinal plants. So, the user agency should give focus on conserving the wildlife and medicinal plants present in this area.
- 6. The area does not form part of National Park, wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The nearest distance of the Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary from the proposed land for diversion is approximate 24.9 km from the boundary of Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary and 24.4 km from the boundary of Eco-sensitive Zone of the Sanctuary.
- 7. The area is not protected archaeological /heritage site and there is no defence establishment.

8. There are no important religious sites.

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