

**Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Northern Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 70.1866 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road Section-I from Km 0.000 to Km 89.400 (57.1546 Ha) in Ukhrul District and from Km 89.400 to Km 108.100 (13.0320 Ha) in Senapati District, Manipur by the 84 RCC (GREF)**

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I, along with the Divisional Forest Officers, Ukhrul and Senapati Forest Division has inspected the proposed site for diversion of 70.1866 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road Section-I from Km 0.000 to Km 89.400 (57.1546 Ha) in Ukhrul District and from Km 89.400 to Km 108.100 (13.0320 Ha) in Senapati District, Manipur by the 84 RCC (GREF) on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

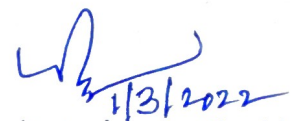
The proposed areas are Unclassed Forest covered by Working Plans of the respective Divisions and Forest type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class-I as per Order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are *Alnus nepalensis*, *Albizia lebbbeck*, *Quercus* species, *Pinus kesiya*, *Schima wallichii*, *Ficus tomentosa* etc with average density from 10% to 40%. The proposed alignment falling in Ukhrul District is hilly terrain and prone to soil erosion. Areas falling in Senapati District is hilly terrain with gentle slope. Protection measures such as protection/retaining wall and soil and moisture conservation works shall be required at vulnerable points to avoid land slips during rainy season.

The site does not form part of any Protected Area. There is no report of presence of Schedule-I species. However, barking deer, Jungle fowl, Wild pigeon, Wild boar etc have been reported from the areas. The nearest protected area, viz, Pfunemai Conservation Reserve in Senapati District is at an aerial average distance of about 20.00 Km from the nearest point of the proposed diversion area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

The proposal for diversion of 70.1866 Hectare Forest land is the barest minimum and there is no alternate site/alignment.

The User Agency has not violated provisions of FCA, 1980 as on the date of inspection of the site.

Imphal, the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

  
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