PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department).

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion the advance comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The proposal concerns laying of Optical Cable Fibre (OFC) along the NH 44 E passing through Rongrenggre Reserved Forest for a total distance of 11.1 Kms by digging trench of permissible dimension as prescribed by MoEF & CC in their letter conveying general approval of such projects. No felling of trees will be involved.

Perused the views of the Conservator of Forest (Garo Hills) Territorial in part III. The MoEF and CC has already conveyed general approval under FC Act in favour of projects of this nature. Considering that the diversion is required for improving communication network which would benefit the remote areas where communication lines are poor and may also help protect the RF better the instant project is recommended.

Hence, the proposal is **recommended**.

(Y. S. Shullai IFS)

Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF Megnataya, Shillong

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Date: 10.01.2020 Place: Shillong.