

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 0.027 ha of forest land at Heingang RF by the Minor Irrigation Department, Manipur.

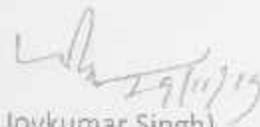
I, along with the Range Forest Officer, Sadar East Range had inspected the proposed site for construction of Irrigation canal partly falling inside the Heingang Reserved Forest on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The proposed site of 0.027 Ha is located in Compartment No. 2 of Khabam Block of Heingang Reserve Forest under Sadar East Range.

The Forest type of the proposed area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class 1 in the 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 Quercus delbata, Pinus khasiana etc. Most of the trees growing inside the proposed site are of post and pole size below 30 cm girth class. The average density of the vegetation in the proposed area is about 10%. The area has steep slope and exposed side of the hill is highly prone to erosion.

The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. The nearest protected area, viz, Keibul Lamjao National Park is at an aerial distance of about 40.00 Km from the proposed diversion area. No rare and endangered species are reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

User Agency has started construction of the canal probably due to ignorance of RF boundary. The RO, Sadar East has filed an offence and fined Rs. 20,000/-. The work has been stopped at present.

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